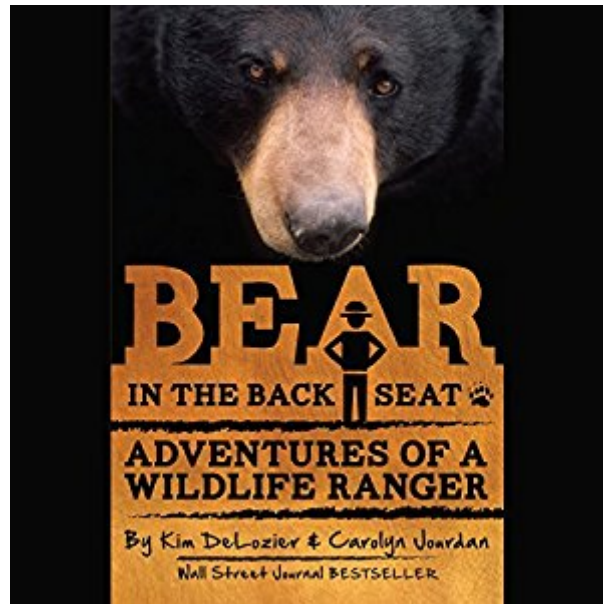


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Bear In The Back Seat: Adventures Of A Wildlife Ranger In The Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Volume 1



Synopsis

This is the first volume in a series of true stories from "[a]n extraordinary landscape populated with befuddled bears, hormonally-crazed elk, homicidal wild boars, hopelessly timid wolves, and nine million tourists, some of whom are clueless". In Kim DeLozier's world, when sedated wild black bears wake up unexpectedly in the back seat of a helicopter in mid-flight, or in his car as he's driving down the highway, or in his office while he's talking on the phone, it's just another day in the park. You'll love seeing Kim and a fellow ranger tested as they bravely take on the task of relocating 77 live skunks by sedating them with darts from homemade blowguns, especially when the pickup truck load of stinkers wakes up while still in transit. A hilarious, heartwarming, and heartbreaking memoir by the chief wildlife ranger in the number-one most popular family vacation destination in the USA, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For over 30 years, Kim DeLozier acted as a referee in the wild, trying to protect millions of park visitors from one of the densest populations of wild black bears in America - and the bears from tourists who get too close. Written with Wall Street Journal best-selling author Carolyn Jourdan, who has several highly-regarded number-one best-sellers about the Smoky Mountains and Appalachia.

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Customer Reviews

Funny, sad, and some lessons to be learned from the short stories in this book. I've read dozens of books on the Great Smoky Mountains and visit the park several times a year. This well written book provides a great inside look at the life of a park ranger working in the GSM. Rangers have a tough

job and I truly admire, appreciate, and respect all the hard work all the park rangers and employees do for the 9 million visitors to this park. One "take away" statement from this book that I think about when visiting the park (and have not seen in print before, so thanks!) for us humans to remember that "we are invading the bear's home" when we visit the park. Did you know that the Great Smoky Mountains is one of the few (or might be the only) National Park that does not charge admission? I've been to other National Parks which charge \$10 and more admission fees. I hope this will allow me this space to suggest that if/when you visit the Great Smoky Mountains, please, please, donate even a \$1 to the park; imagine if all 9 million visitors did so, how much good it can help the park?

Wonderful short stories about wildlife in the Great Smoky Mountains National park. It is good to know that our rangers are so caring for the flora, fauna and the millions of visitors who visit annually.

Wonderful fun read. Entertainment from the front cover to the back cover. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys nature and wildlife.

This is such a fun and fascinating read. You get an inside look at the life of a park ranger, something I had never really considered. The chapters are relatively short and self-contained, so you could easily pick up and put down whenever. I, however, plowed through it because it was so much fun to read.

I found the whole book very interesting. I could almost feel myself in the forest walking along the beautiful streams and hearing the water gushing over the falls. Loved the description of the bears, wild pigs and the falcons. Learned a lot of new things about wild life in which I have always had an interest. If you love the outdoors, you will certainly enjoy this book.

I live near the Great Smoky Mountains and was prompted to buy this book after reading a local review. The author has great respect for the animals and land under his care. His experiences as a park ranger are unpredictable, sometimes funny and often profound. "A fed bear is a dead bear." Perhaps visitors to our nation's parks and forests will learn how to behave from reading this and stop endangering their lives as well as the animals.

Wonderful stories....funny and sad. Gives me a new appreciation of our rangers in the national parks. I highly recommend the book.

What an entertaining and informative book. A very quick, easy read, packed with valuable information. Anyone planning to visit the smokies- or camping overnight anywhere really, should read this book.

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