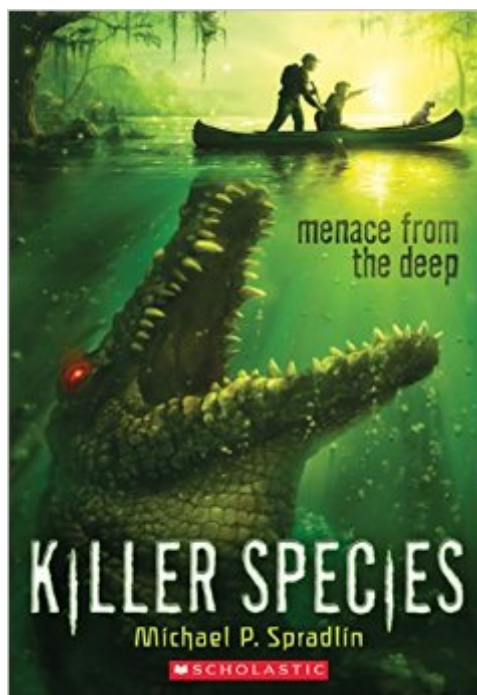


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Killer Species #1: Menace From The Deep



Synopsis

A brand-new action-packed series from Michael P. Spradlin. Each book covers a genetically engineered super predator wreaking havoc on the environment. Emmet Doyle is not in the best mood when he arrives in Florida City. His father is a wildlife biologist, and has been summoned to the Everglades, dragging Emmet along with him. Though still in mourning from losing his mom a year ago, Emmet's trying hard to keep a good attitude. Upon their arrival, however, things quickly get weird. Dr. Rosalita Geaux, the Park Superintendent, wastes no time in revealing the reason she called Emmet's father to Florida. A strange creature was recently found dead in the park, and upon seeing it, it becomes clear to everyone that this is not a native species. This is man-made. Deep in the swamp, someone has been experimenting to create a new breed of apex predator. And they're about to set them loose.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

Purchased this book for my daughter to read and I ended up reading the book. I would have liked some black and white pictures to visual some of the story line. So areas were a bit confusing and I had to read over and over the words to understand. The story is about Emmet and his dad Dr. Doyle

and dog Apollo coming to Florida from Montana. They meet with Dr. Geaux and her son Calvin. They hear about some thing happening in the Everglades, where the animals and gators are leaving. You meet various characters in the book. The book goes slow in parts and towards the end the book flows faster. The characters of the 2 boys, were enjoyable. I was a bit disappointed with the lack of killings by the Pterogators. But the book was enjoyable. Something about the story lacks. but the book leaves open for the characters to continue in other books. I also feel it's Dr. Newton. But, it can also be Calvin's dad since they never found his body.

I read this in paperback, so here goes. It's a well-plotted and well formatted book, with large print and some nice illustrations. What sucked me in was excellent, funny dialog. Not to give away any spoilers, this book is for anyone with an "inner child" who wants to tickle his/her funny-bone, try to guess who-done-it, and come away with a "clean" read. No foul language, nudity, or sex; just an excellent story for all ages. Buy it for your grandchild if you must, but read it yourself first--too much fun to ignore!

I liked this book more than I thought I would, and my kids enjoyed it a lot as well. There is something to be said in this age of cheaply made sci fi movies that are a dime a dozen, when an author can still create an original monster that actually has a purpose and is frightening (even to the adult reading the book.) I enjoyed this story for a few reasons. It was interesting and well written enough to keep the kids looking forward to the next chapter and guessing out loud about what was going on with the mystery monster and what would happen to the main character. Although the set up for the plot has been seen before in similar ways, the story itself evolved into something fresh and exciting. The story of how the father and son moved to the new location and why was well thought out and reflected in the story. I didn't have to wonder why things were happening. Overall, this was a good story that I would recommend for kids 8 years old and older. It has my seal of approval as a mum and as a reviewer. This review is based off of a digital ARC from the publisher and Netgalley.

I have a 9-year old who refuses to read but he's recently gotten into the "I Survived" books and won't put them down. His teacher suggested the Killer Species series as another series that's a little more challenging but "I Survived" fans tend to enjoy. At this point, the 9-year old is still a little intimidated by the Killer Species books and he got several I Survived books for Christmas so he's had plenty to keep him busy. His 11- and 13- year old brothers each read this book in 1-2 days and asked if we had the next one in the series. They weren't doing cartwheels or anything, but they both

read it straight through and then asked for more so I'll call that a success. I'll update my review when the non-reader in the bunch gets to it because, for me, that's the true test!

If I was a 13 year old boy, I'd give this book 100 stars, but since I'm a 50 year old woman, it only gets four. Cool plot premise about genetically altered alligators going on a rampage inside Everglades National Park. The main characters are two teenage boys (see note above about 100 stars) both of whom have conveniently single parents of the opposite sex. And both parents are conveniently most busily involved with figuring out what is causing these attacks. This (conveniently!) leaves the boys with lots of free time to investigate things on their own. This story is a good, light read for adults who like "monster" stories. But if you got a teenage boy around, pass it to him, he'll really love it. I'll definitely read the next book in this series.

As soon as I saw the cover, I knew this book was for me. A young adult adventure about giant animal hybrids, mad scientists, and a pair of intrepid YA heroes who have to keep the monsters in check. What more can you ask for?

This first book in the series was amazing and I can't wait to get started on the second one! Emmett's father is an avian specialist and travels a lot. Their last assignment was in Montana and Emmett is not happy his father has just been transferred to the Florida Everglades. As soon as they arrive, Emmett meets Calvin, the son of an Everglades park ranger, and they discover they both have something in common--they've lost a parent. And, that's about the only thing they have in common. While Emmett's father gets to know his new boss (Calvin's mother), Calvin and Emmett take an air boat ride. Calvin laughs at Emmett's obvious fear of swamps and alligators. But, he stops laughing when the two are attacked by an alligator-like creature. It's the same kind of creature a park ranger found dead and brought back for Emmett's dad to study. Emmett's father announces the creature is a DNA splice of an alligator and gray owl and is similar to a dinosaur from millions of years ago. Dr. Catalyst knows just what the creature is. He created it in his lab, after all. He's an eco-terrorist and his plan is to save the Everglade's indigenous creatures by killing off the python snakes that have taken over. His apex predators will kill all the pythons--and anything else he wants them too! I absolutely loved this book. It was full of excitement and adventure from page one. It is a smart thriller that boys will surely love--especially ones who might not normally read. Personally, I can't wait to see what's in store for me in book two!

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