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Crash Details

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Kristen says

Only two stars because it fits how I feel--"it was ok." Simplistic story, characters without much depth. Would definitely appeal to struggling readers who enjoy survival stories, but I need a little more substance with my stories.

Josh says

Stay Alive Crash is about who takes a plane trip with 7 stars of a tv magazine show. With the young stars is their mascot as well. There mascot is a basset hound which all the stars on this show call him "dumb dog". They call him this because the hound never likes to listen to anyone who calls his name or tell him to do something.

While on the plane trip the engine gives out and the plane starts to go down. Everyone is in total shock. The plane crashes in a lake in alaska. When the plane crashes noyone can find the pilot. At this point they all have to survive together. This book is also a survival book everyone has to survive harsh temperatures and try to stay alive.

Starr says

3.5

Jack Arnold says

Summary

There was a plane full of Junior Action News Team they was heading to Alaska. Then something went wrong in the plane and it crashed in the Alaskan backwoods. The plane was caught by vines and branches so it was hanging over knee deep water. They were all passed out and then a day went by and they woke up and some of them were missing and one person herd someone yelling and looked out of the open door and saw all of the missing people that fell out of the plane during the crash.

Some of the people in the plane died and some that fell out of the plane. All together was three people that died. They all got out safe and they made fire and a girl almost got lost. They had limited supplies like food and clothes. Some of them got sick but they lived. A few days went by and they never fond help. Then two days later they found help.

Main characters

Jill was a girl and she was the girl that got lost in the woods. She is not a country person she was more city person. She is clumsy and dumb. Jill had a twin sister named jenky se was the one that fell out of the plane and died.

Titus was a boy. He was the very smart one he knew everything about everything. He is strong and cool. He had a dag

Setting

The setting of the book was in the Alaskan backwoods. And it ended at a small town in Alaska. It was warm in the day. It was cold in the night. Some of them only had t-shirt and shorts.

Conflict

There were two groups and the first group wanted to go and wait for help. The second group wanted to stay and wait for help. They were fighting so they split into two groups.

Resolution of conflict

The group first group found help. The group that got help went to get the other group.

At the end they live happily ever after.

Opinion

I would give this 3 out of 6 stars. Because it was not my type of book. It looked good but it was not.

Recommendation

I would recommend this book to people that like bad books. I would also recommend this book to someone that likes disaster books.

Ms. Yingling says

When a plane carrying the Team Jump reality show team crashes in the wilderness, the pilot and the twin sister of one of the girls die. The other 8 people and a dog survive, and try to carve out a place to wait until help arrives. Suryadi is gravely injured and doesn't survive long. The producer, Seldon, is not prepared to lead the group, but Paul's father, Walter, thinks that adults should take the lead. Titus, however, is an Eagle scout, and better at figuring out what to do next. Jill is missing her sister, but E tries her best to supply food for the group by fishing. Web isolates himself from the group, staying in the plane and hoarding food. Eventually, when no help comes, E, Titus, Paul and Walter prepare to set out to look for help, but at the last minute, Walter becomes ill, so Seldon goes instead. Back at Camp Lollipop (so named because the group keeps their morale up by eating lollipops that they found in the plane), the group is rescued, and search parties are sent to look for Team Four. Titus almost dies trying to cross a river, and Seldon's feet are a mess, but that group is eventually rescued as well.

More books in this series are expected, including Cave-in (#2) in March 2014, Breakdown (#3) in July 2014 and Flood (#4).

Strengths: There are a lot of students who like survival books and who are looking for a book just like Hatchet. I liked that there were survival tips in the beginnings of chapters, and that the people all did the best they could to survive and followed proper protocols. I can see these being popular purchases at book fairs.

Weaknesses: The cast of characters was much too large, so there was very little character development. The plot, too, seemed weak and somewhat predictable. Still, given the popularity of survival tales, I will look at the next titles in this series and debate purchasing.

Cara says

This would be great for a reluctant reader. It is super fast paced, and doesn't ever get bogged down.

Matt Metzger says

What would you do if you're plane crashed in the middle of the Alaskan wild? Would you stay at the crash site and wait for help or would you go through the woods in search for help. That is what a group of people that plane crashed had to go through.

The main character in this story is a boy named Titus. Titus is just a boy but he proves to be the only hope of the people surviving. He is the main hope because he has survival skills and knowledge about the wilderness, because he is a boy scout. Titus, although a young boy is a very strong leader. He gets people situated when in panic he makes smart moves and makes sure everyone is safe. The book runs into conflict when different people want to do different things to try to survive. Some people want to play safe and others want to search for civilization.

Crash is a realistic fiction story, that is the first book in the Stay Alive series. I enjoyed this book a lot as it kept me on edge and wanted me to read more. I read around three chapters a night before I went to bed. The feeling I got when I read this book was I was on edge all the time and I was very curious what would happen next. I think this book would appeal to teens/kids in grades 5-8. The author Joseph Monninger made the characters very relatable. If you had read the book Hatchet you will definitely enjoy this book. This book Crash is 254 pages and definitely worth reading.

Jordan says

This book is written well. It gives details on all of the series of events. The author showed details on how they crashed and how they got out. In the end I didn't really like it because I wish it went to a sequel and kept having them try and survive and get saved and have the ending go into their lives after they got saved

Edan DeVilbiss says

The name of my book is Crash by Joseph Monninger. This book leads the reader into a quest for survival deep in Alaska.

This book is fiction and mostly told in first person. It has an exciting tone and a suspenseful throughout. Surviving and finding help is the main conflict.

