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Once on your scent, it's too late to run . . .

Dieter Harmon stared in shock at the hiker's corpse, the head hanging only by a tangled ribbon of flesh. But what horrified him was the sight of claw marks on the victim's chest. Something has gone terribly wrong with the government's plan to return wolves to Yellowstone.

As Dieter seeks answers, he is drawn into an escalating battle with Jack Corey, the chief park ranger. This is Corey's dream project. Wolves have been missing from the primitive beauty of Yellowstone for decades—it is past time to bring them back. For Jack Corey, this bitter fight is personal. And to his advantage, he knows well that in the remote backcountry tragic "accidents" happen.

That is where Dieter Harmon sets out to track a gruesome hybrid wolf that shouldn't even exist. But he soon finds that two predators are stalking him. They are very different in nature, but equally deadly.

Hybrid Details

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Jen says

I am a chicken when it comes to reading anything scary that involves animals. Pet Cemetery, Jurassic Park, and Jaws both still haunt me. But, after this book was recommended, I decided to bravely try Hybrid by James Marshall Smith. And, I am glad I did. I mean, it did terrify me, but it was a fun, suspenseful read. The plot revolves around wolves being brought back into Yellowstone, but when a series of killings appearing to be done by the same animal begin to occur, alarms are raised. This is not typical wolf behavior. Instead, in a Frankenstein like manner a wolf hybrid has been developed that can be used as murderous weapon.

Add in a human conflict, and you have a novel that will keep you engaged until the last page. The wolves are not the only thing you should be afraid of. As much of a scaredy-cat as I am, I thoroughly enjoyed reading this animal thriller.

Ramona Harris says

A hybrid wolf escaped from a dog fighting ring and was later trapped with the wolves which were transferred to Yellowstone National Park. He became a single wolf and then he killed a man. Dr Dieter Harmon a new vet in Colter, Montana which is at the edge of Yellowstone Park, found the dead man and called it in to the sheriff. Dieter and his 2 children move from the east after death of his wife. The head ranger from the park swore that a wolf had not killed the man and suggested that Dieter had something to do with it. There are more killings to find out what happens and the causes behind every thing u must read the book but if u are looking for a scary book this isn't it. That is what I expected but didn't get.

Michellej says

"Hybrid" delivers a fast-paced exciting read that holds your interest to the very end. It starts with an illegal dog fight where the unusual wolf-mixed dog is introduced. Then you are led to Yellowstone Park and its surrounding communities that have a challenge on their hands regarding the re-introduction of wolves into the wildlife.

With a touch of politics, cultural differences, sexual deviances thrown into the mix along with lessons about respecting wild-life, this story offers a lot to keep the imagination running. It is very well written with a different perspective that deserves attention.

Valery says

Hybrid: A Thriller by James Marshall Smith is a compelling read about science run amok. Gene tampering may have taken place in some wolves, when a hiker's corpse is found with scratch marks. A vicious hybrid wolf may be attacking hikers and killing them in Yellowstone Park. It is the dream of the local ranger Jack

Corey to bring back wolves into the Yellowstone area, but the discovery of a mutilated human body is at odds with his plan, and certainly creates friction with Dieter Harmon, the man who found the body in the first place. This is a well crafted story about the far reaches of science and how far one man will go to find out the truth about the hybrid wolves. A good amount of conflict, great characters, and a strong plot line round out the story for an exciting, fast-paced, and different read.

Jimmy Jefferson says

A mountain thriller with great auspense

This story was very enjoyable. I like action suspense type books and this one does the trick. A young veterinarian discovers something has affected the wolves in the Yellowstone area. His journey will take him on the trail of a vicious hybrid that is stalking the high country wreaking death and havoc. The story kept me turning the pages from the start curious as to what would happen next. Good characters and descriptive scenes. Check this one out folks. It is a really good one.

Adam Shore says

I thought this book was great. I love the outdoors, Yellowstone and have a strange fascination around wolf related horror/thriller stories. Here i was reading along, the plot built up to the big moments of the book and then it was over. It's as if i skipped an entire chapter at the end and i actually found myself backing up several pages thinking I must have dozed off or been in a twilight stage while reading several pages. Nope, I had it right. I guess I was looking for something more and it's left me a little disappointed. The rest was great though and really drew me in for a quick 2 night read.

Kimberly says

Here is a story that just blows you away with the details and the plot line. I could easy see each location and felt as if I was standing in the middle of the scene. The author does a fantastic job with providing details and giving some great descriptions throughout this story. I really became involved with the main character right from the very beginning of the book and just had to find out what was going to happen to him if anything. This was a very difficult book to put down once I started it and it didn't take me long to find out how it ended. Here was a thriller that kept me on the edge of my seat and kept me turning the page until I found out what happened at the end and what was truly going on. This is a book that I will want to read again.

