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Two small-time thugs are hired to transport a caged werewolf cross-country. But when the werewolf escapes, their lives are on the line if they can't find the lycanthrope and get the beast back in his cage.

Wolf Hunt Details

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Michael Hicks says

My original WOLF HUNT audiobook review and many others can be found at Audiobook Reviewer.

I imagine Jeff Strand's elevator pitch for Wolf Hunt being along the lines of 'The Sopranos Meet The Wolfman.' If this intrigues you, then it's really about all that needs to be said of Strand's funny, bloody werewolf romp. Frankly, it's all I would have needed to be hooked straightaway. If this does not intrigue you, then I'm afraid I can't help you.

George and Lou are not exactly made guys, and deny even being mobsters at all, but they are clearly some well-connected thugs who have little problem breaking thumbs over debts owed to their bosses. They're tasked with transporting a bad dude named Ivan across Florida to a crime lord, with Ivan locked in a cage. Strand sets up his story in a fun way, with a lot of dispute over Ivan's credentials as a werewolf and plenty of is-he or isn't-he back and forth (George and Lou aren't buying it, and Ivan has fun stringing them along). Things quickly go south, and after saving and accidentally kidnapping Michelle, the thugs are in a race to stop Ivan before he can wreak all kinds of carnage across the Sunshine State.

Strand does a beautiful job balancing wit with werewolf violence, and one early scene in particular stands out as being a gruesomely effective showcase to Ivan's psychopathy, while also solidifying the bloody courtship between he and George. Although Wolf Hunt has a number of gory instances, there's a certain lightness to the work as a whole thanks to a lot of humorous banter and a handful of characters that are actually fun to spend seven hours with.

Besides Strand's quirkiness, a lot of this fun is owed to narrator Scott Thomas, who seems to be enjoying himself quite a bit and effortlessly brings the material to life. He provides each character with a distinct voice and speech pattern, which makes it easy to discern who is saying what during stretches of dialogue, and keeps the listen fresh throughout. Thomas hits all the right notes and delivers an excellent performance. The production values are fine, too, and Thomas' work comes through without a hitch.

If you're looking for a genuinely fun and comedic horror listen, Wolf Hunt definitely stands out from the pack.

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Trish says

This is a fun little story of two thugs getting a new job - to transport a supposed werewolf, a guy named Ivan, from one place to another. Easy peasy. Until the guy gets loose and there is a chase through a number of towns in Florida, leaving a bloody trail behind.

George and Lou, the two thugs mentioned above, are not really bad guys though they do break some people's fingers sometimes. They aren't the smartest guys either, but somehow they are very likeable. Especially since

they stumble from one situation to the next, completely out of their element, realizing werewolves are real, getting almost-killed a couple of times and in the end just go after the wolf to save lives.

The banter is the best part in this novel though their clumsiness is just as funny. They made me laugh every other minute until I hurt all over.

Make no mistake, this is the literary equivalent of a B-movie at best, but an endearing B-movie with a legitimate monster, lots of things that go BOOM, two great MCs and lots of humour.

Char says

This is a story about a caged werewolf in human form and the two men who are charged with taking him on a 5 hour drive.

Sounds simple, right? Especially if you don't believe in werewolves.

Of course, all hell, and the werewolf, breaks loose.

This book had some gore and a completely psychotic werewolf, even when he was in human form.

The two drivers were hilarious and with all the action going on, it was very hard to put this book down.

Highly recommended for those with a twisted sense of humor and a love of the horror genre.

Dan Schwent says

When thugs George and Lou are hired to transport a man in a cage, it sounds like a gravy job. Only the man is actually a psychotic werewolf just waiting to go on a rampage...

This is the eighteenth book in my Kindle Unlimited Experiment. For the 30 day trial, I'm only reading books that are part of the program and keeping track what the total cost of the books would have been.

As far as classic monsters are concerned, werewolves often get the short end of the stick. How many really good werewolf movies or books can you name? That's what I thought. From now on, though, Wolf Hunt is going to be the first book I think of when people mention werewolves.

