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THRILL SEEKER

Dangling silently in front of a cave eighty feet down the cliff's edge, the man snaps a picture of the enraged mountain lion. The furious beast lunges...but the man is gone, back up the rope.

JUSTICE DEALER

When a judge releases two unrepentant killers on a legal technicality, North Carolina police Lieutenant Cam Richter knows facing the victims' grieving families is going to be tough. But when Killer #1 turns up on the Internet riding a homemade electric chair?followed a few days later by Killer #2?Cam thinks despair may have turned to vigilante justice.

MAN EATER

But it doesn't add up, especially when Cam becomes a target. It looks like these vigilantes may also be cops, and he's quickly running out of people to trust. The answers lie deep in the North Carolina wilderness, where Cam must track down this mysterious group of adrenaline-driven "Cat Dancers"--and risk losing everything he has left...

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Ray says

Upon seeing the title of this book, I was a little hesitant to start reading. Now I have read it and happy that I did. This an oustandjng Mystery novel and is extremely well written.

Mark Boyd says

Although I read the sequel to this series first, (unknowingly), I still enjoyed Cat Dancers and was able to connect all the dots between this book and Spider Mountain. Deutermann has a good style of writing and can carry the suspense and drama of the story without tipping any hands. I enjoy his protagonist Cam Richter. He is a blend of badass, intelligent sleuth with a touch of lonely boy looking for love in all the wrong places. But his companions, Frick and Frack, trained attack german shepherds, are always there with a consoling lick to the face when his heart strings get broken. What a guy. A great read for all those thriller/drama/shoot em up enthusiasts. I do recommend reading the series in order, The Cat Dancers and then Spider Mountain.

Dee says

I found this rather long and drawn out. And mostly figured it out and kept wondering how this amazing deputy kept missing all the obvious. So since I usually don't figure out the culprit very often I was not all that impressed.

Stephen says

Good storyline with lots of twists and turns. Been a long time since I touched the Cam Richter series, and I think it's time to run back through them.

William Bentrin says

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Sometimes book titles can convey a sense of what to expect in the book. In this case, the author's name provides much more than the book title. I have come to expect complex, detailed thrillers from Mr. Deutermann and this book does not disappoint me. A straight arrow cop is confronted with circumstances that cast aspirations on the ethical behavior of some of his comrades in Blue. The ensuing conflict provides excellent entertainment as Cam, Frick and Frack face myriad dangers.

I have all four books in this series and will be enlightening my readers with my reactions, sweaty palms and all. Deutermann has the uncanny ability to place you solidly in the soggy frozen shoes of his main protagonist. In fact, I think I still get a whiff of wet dog as I write this recommendation.

Circumstances force Cam to evaluate his own definition of "justice" when faced with behavior he simply

can't condone. The love and trust imbued by Deutermann in the relationship between Cam, Frick and Frank is completely palatable. Cam is not some cardboard hero with no thoughts for personal safety and collateral damage. His character is as believable as it is enjoyable.

The book is populated by believable and colorful characters. I think one of Deutermann's strengths is his ability to convince you of the reality of his thoughts.

I highly recommend it.

Irene says

An excellent mystery with many twists and turns, especially at the end.

When 2 minimart robbers who blew up the minimart, killing the clerk and 2 innocent bystanders are let off by a judge by a technicality, a vigilante group surfaces seeking justice. Justice comes in terms of an internet video starring the minimart robber being electrocuted in a homemade electric chair with the executioner ending the video saying "That's one." Number two, the second robbers video shortly follows, ending with "That's two." Who will be next and who could be involved in this? Cam is eventually led to a group known as the cat dancers in the Carolina mountains. When he pursues this lead, he is repeatedly put in dangerous situations with his life in the line. He has no idea who he can trust not only within his department or how far this network reaches. How many more lives will be lost by this vigilante group? Will Cam be able to stop them before being set up by the group to be the fall guy?

A stunning page turner from the start. Expect to be the edge of your seat throughout the book.

Marjolein says

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I've finally decided to work my way through the 30 or so Dutch books that are still standing unread on my shelves. As I'm almost exclusively reading English for the last few years, these books had been forgotten a bit. Cat Dancers was the book longest on my shelf so that's why I decided to pick it up now.

While some books, like wine, get better with age, this was not one of those. The story felt so incredibly dated and late-90s (part of me is to blame for leaving the book on my shelves for so long after buying it in a sale long ago). Especially the parts on internet and computers. It was a much more difficult book to focus on, because my thoughts kept wandering to basically anything else. For this kind of books, there was little real policing and everyone was constantly jumping to (the wrong) conclusions.

On a more positive note: The name will make sense after reading the book.

Phaedrus says

Do yourself a favor and get the paperback version. The Kindle version is full of conversion errors. ("the" =

"die"???) Don't they proofread them?

