

Reviews For: Dangerous Perceptions: The Road To Nowhere
Author: Stuart Murray

A Great Read! 5 Stars

By Jamie Murphy on January 23, 2015

Format: Kindle Edition

Dangerous Perceptions, Pt. 1, begins with an exhilarating blast from the starting blocks as the protagonists give righteous chase to a petrol-head following an almost fatal accident, but this debut novel from Stuart Murray is so much more than a thrill ride. Though the excitement and tension never releases its grip on the reader, their dynamics undergo subtle and enticing changes as the story progresses on a physical level from the rugged terrain and waterways of America's back-country to the dust and terror of Iraq, and along a metaphysical journey of humanity's eternal struggle with greed, power, trauma and love.

Through artfully varied and brilliantly conceived characters these quintessential aspects of life we all as individuals have to suffer and bear, Murray explores mankind's darkest desires and highest hopes. The outwardly enigmatic Steve Tate, a hardened and war-scarred veteran, is forced to confront his fears in the shape of his beautiful wife, whilst Wayne Jackson, the viciously self-centered and ego-driven family man, offers introspection on the alpha-male pursuing wealth, control, and more carnal pleasures. With a host of other interesting and absorbing characters, including the passively desperate Joe Carter, a perennially tobacco chewing loner, driven to the edge in his vendetta with the Jackson clan, *Dangerous Perceptions, Pt. I* is an engaging novelization of the opportunities and temptations offered by our modern world, whilst remaining one of the best page-turning stories you will read this year.

Shades of Deliverance and Race With The Devil. 5 Stars

By Teresa Cypher on August 21, 2015

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I finished reading this book a couple of months ago, and am just now getting to writing my review. Time can be an excellent judge of a book; although a considerable amount of it has gone by, the story stayed with me.

Two couples who are good friends, go for a much anticipated vacation together. They drive out west, their destination a golf resort in the mountains. And as agreed by both couples, it's a vacation without electronic devices, too. So, they left their cell phones at home.

On the interstate, they are nearly run off the road by a hopped-up truck. An older couple was run off the road at the same time; their car needed a tow. So the vacationers follow the route the truck had taken off the interstate exit, and down a two lane road. They wanted to report the driver to the authorities, and get help for the older couple.

But it wasn't just a short diversion down a two lane road they took; it was a trip down a long road to a place that could cost them their lives if they didn't find a way out.

The book was go-go-go from page one. The action scenes were riveting--and there was very little that wasn't action and fraught with calamity at the next bend.

Murray wrote a story with shades of "Deliverance" and "Race With The Devil".

I'll read the sequel.

A Roller Coaster Ride. 5 Stars

By Lyn on April 11, 2015

Format: Kindle Edition

This book keeps the reader on the edge of their seat on a roller coaster ride from the backwaters of Montana to the harsh terrain of Iraq and back. It contains several sections which were truly thrilling, the different time periods brought together expertly by the author. The plot flowed seamlessly from exhilarating chase to emotional confrontation, the calmer sections allowing development of the characters and background stories . I'm looking forward to reading the sequel!

A wild ride of Dangerous Perceptions. 5 Stars

By Peggy Edelheit on March 19, 2015

Format: Kindle Edition **Verified Purchase**

'One day is all it takes for the world they know to be plunged into uncertainty, for lives to be threatened and the future to be brought into question.' These words from the author, Stuart Murray, perfectly describe this story. From the first chapter, you know you are in for a nonstop thrilling read. It is a wild ride.

Escalating circumstances, difficult decisions, powerful egos, and innocent people collide, becoming swept up in one clash after another. Multiple bad decisions are made by all sides and quickly deteriorate into paybacks with consequences. Two individuals, Steve Tate, a former Marine and Wayne Jackson, an arrogant Montana ranch owner, constantly lock horns in a battle of wits and personalities.

This is a powerful thriller that jumps off the pages in an engaging read filled with Dangerous Perceptions on all sides.

A white-water ride on The Road To Nowhere - Very Highly Recommended 5 Stars

By Sarah Stuart on January 31, 2015

Format: Kindle Edition

The holiday drive is so peaceful Steve's three companions, his friend Jeff and both their wives, are sleeping, until a powerful black truck deliberately causes him to brake. Time stops; the reader knows the crunch of a terrible accident is coming... Alive, but furious, Steve is intent on getting close enough to read the truck's number-plate, and from that moment on the action is non-stop. A car chase worthy of the best Hollywood movies. Shooting: bullets from a gun and white-water rapids... And then Mr Murray, with consummate skill, avoids the trap of presenting a stereotype "baddie" by letting the reader meet Calvin Jackson, the dangerous driver.

Calvin's father, Wayne, is a successful ranch owner and businessman who has the corrupt local sheriff in his power. Wayne Jackson has made enemies on his ruthless scramble from poverty, and it is they who endanger the lives of Steve and Jeff's wives, but Jackson is aware the time is coming when he must choose one of his four sons to take over the family business. Calvin, shown in flashback as a bully and a coward, is not "Daddy's" first choice and will do anything his father says to sway him away from his brothers.

Dangerous Perceptions is fast-paced and gripping, and yet includes evocative phrases like "a place where seeds of dreams blossomed" and "he rolled around as helplessly as a rag doll in a washing machine". A superb thriller from an author set for the bestseller lists.