While Wolf Hunt has more than its share of gore and general werewolf carnage, I'd say it's more of a dark comedy. The violence is tempered with grim humor. For instance "He was pretty sure the first female orgasm he ever witnessed was when his grandmother found an antique coffee table."

Ivan the werewolf makes a great foil for professional lowlifes Lou and George, a psychotic killer driven by his base desires. George and Lou just keep plugging along, trying to recapture him so they don't end up sleeping with the fishes. Hostage Michelle throws a wrench in the works but proved she wasn't just bait or an available orifice for the main characters.

Wolf Hunt has a lot of things going for it; gunplay, comedy, gore, and car chases. It's almost like Smoky and the Bandit with a werewolf in it at times and is even more fun than it sounds. Four furry howling stars!

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Erin *Proud Book Hoarder* says

This fun, demented little book concerns two semi-friendly thugs who have to transport a man trapped in a cage four hours away to Florida. The man in question, Ivan, is reputed to be a werewolf, which of course George and Lon don't believe. As long as they get paid, games on, until Ivan shows how much he enjoys mentally screwing with the men.

The characters rocked for *Wolf Hunt*. George and Lon are constantly indulging in silly conversations that border on ridiculous. They reminded me of a pair you'd see in a cheesy comedy movie, but it works here. I can tell Ivan is amused by the duo, which I would also be, but Ivan is amused by general by people, especially when he sets out to kill them. Apparently Ivan didn't need the werewolf reputation because he's always been a serial killer. Enter a plot twist.

Knock aside the funny times that left me seriously grinning with their dialogue and amusing situations, and you see this book is also filled with plenty of violence. The death count is mega when Ivan goes on a killing spree. Jeff Strand is clearly talented, especially with the ironic situations and coming up with how everything can go wrong for poor George and Lon. The steady dialogue is what fills most of the book, and it's a breeze to read through.

I really need to read more werewolf fiction that's horror-focused, it's a back-burner plan this year, and *Wolf Hunt* was a fun visit into the furry fiction. It's not like other shifter fiction I've read.

Gregor Xane says

Jeff Strand's *Wolf Hunt* was a fine bit of breezy, gory horror. I like humor mixed with my horror, and Mr. Strand is quickly becoming a go-to guy for me when I'm in the mood for something smart, snappy, and soaked with blood.

For a while now, I've been searching for a good take on the werewolf story, and, while this story doesn't bring much new to the werewolf myth, it served as a pleasant enough distraction. However, I did find the two protagonists virtually interchangeable, and the plot was too simplistic. Don't get me wrong, I think a simple plot is a good idea for a humorous piece like this. Complicated plots can get in the way of the laughs. But, in this case, at the very least, a more sharply delineated three act structure would have helped a great deal. As is, I felt the story grew a bit repetitious and flat, and there never really was a grand twist or awesome reveal that propelled this book out of the *merely* really darn good territory.

Oh, and the ending seemed rushed.

3.14159 stars!

Tressa says

Imagine a werewolf that is also a black-hearted serial killer. How he'd revel in his power and ability to be

able to change at will and not have to wait for a full moon, making conscience-free kills with glee. This is Ivan and lucky for the rest of the world he's got George and Lou—two professional thugs-for-hire who do have a conscience—on his trail, adamant about ridding the world of this psychopath wolfman even if it means damaging their own bodies beyond repair. This is a gory, violent, bloody, funny tale and I gave it five stars because it perfectly delivered what it set out to do.

Marvin says

It is obvious from the title and cover, that *Wolf Hunt* by Jeff Strand is a werewolf novel. What I didn't expect was the equivalent of a buddy movie. George Orton and Lou Flynn are long-time partners in thumb-breaking and other dirty deeds for organized criminal types. They are polite thugs and very loyal to each other. Their bond is in no way frivolous and is tested severely in this non-stop action story. They are given the task of transport a werewolf to some kind of mob boss. Of course they do not believe the skinny smart-ass in the cage is a werewolf and since there is no full moon, that he is dangerous. They are wrong.