Stranded in Alaska, in the middle of nowhere, the junior action news team crash lands in the Alaskan backwoods, with limited knowledge, materials, tools, and time. With the pilot dead and little knowledge of where they are, they decide to salvage the plane and build shelter. They call their place "Camp Lollipop", due to the finding of a bag of lollipops in the plane. When they start waking up to coyote tracks in the sand and the air getting colder, the group fears that their chances of survival are diminishing.

I thought this book was very good, it was suspenseful and intriguing and kept me reading to find out what happens next. The author is very strong in description and dialogue, so much so, that I felt like I was there. I learned that having odd things packed, such as lollipops, could come in handy.

I would recommend this book to anybody who likes action, adventure, suspense, and survival. I loved this book and I think that others will too.

Sheila Myers says

A nice adventure/survival novel for young readers.

DelAnne Frazee says

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Reviewer: DelAnne

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Rating: 4.75

I received a copy of Stay Alive 1 - Crash from NetGalley and the publisher in exchange for my honest review.

Description From The Publisher:

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My Review:

Read the title, see the cover and scan the blurb. Afterwards you will not want to put this book down. My nephew Michael (age 12) chose this book for us to share after I told him I had it to review. He, his brother Josh (age 9) and cousin Tara (age 11) each got a copy and so our adventure began. As is custom in my family of readers I have the younger readers choose a book and then we talk on the phone or the come visit and we discuss the book. "Stay Alive #1 - Crash was a success for all of them. Josh and Tara claimed the

groups pooling together for survival was the best part of the story. Michael liked the tips and the ever changing point of view so that you learned a little bit about all the people in the book. I in turn enjoyed listening to them as they discussed the book with me on the phone. As my family is spread across the country, books are a way of keeping us connected.

Thanks to Scholastic for a series that encourage young readers to spread the wings of their imagination and fly. My rating of "Stay Alive #1 - Crash" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

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Barnes and Noble link: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/stay-...>

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The Reading Room link: <https://www.facebook.com/permalink.ph...>

Kristine Hansen says

A plane full of teenagers crashes in the Alaska wilderness with winter coming on quickly.

Fast paced, with a lot of action, the only thing I didn't like about this book was the quick point of view changes which sometimes got confusing. Otherwise you had an exciting story, that I really didn't want to put down - which makes this the perfect story for those who struggle with reading and need encouragement to pick up a book.

Deaths are handled...strangely to where you're really not altogether sure that someone has died until pages later and they're just not there anymore. I wonder a little about that, as given the age range of the characters, that the author was trying too hard to not scare them unnecessarily, when we've seen other authors in the past handle death in novels with great honesty. This is one of my pet peeves, because I truly feel that especially books aimed at older children and teens, we can trust them with a lot more than we do.

And it would have brought a certain amount of emotional connection to the reader, which was sorely lacking.

The problem with having so many point of view characters in one book, is that it's hard to connect to someone. I really wished that this book was much longer, and had a tighter focus on a handful. E was great, and I really wanted to get to know her better. There were others there that we didn't explore anywhere deeply enough.

Overall, I think the problems were not that severe, and that this was a good book, with some great survival tips. Things ended abruptly though, and here again I wished that this book was much longer (or a series in its own right) so we could have seen how the end played out in much more detail. Also, we never did get to see how the dog contributed or if he did. So much lacking!

Can we give this author a publisher that will allow for a nice fat book? Please?

So where does the fault lie then? The author wrote this very tightly. I think the problem came in word count, and having way too ambitious a story for the space allowed. I'll read other books by Joseph Monninger. I'd give this one 3.5 stars, but will round it up just because I love a good survival story so much.

Kerry Kenney says

This was first book of the stay alive series and my favorite so far. It was awesome. First of all, I am an adult (former) grade school librarian and I love the genre of survival books and man v. wild.

I thought this book would be a rip off of Gary Paulsen Hatchet but it wasn't. It had a terrific and gruesome opening and the pace did not let up. It truly held my attention and I was happy to read it in one sitting. If you have a child that likes adventure and the outdoors and is not squeamish or precious about the realities of how harsh and powerful nature can be if you are not prepared or lucky then this is the book for you.

I also recommend you read Will Hobbs, a step up in quality from this book (which was like I said, really excellent) but another great author in this genre-just a better writer and a little more complex. This was a very accessible book and very up to date. I liked how it did not feel like it was written twenty years ago.

Lisa Tortorello says

I enjoyed Stay Alive- Crash by Joseph Monninger. I purchased this book because my students are a big fan of Hatchet and some of the other Brian books. This is a story of fighting for survival and I really liked the fact that Monninger gave Survival Tips in each section. Every time I read a story like this, I am that much more thankful that when I have to gather provisions to eat, it might mean an extra trip to the grocery store and not fishing and hunting for my next meal. I also appreciate things like running water, a roof over my head, and many of the other things I take for granted on a daily basis.

Monninger does a good job at letting us see what it takes to try and survive when equipped only with a few odds and ends, your wits, and your experience. It's at times like these, that you really get to know the people around you. Will the members of the Junior Action News Team be able to work together to stay alive in the Alaskan backwoods, or will their differing ideas of what to do stand in their way of survival?

Elizabeth says

I love a good survival tale, and this was pretty solid. A group of teenagers (along with two questionably useful adults and a basset hound) are stranded in the Alaskan wilderness and have to find a way to survive until they're rescued. The quality of the writing was a bit uneven, but there were some truly harrowing passages and it definitely keeps your attention.
