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Greta Watters says

Just as amazing as the others.

Melissa says

Cute 2nd book in this series. Would make an awesome Disney movie!

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Jeana says

Very fun read.

I pretty much liked the first one, but this sequel was a major step up in my opinion. The plot was a lot more complex with intrigue and twists down to the end. I finished it in one day so I can safely say it held my attention. Just like the first book this was a fun read that never took itself too seriously, but it also managed to add greater depth and a real sense of danger.

The first person narrative was very well done, and served to both describe unfolding events and David's emotions in a charming yet eloquent way. David's inner monologue was phrased perfectly to match his character which is the gold standard of first person POV as far as I'm concerned. There were slightly slow moments part way through where waiting for the bad guy to be discovered wore a little thin. But mostly I was impressed by the details that were patiently described in this story.

Overall a very enjoyable read, and nice to see a sequel grow from its previous weaknesses.

Steven R. McEvoy says

It's interesting that at first I was not enjoying this book nearly as much as the first volume in the series. I was struggling with how David's grandmother and Amy could both keep siding with the new handy man, Scratchull, over him. And the book starts a little slower than the first. But by the end it more than made up for it.

In this story, it is a year after the first. David is back in the Pacific Northwest at his grandmother's Bed and Breakfast and looking forward to a great summer with his grandmother and Amy. He is hoping to get some time alone with Amy and to renew and maybe expand their friendship. But from the moment he arrives, things are awkward. First there is another new employee, an alien by the name of Scratchull, and from the start David sees something sinister in him that no one else seems to notice. And things go from bad to worse. As David tries to prove that Scratchull is not what he appears, Scratchull always seems to be one step ahead. David knows the truth but cannot get anyone to believe him.

This story is well-written, it is enjoyable. I love the characters and the concept. I liked the first book a little better but cannot wait for book three to see what adventures they will have next at the Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast! So pick up the book and be prepared for some surprises along the way.

Read the review and with links to other reviews of books by the authors on my blog Book Reviews and More. And also an author profile and interview with Clete Barrett Smith.

Catherine C says

So far I think Alien on a Rampage by Clete Barrett Smith is a pretty good book because it is well written and hard to put down. It is about a boy named David who goes to his grandmother's Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast (a bed and breakfast for aliens) to spend the summer. When he gets there, he finds out his grandmother has hired an alien employee named Scratchull. David thinks Scratchull is trying to destroy the earth but no one will listen to him. It's up to David to find out if Scratchull is really trying to destroy the earth and if so David must find a way to stop him. I like how the author described David's feelings because I probably wouldn't trust Scratchull either.

Lucas says

This was a great sequel to Aliens on Vacation. The first book was about keeping the Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast a secret from the local community (and the rest of the world) but this time, the threat is closer than anyone thinks.

One thing I love about the book is how the main characters (David and Amy) have grown up a year since the last time David was at the B and B. David's feelings towards Amy bring yet another level of insecurity to his character that he has to overcome.

Hopefully the series will bring David out to the B and B during his winter vacation at some point. I can only imagine the trouble(s) the vacationing aliens can get into when everyone in town is suffering from a touch of cabin fever.

Roger Clarke says

This is a fun and fast-paced book for kids that focuses on David, who goes to his Grandma's Bed and Breakfast in space, which is filled with aliens and all sorts of creatures. Children who enjoy space and science fiction will like this as an introductory book to more adult versions of science fiction. This follows a

lot of traditional kid's book themes where the main character is an outsider who finds about some plot that is bigger than himself, and when he tries to tell people, no one believes him. Through the story, David tries his best to live in the crazy setting while also trying to foil the antagonist, Scrathchull's plan to destroy the Earth. The trials David faces to interact with foreign aliens, all the while trying to save the world, challenge him to grow as a person and learn and adapt to wild setting that is his Grandma's Bed and Breakfast.

