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Itaborosa says

I love Mr Monk: his brilliant deductions, his quirks. It was a fun concept to have him, Ambrose and Natalie on this sightseeing trip, and there were many funny quips and several heartwarming moments with Ambrose, but the plot was too thin and improbable even for Mr. Monk.

Sook says

This one was pretty good, however, I must admit that it is my least favorite monk book so far... The writer focused so much on the whereabouts and tourist spots, I got a little bored, especially since I have been to all those places he was describing in such detail. The ending kind of made it all better, though.

Michelle says

This is the first book after the series finale. Monk was noticeably more relaxed and fun in here. This condition however, would not stay long because I had read the following books after this one and he seemed much much worse that pre-finale.

Getting on with the story, I really liked it! Monk decided to surprise Ambrose for his birthday by taking him out of his house against his will for a road trip. He enlisted the help of Julie, Molly and Natalie (who end up tagging along with the two brothers).

The adventure those three had was funny, witty and quirky. Although, knowing Monk, he immediately stumbled upon a series of seemingly unconnected murders. The mystery were tied up neatly in the end although it was creepy and made me think twice about planning a road trip.

ElaF says

Te? bym chocia?a wyruszy? w tak? podr??. Ale bez morderstw po drodze ?

Phil Giunta says

After solving two San Francisco murders in typical Adrian Monk fashion, the detective decides to do something special for his agoraphobic brother, Ambrose, who has not left his house in over 30 years. After lacing his slice of birthday cake with sleeping pills, Adrian and his assistant, Natalie Teeger, carry Ambrose into an RV that Adrian had rented with the intention of taking Ambrose on a tour of California then out to the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas--with Natalie as the designated driver, of course.

Understandably, Ambrose is at first furious over being abducted from his home, but begins to relax as the trip progresses. He marvels at the sights and sounds of the outside world. During their travels, the trio

encounter two murders that naturally intrigue Adrian, but he is reluctantly dissuaded by Natalie from participating in their investigation. They are on vacation, after all. Along the way, they meet several interesting characters in various trailer parks and are nearly run off the road by an enraged tractor trailer driver.

It isn't until they reach Vegas that Detective Monk has an epiphany and realizes that all of the events and people they've encountered have a deadly connection...

This story takes place after the end of the television series and the events of the final episode are summed up in the first chapter. If you have never seen the final episode, you may wonder what on Earth would inspire Adrian Monk, a man whose phobias are surpassed only by his brother's, to take a sightseeing tour in an RV. Well, let's just say that both Detective Monk and his brother has overcome some of their fears, have loosened up a little, and realized there is more to life than solving puzzles and disinfecting everything in sight--except for the RV's bathroom and dinette table, of course.

Hats off to Lee Goldberg for yet another marvelous Monk mystery. I've read about six of his Monk novels to date and have never been disappointed.

Elizabeth says

I enjoyed this book very much, I just thought the end was too abrupt.

Marina Balinska says

When I need to relax or I want light and funny read, I'm always choosing Mr. Monk. I know it's not something extraordinary but it comforts me.

Meredith says

A lot of sightseeing, meeting RV campsite neighbors, and driving around. Story...but not plot. It's always fun spending time with the characters, but it was pretty day-in-the-life until the last couple chapters.

04Lance P says

This is a really good book! This book is definitely a cool book the way that it is told is really cool the point of view of this book is a friend of the main character and is told in a way that explains so much detail about everything that goes on. Mr. Monk is a homicide detective that the police hire when they cannot solve the murder. He is an amazing person with an amazing memory and attention to detail. The book starts out with Mr. monk wanting to do something nice for his brother for his upcoming birthday. Ambrose monk who is Mr. monks brother has lived at his house for 35 years and has a phobia of leaving and has not left for over 30 years. So Monk rents a motorhome and goes to Abrose's house for his birthday party and when Ambrose eats the cake it has a sleeping pile so that monk can get Ambrose into the motor home with out him knowing. When they are on the road and Ambrose finally wakes up he is very scared and wants to go home.

Eventually they see some good sites and Ambrose realizes that he is safe from the outside world while he is in the motorhome. When they stop for gas monk goes to the gas station to use the rest room and on his way he notices an ally way that is covered with gum on the walls he being disgusted by this has to call the cops to tell them about it because he thinks that it is a crime. When Monk goes over to investigate he finds a body of someone who was murdered monk being a homicide detective started trying to solve the murder but when the police got to the scene Natalie monks assistant made him leave to they could get on with there vacation. At the next stop they came to again monk finds away to find a body on the beach who was murdered and again when the police came Natalie made him leave. Making Mr. Monk leave from the scene of a murder is the hardest thing you will ever do he hates it when he leaves a murder unsolved. When they reach there first campsite they are invited in to an old motor home to be with these 3 old sisters who have been traveling the country. Then at the next campground they are invited in to another motor home of a old man with failing health. While they are driving to there next campsite someone with a big rig try's to run them off the road and kill them and monk has no idea why. When they finally reach there last campground high up in the mountains with know service while they are on there way Mr. Monk has an idea of all the unsolved crimes and the 3 sisters and the old man are all linked in the murder of tons of people monk calles the captain so that he is aware that they will be out of service and there is a murderer on the loose. When they get there the 3 sisters are waiting to try to kill mr monk before he spills there secret. They try to kill Mr. monk and Ambrose When they fail and fall off of a cliff because a truck runs into there motor home and police show up and arrest the 3 sisters and it turns out that the old man suspected them long ago and was following them to try to collect proof so he can call the police. Mr. Monk and Ambrose had a crazy adventure that took them to crazy places and crazy things that happened. When they finally get home Ambrose is so glad to be back in his house and monk is glad that his crazy vacation is over. THE END