Sanjin says

From the cover and the title you can easily guess what this book will be about – some sort of scary wolf-like hybrid creature that isn't particularly friendly, to say the least. If you want to read about that, this book delivers.

I like how unpretentious this novel is and how it knows exactly what it should be. The author wrote a really good thriller, and it has everything you want in that genre – it is exciting, it is fast-paced, it is easy to read, suspenseful, a little bit scary and a lot of fun. The characters are here to serve a purpose, you won't remember

them fondly for the rest of your life, but the main character is written well enough so you care about him and others are fine to, especially the ranger who actually has some depth to him.

I could say that the plot is maybe predictable and it won't give you something you never saw before, but I don't think that is that much of a downside. It is still a very enjoyable thriller and every fan can be satisfied with what is offered on the pages of Hybrid.

Steven says

This was a tough title to rate. It was quite a page turner, with an interesting cast of characters, a creative and thought provoking type of creature, but it felt like this story should have been longer. The ending was...different. In a way, I feel maybe a more realistic way of how things would really go down. For some reason, I wonder if there may be a way to revisit these characters in another book.

Mar says

I was not sure about getting this book or not: after all, the title pretty much sums it up, right? But I got encouraged by the good reviews and it sure didn't disappoint me. Hybrid: a thriller is a very good book. There's suspense, there's drama, there's fighting and there's a delicate controversy surrounding the limits to human gene manipulation and what can it do to mankind. The author has a powerful writing and the set in Yellowstone Park is vividly described. His words certainly took me there and made my imagination go wild. This is an outdoor kind of book and a thriller, nonetheless. So, expect that in your next hiking your senses will be at full speed, paying close attention to everything around you. And all the dangers around you. The story is strong and so are our characters. Multidimensional, you'll be fearing for them on every page turn. Highly recommend it.

Archie says

The book is a great thrilling read and the title says it all. Hybrid is based on the theme of science where something goes wrong in creating a hybrid creature that is now off to creating havoc and killing humans. Scenes are descriptive, enjoyable and well written. I love thrillers so this was surely a good break. On one hand it highlights scientific progress, but on the other hand warns of the consequences, after impacts and dangers of the experiments. Messing with nature is not something we should intend as that could lead to nothing but destructions disturbing balance. I guess there is a reason why a creature on earth exists and the way that exists and only nature knows how to balance that!

Lisazj1 says

3.5 stars. Not bad, it kind of lost cohesion a bit at the end, and had a thread or two that just wandered off on its own and resolved with a sentence or two.

For the most part though, decent story with great tension.

Again, thanks for the awesome present WCE *who I believe was M'rella? ♥?*

This book was a fantastic gift from Winter Cherry Elf and I'm so looking forward to reading it, thank you so much!! <3

Carol Flythe says

Wolves have always been a favorite animal of mine. I also enjoy reading thrillers and trying to find out who did the bad things. Hybrid was a different kind of book though. It combined wolves with a murder in Yellowstone park. There was a grizzly murder and it was thought that the wolves that were returned to the park were to blame. A young vet is investigating into what could have happened and has to now track a hybrid wolf.

Why on Earth anyone would think that creating a hybrid animal was a good idea is beyond me. I feel that is just messing with nature and is a super horrible idea. I found myself wincing a few times over the course of reading this book and it is honestly pretty rare to make me do that from reading. I enjoyed this book because it was different from my normal reads.

Cindy Veneris says

Um, two stars might be generous. I wouldn't waste my time on this if I were you.

Daniel says

Pretty good book, this one. Takes place in Yellowstone Park and it involves the Wolf Relocation Program, a true event that is ongoing there. The National Park Services are involved in trying to relocate and establish new wolf packs in North America, as their territories and hunting grounds are in such jeopardy.

This book is about a hybrid wolf who is born after a chance mating with a fighting breed of large mastiff-like dog, who gets loose after a dog fighting ring gets broken up. The hybrid is massive and begins to kill for no reason, and worse of all it has no fear of Man. Wolves are known the world over for being very fearful of Man and they avoid us at all costs. This hybrid begins stalking and killing whatever it wishes, that enters its grounds.

There is a veterinarian who becomes embroiled in this story and at odds very quickly with the man who is the advocate and runs the Wolf Program for the park. Add some other very interesting side characters and a really strange religious family who are not unlike the Waco/David Koresh cult, and you have a lot going on here. Some of it plays out within the book, while others are more of a side note. They all make for a good sub-plot and enjoyable reading. All in all an interesting book by an author I have never read before.

Danny
