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The Replacements Details

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Jennifer says

I received this book through the First Reads program.

Wow! what a fabulous ride! such an exciting book that I read it in almost one sitting! full of so much action that I couldn't stop myself from turning the pages to keep the story going, long into the night.

even though I had not read the first book in the series, I did not feel lost in the story line whatsoever. the author did a great job of keeping the reader fully engaged throughout. amazing characters!

Tammy Gould says

What an action pack book! Wowizers! You start right from the beginning with knowing who Bruno Johnson might be. You see his other side. You see that he still has his cop side of him and that no matter what happens he cannot let that go. Does matter how far on the other side of the fence he goes he still has a heart of a cop.

The only part that is not fully action pack is maybe the first few chapters within the book. The only reason why it's not because we are getting background information on Bruno Johnson. But after that better put on a seat belt because your in for a ride!

I felt for Bruno, he was a good cop gone on the other side but not really. I see why he did that and if I was in his position and with my own background I might have done the same things. I felt for him having to face the one kid who he rescued and had to face that he became a criminal and starts kidnapping kids. I don't know how I would deal with something like that!

At the end of the book Mr. Putnum writes a little bit about himself. I have some mad respect for you Mr. Putnum. Thank you for wanting to help just the same way that Bruno did in the book. I am sorry to hear you had to see those horrific things that people do to children. You have found a new fan for your books. Keep up the great writing.

Alaina Maxam says

this is a really well written book. it has many twists and turns that will keep you going to the end.

Jeremy Trumble says

This is just one action packed novel from the very first paragraph to the ending page. One of the things I like is how the story is written by an author who has lived this life making the story realistic. Just another damn good book from David Putnam who keeps on getting better with every novel. I feel that a five star is coming next...

Kay says

Putnam, having spent his career in law enforcement, really knows first hand how to put into a novel the raw, disturbing and all too believable world of crime. I am so anxious to read more of this series.

Bruno Johnson, our main character, faces many challenges as he fights for justice in his care for abused and neglected children. This is a nonstop page turner that has me wanting more.

The Replacements is the second in the Bruno Johnson series. I now have the first book in this series, The Disposables which I will be reading soon.

Nina Jumps says

Reading 'The Replacements' was enjoyable. This is the second book by David Putnam that I have read. You're always anticipating what will happen next but are usually surprised. The story is suspenseful with lots of twists and turns. The relationship of the family characters is so strong and loving. A real page turner and you wonder where Bruno will take you next.

If you enjoy a suspenseful story with fast paced action, then you will most likely enjoy 'The Replacements'

Terri Weitze says

I can tell David Putnam is going to be one of my new favorite authors. His hero, Bruno Johnson, is so relateable, the situations are believable, and the characters are wonderful. Bruno, his dad, his girlfriend Marie and the children they rescued from abusive homes are living in Costa Rica, trying to stay under the radar so no one comes looking for them. But kids in LA still need rescuing and who you going to call? Once again, trying to do the right thing and having to deal with friends and foes on both sides of the law, Bruno steps into the fray. I highly recommend this series.

Mark says

I was a lucky winner of this book here on Goodreads & am very glad that I won. This book was very well written with an excellent array of characters. Looking forward to reading more David Putnam books in the future!!

Linda says

Thankfully former detective David Putnam did not make readers wait long to find out what happened to his hero cop Bruno Johnson and his love Marie and the kids they rescued from abusive homes. The plot of Putnam's first book The Disposables left the reader satisfied that those kids were indeed NOT disposable to

Bruno and Marie who put it all on the line, but the book dangled an uncertain future as they fled to Costa Rica. The Replacements picks up the story without requiring a read of the first book. The new crime thriller begins with a wild ride as fugitive, rogue cop reenters the US at great risk to himself for the only plausible reason he would do so: to save more kids. The plot twists with complexities that come in real life stories, ones that no doubt inspired Putnam in writing this narrative. The author excels in a genre too often populated by flat characters, by creating multi-dimensional personalities, none all good or all bad, folks who look like real people in LA and other large urban areas. The cops and their bosses are as complicated as the demented criminal that torments Bruno. But there is no time for analyzing or self-discovery, just like real cops, this story moves and never rests until the surprising ending. Another terrific read.