Rumyana Bumbarova says

Too much description, not enough murder mystery. The ending saved it and earned it one extra star.

Giovanni Gelati says

Has anyone caught on to the fact that I am a big Lee Goldberg and Mr. Monk fan? Hopefully you have , but don't take the comments I make in this post on Mr. Monk on the Road as those of a homer or stalker. Everything I am about to write is dead on target. This is probably the best Monk novel that Lee Goldberg has written by far, plain and simple, flat out awesome! To the book flaps:

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Balance, even numbers, incredible scenery, the Monk's match the peanut shell game, illicit drugs, incredible martinis, bubble gum and murder all have something to do with this engaging, quick read. I was lucky enough to take this in all at one time; the pages were flying through my fingertips. Lee Goldberg gives the triumvirate of Adrian & Ambrose Monk and Natalie all the ink in this edition of the series. Stottlemeyer and the new addition, Lieutenant Devlin, get a little bit of action, but just about the entire story revolves around the exploits of the three amigos as they go out in the RV.

What is the genesis of my statement that this is by far the best of the series? The series is no more, and Lee Goldberg has done things with this novel he has not in the past, really taken the characters and fleshed them out more, gotten inside their heads, exposed their feelings and emotions on a level that hasn't been done before. He's taken the characters past anything they have done in the past, and basically gave them a unique sense of self, where they stand with each other and the world, and a balance and symmetry that the characters have always craved but never had. This for me is the complete Mr. Monk novel: fun, tongue in cheek, over the top insanity mixed with equal parts mystery, action and an ending that ties everything up into a nice package.

My bobblehead has his swagger back and a big smile as he sits on my desk staring at me. The question I think the bobblehead has for me to ask, "Can Lee Goldberg pump one of these out every week so I can read them at 9pm every Friday evening?" Here's hoping.

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David says

This is another fine romp in the Mr. Monk universe offered by Lee Goldberg. In fact, this one is one of, if not, the best of the series that I have read, and I have read quite a few of them.

This time, Monk decides to do something pleasant for his brother, Ambrose. Ambrose is an agoraphobic and Monk (with a little help from his assistant, Natalie) drugs his brother and moves him to an RV for a vacation of a lifetime. Of course, this leads to some really powerful and at times, dark humor. Poor Ambrose, at first, is angry and frustrated at being tricked in this manner-- Natalie takes them off on a tour that leads down the California Coastline, over to the Grand Canyon and back through Yosemite National park. Along the way, things are complicated by the eccentric behavior of both Monk and his brother, as well as the murders that they somehow stumble onto. Would it be a Monk story without at least one murder.. but throughout this episodic novel we get to experience life in an RV with the Monks... And Goldberg ties all of these episodes together..

The best parts of these novels is the dialogue. Goldberg captures the style of the television program so well that the reader can almost hear Tony Shaloub as Monk reciting his lines in his own manner.

Goldberg chooses the right voice-- the book is written from Natalie's point of view, and she struggles with her own phobias in a really cool comical twist. While trying to help the Monks cope with their own phobias, she has to learn to cope with her own.

Of course, Goldberg has to take a moment of sentimental pleasure in a conversation between Natalie and Monk about who saved who-- and this gets kind of sickly sweet, but it is done in a fun manner.

Monkites (if that is the name you call a Monk fan) will rejoice. This is another quality outing by Lee Goldberg, who probably resents the fact that I pass my copies on to family members instead of directing them to the bookstore... (LOL) ...

Kathy Harley says

This was the worst book in the series. Too much Natalie and how terrible every place is. Not enough Monk.

Lena H. says

Pee Wee's Big Adventure featuring Adrian Monk. Loved it!

Maggie says

Even though I still have a lot of "Monk" books to read, I have to say that this is probably going to be the best one ever. Why? Simply because I love the characters and I'm invested in them. If you do too, then pick up this book.

Imagine a post-series Monk episode in which Adrian wants to give his brother Ambrose a very special birthday present. Imagine him enlisting Natalie, Julie, and Molly's help. Imagine Ambrose waking up in an RV thinking there was an earthquake only to learn that he isn't home anymore. He's outside, but he's still inside!

Agoraphobes, nature, satanists, Oh my!

It's a story not to be missed for every Monk fan!

Pick up the book.

I promise it's a wild road trip!