That aside, I have mixed feelings about this book. The story is good, although a bit far-fetched in places. If I ignored the mental questions that kept bubbling up, then there were some gripping moments. However, there were also parts that felt contrived. Some of the dialogue, in particular, didn't come across well.

This is the first in a series, and after this, Cam becomes a private eye. That may help the series, particularly if Cam spends more time in the mountains than in the city, and takes his German shepherds, Frick and Frack, along..

Tom Tischler says

Two lowlifes rob a N.C. gas station murder the attendant and incinerate bystanders. They are quickly arrested at a nearby motel. A stubborn judge dismisses the charges because the suspects were not read their rights. Now the sheriffs office and Lt. Cam Richter must face the anger of the victims families. Soon a home made video is on the internet showing one of the murderers being executed with a home made electric chair and a voice announcing "That's one". Facing intense pressure to find the vigilante Cam's search leads to western N.C. to a group that calls themselves the cat dancers so named because they track down wild mountain lions to their dens and photograph them face to face or die trying. Cam must hunt this deadly group and the cats or he becomes their next target. This book is from 2005 and the story isn't bad. I would have rated it higher than a three but I didn't like the ending.

Nan Williams says

The plot started out well, but midway through the book veered off into the ridiculous. It was one of those plots where the bad guy was always 2 steps ahead of the good guys and could thwart them at every turn.

I had a hard time accepting the tenets of the plot as they were just too, too fantastic and became more and more so with each page.

To me, the "Big Bad Guy" was quite obvious from the introduction of that character. Why in the world our hero, Cam Richter, couldn't see that, really dumbed him down.

Deutermann's first books as well as Pacific Glory and the Ghosts of Bungo were excellent. I'm sorry to see that his later books have deteriorated so.

Kyla Zerbes says

I'm still listening/reading so maybe my rating will go up but so far, this is super unbelievable.

Spoilers - They probably should have done some more investigating before deciding one person was the likely suspect (2 relatives plus others, the DA, and a couple of the cops were all possibilities). And I'm sorry

but their computer expert is a huge conflict of interest and should have been a potential suspect so would not have been involved in potentially covering up her own crime. WTF?! Especially when there were more email problems after she was given access to their servers. And her description of what the firewalls blocked wasn't what was implied (she was talking attachments of streaming videos, not links to websites that could be anything).

And they really need to tie the first scene into the rest of the book sometime soon.

Dec 1 - can I give this a zero?

So, the cat dancers part makes sense now but I'm super pissed that I was right about the bad guy. Richter is the shittiest detective ever and the FBI cannot be that incompetent. The only thing that made this at all redeemable is Dick Hill narrating but then I thought of how Reacher would deal with this mess and got angry again

Jim says

Career criminals Kyle "K-Dog" Simmonds and his partner "Flash" Butts go on trial for a gruesome crime. But unfortunately for the D.A.'s

office Judge Annie Bellamy throws the case out of court on a technicality. Protagonist Lt. Cam Richter shortly thereafter receives an e-mail with K-Dog strapped into a makeshift electric chair. A vigilante has taken matters into their own hands. After K-Dog is executed on line the vigilante promises "Flash" will be next. Cam and his sidekick Kenny Cox are on the case trying find this vigilante. Sure enough "Flash" is then executed the same as K-Dog was. The police then figure the judge is in danger next. With an army of police guarding the judge and her house, she's still killed in a bomb blast. Cam begins to suspect this is an inside job. Rouge cops handing out their own justice. The story line goes from town to mountains and back to police headquarters. The book's characters are very well developed and to a point very lifelike. The dialog in spots is somewhat weak and spotty. The book does seem like it takes forever to come to a conclusion. I gave it 3 stars out of 5. It took me too long to read the book, and the second half just dragged. I'd recommend this yarn if you're in no hurry to quickly read a mystery/ thriller. The story was okay. The wow factor was not there. I had to really force myself to wrap up the novel. If the second half was as good as the first half- would have been a 5 star book.

Cindy says

This book has it all! Action, suspense, romance, complex characters...I could not put it down.

JoDee says

Cam is a character my husband understand better than I do. It is sexist to say that but his viewpoint is very masculine.

Carl Alves says

A cat dancer, as in the title of this novel, is a mountain climber who get as close as possible to take a snap shot of a mountain lion. It seemed that the author really wanted to write a novel that features these cat

dancers, and built a story to incorporate it that sometimes works and sometimes doesn't work. Linking the plot to the cat dancers is a man who gets electrocuted in a homemade electric chair by vigilante killers. Lt. Cam Richter is investigating the case and winds up in the mountains of North Carolina in search of the vigilantes, where he has to put his mountain climbing skills to work.

There is a definite thrill component to the novel. Deuterman keeps the thrills and chills coming along. Unfortunately there are big plot holes and serious believability issues associated with the story. This makes the story an entertaining read, but not something that I would consider a real captivating novel.

Carl Alves – author of Blood Street