So that's the set-up which the author plays to the hilt. I thoroughly enjoyed this as a light horror read and really liked the pair of George and Lou. I saw them as the equivalent of Dale and Tucker from the film *Dale and Tucker vs. Evil* although not as red-neck and not as sweet...but just as likable. To do that, the author had to revert to the silliness in characterization that prevails in stories about hero thugs. George and Lou have no problem breaking thumbs but will not take jobs that involve women or children nor will they murder anyone. Yeah, right. This is more unbelievable than the existence of werewolves. But if you can get through that leap of faith, you will find *Wolf Hunt* to be one of the better werewolf tales out there. Three and a half stars.

Michele Lee says

Reviewed for MonsterLibrarian.com

Ivan is a total bad guy, a complete jerk who can calmly and sinisterly point out everyone's stupidity while gleefully killing them. Luckily he's also the cargo of two stone cold, no-nonsense mafia transport men who are taking him across Florida to...well they don't get paid to ask questions. Too bad Ivan just got loose and is now roaming suburban neighborhoods slaughtering people.

Strand's *Wolf Hunt* is a wild ride, full of characters who don't fall for all the typical horror novel tropes and face their circumstances with casual sensibility. Definitely a stand out in horror, much less werewolf tales, this is the story for people disillusioned with all the other werewolves out there, especially the thinly veiled alpha male stereotypes. Highly recommended for private and public collections.

Contains: Language, violence, gore

Bradley says

Gotta love me some horror/humor!

I can totally see myself watching this as a low-budget horror! Two thugs, a hapless girl, and a truly monstrous werewolf. Make it a road trip. Add tons of cool quips and sassy dialogue and make sure everything that can go wrong, does.

Simple? Hell yeah. Trashy? Hell yeah. But I should point out that it's also funny as hell and when it gets bloody, it's just as delicious. I can't believe that Ivan the Werewolf can be so damn evil! Like, utterly nasty. Such a relief from Team Jacob. (Of which there was a reference.) :)

hooooooooowl

Why haven't I ever read Strand before? It takes a certain kind of genius to write B-Movie madness so well off the screen. This novel zipped by real quick, dirty, and fun. :) Total mindcandy. I mean, what else can you expect when you throw two idiot bounty hunters at a werewolf? They're completely unprepared!

Time to claw out some eyeballs for fun! :) Truly delightful. :)

Not Now...Mommy's Reading says

It's official. Jeff Strand has replaced Edward Lee on my list of favorite authors. Not to compare the two since they both have very different writing styles but I needed to find a replacement and Mr. Strand is it.

I fell in love with George and Lou and kept my fingers crossed as they battled Ivan - the thought of losing either of them made me sick to my stomach. The witty verbal exchanges between these two had me laughing out loud several times. There couldn't be a pair of more endearing "bad guys".

Ivan was just...evil. It's one thing to kill with a motive but to kill just for the sake of killing? Well, that's not very nice. And he takes the term "cocky smart @ss" to a whole new level. Which makes Ivan the perfect villain.

I gave this book four stars instead of five because I found myself tiring of the chase towards the end of the book. I was literally just wanting it to be over. I don't blame this on the author one bit. As a child, I literally HATED the RoadRunner and Coyote cartoons because the Coyote could never get one up on RoadRunner and for once I just wanted to see the Coyote sitting somewhere with roasted RoadRunner on a silver platter in front of him! What was the point of making me watch that stupid cartoon for all those years and he never even gets the bird?! ARE YOU INTENTIONALLY MESSING WITH MY EMOTIONS?!!! Suffice it to say, I have banned this particular cartoon from my home.

The ending was one of the best I've read. No jaw-dropping moment, no secret twist revealed - it was just....cooooool. *smile

All in all, Wolf Hunt was a great read and I look forward to reading many more titles by this talented author.

Richard says

If you're looking for a wild ride, you've come to the right place! Author Jeff Strand is known for his outrageous and bizarre horror comedy and this book is one of the best examples of what he can do. It follows two thumbbreaker thugs on an epic adventure through Florida as they try to transport a werewolf to a mysterious client.

George and Lou are great protagonists, who start out as your usual dickish thugs but quickly become lovable and memorable heroes that are trying to do what's right. And what's right is stopping a damn werewolf from slaughtering innocent people. Their constant bickering and increasingly apparent moral code really make them a pair to root for. You especially want to stand on their side when you see the crazy shit they're up against. The werewolf is one of the most nasty and sadistic villains I've read in a long time; unpredictable and ruthless, making any scene with him crackle with intensity.

