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Run: A Thriller





Synopsis

Five days ago a rash of bizarre murders swept the country. Senseless. Brutal. Seemingly unconnected.... A cop walked into a nursing home and unloaded his weapons on elderly and staff alike. A mass of school shootings. Prison riots of unprecedented brutality. Mind-boggling acts of violence in every state. Four Days Ago the murders increased ten-fold.... Three days ago the President addressed the nation and begged for calm and peace.... Two days ago the killers began to mobilize.... Yesterday all the power went out.... Tonight they're reading the names of those to be killed on the Emergency Broadcast System. You are listening over the battery-powered radio on your kitchen table, and they've just read yours. Your name is Jack Colclough. You have a wife, a daughter, and a young son. You live in Albuquerque, New Mexico. People are coming to your house to kill you and your family. You don't know why, but you don't have time to think about that any more. You only have time to run!

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Customer Reviews

Run barely gives the reader time to breathe before it takes off, following Jack, Dee, and their two children, Naomi and Cole attempting to avoid the targets on their backs, get out of Albuquerque, and find refuge and answers. The family faces challenges to their unity and their sanity as they journey from the New Mexico highways to the Rockies. The killers are patrolling the roads in a convoy of vehicles. Any run-in with strangers could mean meeting an ally, or fighting for survival. The truck needs fuel and oil. The family needs food and water, and a plan - all of which are in short

supply. Crouch puts his characters through a barrage of tests, offering them just enough rewards and peace to set up their next challenge. They face gunmen, dogs, starvation, freezing to death, and sometimes each other, as they struggle to find a path to survival and hope for a future. He creates fantastic visuals that capture the sheer beauty of nature, and also the horrific impact made as the packs of killers slice their way through these pictures. He offers description that can only come from a person with knowledge of these cities and mountains. He accomplishes this without being too wordy and distracting from the action and emotion of the scenes. Crouch paints scenery just as easily as he paints agony. He has a fantastic talent for connecting readers with the pain of his characters, good and bad alike. Run accelerates like an avalanche; building slowly at first, then overwhelming readers once it gains momentum. The book offers a good "slow burn" for a while, but continues to amplify in intensity and action. Run begins with Jack's struggle as an estranged husband and a challenged father. His everyday concerns become trivial. Sports scores and celebrity news are long gone.

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