Peg says

David is excited about spending a second summer at Grandma's Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, where aliens looking to spend time on Earth vacation. He takes an immediate dislike to Scratchull, Grandma's creepy new alien handyman and fears a shift in the budding romance between Amy and himself. It takes only a few days for David to conclude that the condescending, slug-eating Scratchull is plotting to harm Earth; but every time he tries to convince Grandma, Amy or her father, Tate—the head of security at the B&B, he is made to look the fool by Scratchull. David takes some solace in his new alien pet, Snarffle, an energetic, roly-poly doglike creature with an incredible long tongue. The two of them try to reveal Scratchull for who he is, but their bumbling attempts backfire again and again. Everyone else is thoroughly enjoying themselves at the B&B. Grandma has little time for David as she is working toward winning the pie contest at the annual festival, with Scratchull's assistance. David's apprehension grows as the festival approaches and an exciting climax indeed happens there. Smith has included some fun and some scary sci-fi elements, including transporters, translator chips, Kerntaberries and Mooglah fruit, warrior aliens and a powerful device that changes the environment. This is a sequel to *Aliens on Vacation*, but does stand on its own. Tate's efforts to safeguard the identity of the guests at the B&B and Snarffle's incredible liveliness and appetite add humor and lighten the story, as do Smith's pen and ink sketches at the beginning of each chapter.

(Reviewed from ARC)

Julie says

Durn good. Picking up where "Aliens on Vacation" left off, Smith weaves a fun (if not completely far-fetched) story. In "Alien on a Rampage", young David returns to his grandmother's strange and wonderful bed-and-breakfast for the summer. This year, he has a bit of experience catering to alien visitors, not to mention a girl-that's-a-friend coworker. What David is not expecting, however, is the newest member of Grandma's staff -- someone who creeps David out like no other alien has before. As David soon learns, his initial impression of the sly and sneaky technician was right on target -- but can he convince his grandmother, girl-that's-a-friend, and her dad before it's too late? A clever book, just right for intermediate readers (my daughter is 8, but it may appeal to slightly older and younger readers alike!).

Kristy McRae says

More hilarity and intrigue at the Intergalactic B&B! Just as funny and wild as the first one! I read this aloud to my kiddos, and we all loved it!

Robin says

In his second summer at the Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, David (formerly "Scrub") Elliott expects to enjoy his time with Grandma, his sweetheart Amy, and a houseful of extraterrestrial tourists. But things get off to a disappointing start, and get worse from there. First, he suspects that the new alien handyman is up to no good. But far from being able to convince anyone to listen to his concerns, David soon learns that Grandma, Amy, and her security-chief Dad trust skull-faced Scratchull more than they trust him. The more he tries to prove his suspicions, the more Scratchull makes him look like a fool—or worse.

Then David realizes that nothing less than the survival of Earth is at stake, but for his efforts to save the planet he gets into even worse trouble. Just when he is about to be sent home in disgrace, he recognizes Scratchull's final, villainous plan to escape from his exile on Earth, a plan to turn the town's Pioneer Day celebration into a cosmic scene of terror.

Yes, David has a rough summer. His good-humored character is put to another severe test, as he faces discouragement, desperation, and the disappointment of the people he cares about. Plus, he has to deal with a missing Sasquatch, a forest meadow that suddenly turns into quicksand, a river that suddenly turns into a glacier, and a gooey alien who keeps losing bits of himself. Meanwhile, he is put in charge of a dog-like alien who needs constant exercise and who, if not fed hugely and often, may eat them out of house and home. Literally. And, after all, saving the world is a lot of responsibility for a thirteen-year-old boy.

I enjoyed the first book in the "Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast" series, but I think this second book is even better. It deftly combines the weirdness of visitors from other planets with comedy, wit, thrilling sci-fi danger, and a warm glow of puppy love (in more than one sense). The sinister genius of Scratchull's gadgets, the aftereffects of Grandma's scones, the furniture-chewing antics of the creature known as Snarffle, and the sarcastic retorts of the toothpick-chewing ex-sheriff Tate, fill what might otherwise be a predictable, formulaic story with creative touches. I am eager to beam up to Book 3, *Aliens in Disguise*.