And a Jeff Strand book is anything but boring. He writes with a manic urgency and a lightning pace that makes it hard to look away. One thing I'm always worried about when I start a book like this is that the comedy would weaken the impact of the horrific. But that's not the case here. Strand impressively finds the perfect balance, where I genuinely laughed out loud at times but it didn't lessen the discomforting shock I felt at certain sequences, scenes that I'll remember for a while.

If you're looking for an ultra fast-paced, action-packed novel written by a natural, I would highly recommend this one!

Bark says

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Two wise cracking lower level thugs take on the job of transporting a so-called werewolf named Ivan to a wealthy weirdo who wants him for nefarious purposes. The two figure it'll be easy money. There's no such thing as a real werewolf, right?

Things go awry, as they will. This is a novel written by Jeff Strand after all. Blood is shed and sarcasm is spewed hither and fro (along with a few body parts) as our tenacious thugs make one dumb move after another. It's funny, they reminded me a little of those loveable nitwits from Home Alone at points, but it's also brutal. This is a black comedy and I'm still not over an early scene involving dogs and probably never will be.

But that's my problem.

Anyway, despite my sadness about a particular scene, the writing and the spectacular narration had an insidious power over me and I kept going, even when it took me to places I didn't particularly want to visit. The story was nuts and the narration one of the best I've listened to in a good long while. He gave each character their own distinctive voice, didn't go all fake falsetto on the women characters and really brought the scenes to life. Even when the story dragged here and there, I never found myself dozing and I credit that to the narrator.

I'd give the story a three and the narration a five. Guess I'll have to settle for a four.

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Bill says

Wolf Hunt is a blast. With classic Strand characters and dialog this one moves fast on a rollercoaster of chaos! A rocket ride thru bloody body parts and mayhem.

George and Lou are hired for a simple transport job. At least until they find out that they will be driving a werewolf named Ivan across Florida. Easy cheesy! Ok, not so much...all hell breaks loose in this one and it's a race to see if George and Lou can get the situation under control before Ivan runs amok and kills them both...or worse.

(view spoiler)

Solid 4+ Stars! Highly Recommended!

Arun Divakar says

This book does not need much by means of a review for the simple reason that there is nothing too deep in here. There is no story, no characterization, nothing that warrants a detailed review. The contents of this book are 250 pages of pure adrenaline. Jeff Strand makes it very clear from the opening pages that his story is not built for the highbrow readers of horror fiction. At the end of this book, you will have had a roller coaster ride filled with thrills and the author delivers that perfectly.

Two hired thugs : George & Lou are handed a rather odd package to transport from Miami to Tampa. The package is in a cage inside a van and it is a Lycanthrope (which in simple English means Werewolf). The rest is as you would have anticipated, a cliché : Werewolf escapes, mayhem and resolution. The book however is interesting due to two reasons : Firstly, the antagonist Ivan the Werewolf is an absolutely nasty beast. There is nothing refined about him, no redeeming character traits, no romantic tones or anything that makes you even like him remotely. He is 100% evil, a beast that will not hesitate to rip your throat out in the blink of an eye. The body count he leaves behind is absolutely mindboggling. After a few scenes, I lost count of how many he kills as he moves through Florida. He is also an arrogant, cocky and downright irritating human being when he is not in his wolf form. This made him a very daunting beast and a frustratingly efficient antagonist. The second reason is the non-stop action in the book. Somewhere after the first ten pages, a shot is fired and from then on till the end the action never stops. The protagonists Lou and George get punched, kicked, thrown about, burned, slashed, bitten, torn up and shot multiple times over the course of the story. They still have the fight left in them and come back to get even with the werewolf. Two stubborn humans against a ruthless beast and the action goes on and on.

The genre of slasher porn is now so cliché that the ordinary fails to appease me. Jeff Strand's story mixes action, humor and a dash of slasher porn into an enjoyable cocktail.

Recommended. Don't look too deep into the story. Enjoy the ride !