Col says

Synopsis/blurb....

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My take.....

I read and enjoyed Dave Putnam's debut novel The Disposables early in 2014. The Disposables attracted praise from the likes of Michael Connelly, T. Jefferson Parker and William Bernhardt.

The Disposables review here.

<http://col2910.blogspot.co.uk/2014/01...>

His second novel picks up with Bruno Johnson, our ex-cop settling into life as a bar-keep in Costa Rica with his girlfriend, Marie, his ailing father and the children they saved from a lifetime of abuse and hurt. Bruno is wanted back in the States by the FBI for his part in the children's abduction. Bruno has a chequered past, as well as being a former cop he's also an ex-convict, having killed his son-in-law after the man was responsible for the death of his grandson.

All is going well until a former colleague of Bruno's walks into his bar and entices him back to the US. A couple of girls have been kidnapped and the perpetrator, Jonas Mabry will only deal with Johnson. The two have a connection, as 20 years previously Bruno saved Jonas as a small child when his mother shot and killed his two sisters before shooting her son and turning the gun on herself.

Bruno, despite the risk to his freedom and over the protestations of his family, goes back under the radar. Once he's back in the States the pace picks up and is pretty relentless until the climax.

Child abduction, a rapid quick-fire investigation, cops, the FBI, Sons of Satan biker gang, a stakeout on a beached whale of an ex-bank robbing felon, ransom demands, gold bullion, Aryan Brotherhood, fractured

and damaged family and history and a bitter resentment fuelling a desire for revenge.

Harsh, brutal, violent – Bruno is not averse to employing a bit of the aforementioned in his efforts to get him closer to the missing kids. So probably not a book for the faint-hearted.

I loved it myself....great characters with heart, doses of humour and plenty of action. Unlikely characters, such as Karl Drago – our whale-like bank robber revealing hidden depths of humanity and stoicism and a desire to do the right thing, despite all the previous evidence to the contrary.

A fantastic read.

5 from 5

I was fortunate enough to receive an ARC from the author just before Christmas.

The Replacements was released earlier this month by Oceanview Publishing.

David Putnam has his website here.
<https://dwputnam.wordpress.com/>

<http://col2910.blogspot.co.uk/2015/02...>

Sheila Singleton-owen says

A worthy sequel to The Disposables. Putnam blesses his characters with guts, bravado, and emotion that kept me reading and holding my breath to the very last page.

David says

Excellent sequel to 2014's THE DISPOSABLES!

Bonnye Reed says

I received this book as a Goodreads Giveaway from David Putnam. Thank you so much for allowing me to read this novel!

David Putnam has a firm handle on police procedurals, and his protagonist, Bruno Johnson, is all about empathy. This was an excellent book, the story tight and the characters are three dimensional. It's setting, for the most part Las Angeles and environs, are well defined. I will watch for more by this author.

Emiley Allen Bowes says

GREAT.....well written; true to life; the Lone Ranger rides again. A hero for abused children, when foster care, social service and the Court system malfunctions and fails to protect the innocent due to " following the letter of the law" vs use of common sense.

A free read from goodreads.

Christine N. Gordon says

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Like Bruno Johnson, this sequel breaks rules for all the right reasons.

I confess. I don't often love sequels but I liked The Disposables so much I decided to take a chance on Putnam's second—The Replacements. I was completely caught off guard by this book! A crime novel is not supposed to have me tearing up by page 8 but that's exactly what happened. I was definitely hooked but I was still preparing myself for the usual sequel syndrome: hokey backstory and predictable plot. Putnam slayed it on both counts.

The Replacements easily stands on its own, jumping straight into a fresh story without that clunky re-start. I found I was really glad to hear Bruno Johnson's voice again and was completely entertained by one new character in particular – Drago.

Too many sequels suffer from a predictable plot, and I'm left with the feeling that I'm reading the same book. Putnam is too good for that. I had no clue how the story would resolve, turning pages fast right to the end.

Putnam's latest is a satisfying summer read—not a replacement at all.