Heather says

Love it! David is back for a second summer at Grandma's Intergalactic Bed & Breakfast, and looking forward to spending time with Amy, but nothing is the same. For starters, Grandma's new employee Scratchull is sinister and suspicious, but Grandma, Tate, and Amy seem to think he is fabulous. Every time David warns them about the repairman's (repair alien's?) evil plans, Scratchull manages to twist it back so that David looks like the guilty party. And then there's Amy, who is so immersed in the Bed & Breakfast's programs that she has almost no time for David. How is David going to save the world if no one will pay any attention to him?

Fans of the first book will be pleased and those who haven't read the first will definitely want to go back and see where the fun and chaos began. Readers will enjoy meeting Sasquatch and David's new voraciously hungry pet and will love David and Grandma as much as I do!

Pamela Kramer says

"Alien on a Rampage" by Clete Barrett Smith is the sequel to "Aliens on Vacation." In both stories, Smith

entertains the reader with his cleverly constructed and wildly creative characters -- some of whom are literally out of this world.

David is eagerly anticipating spending the summer at his grandmother's wild bed and breakfast where aliens are the guests and you never know what creature will come out of a guest room. In the first book, it was David's first summer at the Intergalactic Bed and Breakfast, but this summer brings some changes.

David's crush from the first book, the brainy science-lover Amy, and her father now work at the bed and breakfast. Her father is the head of security and works for the Intergalactic police. Amy runs programs for both seniors and children.

There is a new worker, however, whom David instinctively does not trust. Scratchull (his real name is unpronounceable), the new handyman, is a very hostile alien. "His skin was bone white and smooth all over, making his head look like a skull. The dark purple lips and black eyes didn't help much." When David tries to be pleasant, Scratchull responds with a sneer revealing sharp teeth.

When a small purple creature comes bounding through the transporter in David's room, he is resigned to spending his summer watching out for this Snarffle. He soon realizes how much that job entails when the creature (who bonds to David quickly and absolutely) eats the furniture in David's room when David forgets to feed it.

Read the whole review at: <http://www.examiner.com/review/alien-...>

Sara says

Alien on a Rampage is the sequel to Aliens on Vacation. This book begins with David returning to his grandmother's bed and breakfast for a second summer. He's excited for another vacation full of responsibility and adventure. Things aren't all he thought they would be. Amy has taken over a lot of responsibility and Grandma's creepy alien repairman Scratchell seems to be hiding something big. Can David save the hotel and the world?

This sequel was just as good as the first book in the series. The mystery was more serious than in the first book but still filled with humor. A great addition to this book was David's alien pet with an insatiable appetite. I laughed and smiled and couldn't put the book down until I finished it. It reads like a funny Disney channel movie.

Appropriateness: There is no adult content in this book and it has a great message. I recommend this book to boys and girls 10-14 with it being completely appropriate for younger readers who aren't overwhelmed with the size of the book.

ARC provided by publisher

Clayton Yuen says

This is not a children's scifi novel! This scifi adventure by Clete Barrett Smith is a very, very clever story about a boy on vacation at his grandmother Bed & Breakfast, and this B & B serves aliens from around the galaxy. The aliens transport into the B & B through a transporter (duh!).

Just this basic premise presents many brilliant scenarios for the lovers of light fiction . . . with aliens. Smith's light humor is dashed with stinging pathos as David (the grandson) is verbally "stomped" by an evil genius alien when David discovers THE PLOT AGAINST THE WORLD! You've got to read this fun and entertaining story . . . and the "dog saves the day" . . . now how can you not love this novel.

I give Alien on a Rampage 5 stars because it is a complete package . . . great story, bad aliens, good alien dog, danger and more
