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In the heart of the rain forest, something deadly is stirring. Older than life itself, it feeds on the living, silently, mercilessly, with a speed and fatality matched only by the terror of its gruesome symptoms. Patrick Lynch's Carriers captures this fear, and presents a world where the war between mankind and nature makes any victory for science temporary at best. When a plague-like outbreak strikes Indonesia and a team of American biological-warfare experts are brought in to discover its source, they find only corpses and riddles without answers - until Holly Becker arrives. She's come to the jungle to find her two young daughters, likely victims of the terrible plague, and in her quest may lie the secret to the terror that threatens to engulf them all.

Deep in the rain forest, a team of American biological-warfare experts is investigating an outbreak--and discovering nothing but corpses and riddles without answers. This virus is mercilessly quick. Powerfully contagious. And most frightening of all--it is airborne. "Imagine a bug one hundred times more contagious than ebola."--USA Today. (Fiction--Psychological Suspense)

Carriers Details

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Sol T says

Read on an empty stomach. I almost barfed about.....every 2 minutes!?!?!

Alycia says

This was a really good book. I know it was turned into a movie at some point, but I have never seen it. It is kind of like the book "outbreak", only better.

Antonia says

creepy and all the more reason to stay the heck away from monkeys

Dorrie says

This fast-paced and exciting book tells the fictional story of the outbreak of a deadly new virus and the havoc it wreaks in its wake. The story begins mysteriously in New Mexico some nine years in the past and then shifts to the present time to the rain forests of Sumatra. There, a brilliant American botanist named Jonathan Rhodes is searching and classifying Sumatran plant life in the hopes of discovering new medicinal plants, thus single-handedly ensuring the survival of the rain forest. He has brought his twelve-year-old twin daughters (on their summer break from school) with him on this excursion so they can experience real-life science lessons. Also accompanying him is his much-younger female love interest, who is also a botanist. Rhodes's ex-wife, Holly, decides that she misses her daughters too much, and after they've been gone for two weeks, she decides to fly out to Sumatra to visit them. She has never gotten over her love for her ex-husband and secretly hopes that maybe this reunion of sorts will serve to re-unite them. In the meantime, a deadly virus has broken out in the Sumatran rain forests where Rhodes's camp is, beginning with an animal hunter named Ahmad, who specializes in capturing monkeys to sell, and spreading to thousands of others across the country, killing each and every one of its victims. The disease shows up in an animal holding facility in the U.S., where monkeys for experimental use have just been imported from Sumatra. A U.S. military virological team of experts is sent to Sumatra, after several U.S. scientists die, in the hopes of discovering the vector. The leader of the team is a strong and admirable woman character named Lieutenant Colonel Carmen Travis.

The fatal course of the disease is described in gruesome detail and effectively serves to scare the reader into begging for answers and into trying his hand at an explanation into the origin of the virus. The book briefly explores the sordid world of prostitution and the selling of pre-pubescent girls in third-world societies. It also touches upon the antipathy of the Muslim world towards the United States. Ironically, their worst fears and beliefs are realized in the incredible conclusion of this book.

Andi says

A terrifying, bloody, gruesome virus is spreading like wildfire, and it's up to a dedicated scientist to save his family, and possibly all of humanity, before critical mass is achieved.

This is a top-notch epidemiological thriller, with a number of unexpected and exciting twists, and if you can wade through oceans of gore to stick with the plot, it's well worth the desire to take a shower afterward. (And possibly bathe in bleach.)

I'm stating that very bluntly because this book is straight-up **gross** at times, but there are sound medical reasons behind the horrifying and lovingly-described Ebola-on-steroids deaths, and it's a very good read -- but I don't recommend it for the squeamish.

There are elements of body horror incorporated into the book that are outside the bounds of some other books in the same genre (an exception being "Mount Dragon"), so I'm giving fair warning -- but if you liked "The Andromeda Strain," "The Cobra Event," or "Mount Dragon," you'll probably like this one as well!

Jo Pearson says

Loved this book, it was intense, said, wonderful, horrible, tantalizing, gruesome.... The whole package! One of my fav and a must recommend! I loved this book so much, I have been searching for it for the last few yrs because I could remember the title (read it about a decade ago) Thank you to a site that was able to help find the name for me a few dys ago, I shall read it again!!! I RARELY reread a book, but totally worth it!

Linda says

Loved the book. Very intense and hard to put down. Lots of characters that you need to remember...I found myself looking back several times. It was so intriguing I had to look places up on a map to get a feel for the territory that was being covered!! I would highly recommend!! Thank you Jo for sharing with us!!

Jill says

I picked up this book because I really enjoyed reading "The Hot Zone." I have to say that I really enjoyed the thrill ride I was taken on.... yes, the story jumps around a bit and it seems like there are so many ends that they couldn't possibly all be covered in the pages of the book, but they are all intertwined- threads of a larger rope. Each one makes you curious in a different way, and the surprise at the end kept me turning pages until it was all over...

Joy says

very good book about a plague.

Gail says

Good thriller with the usual twist at the end.

Olethros says

-Como un telefilm de sobremesa.-

Género. Novela.

Lo que nos cuenta. El libro Virus letal (publicación original: Carriers, 1995) nos lleva hasta las junglas de Sumatra, donde se está incubando una plaga silenciosa que, aunque daña a los habitantes locales y a los extranjeros desplazados a la zona para distintas actividades, no preocupará hasta que se detecte su llegada a los USA y desde Indonesia surjan las alarmas.

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Julia says

Great Book! I read it when I had a bad cold! Not a good idea! It made the story even wierder!

Eric says

Carriers by Patrick Lynch is a superb zombie-monster type thriller type book. it centers around an ancient virus that has been lurking deep in the indonesian jungle that supposedly caused for the many disappearances of the local villagers. An expert team of American scientists including Holly Becker arrive at the scene but to only be greeted with corpses as far as the eye can see. I recommend this book to all zombie or man eating monster type books because the mystery of the unknown virus will be sure to keep readers hooked.

Patrice says

This is a good, but disturbing read.

Jen says

Hot on the trail of having just finished another technothriller, I picked up Carriers. This is a reread for me. I first picked it up in high school, having read The Hot Zone (about Ebola), and the fact that the back of this book promises to be about a plague more deadly and infectious than Ebola, well ... I'm sure you can see where my high school mind was going with this.

So, then, what prompted the reread? I was making additional space on my bookshelf and one of the paperbacks had to go. After looking over the books I've decided to keep as a permanent collection, I decided that the one I'd be the least devastated to part with (though I'm still distraught) was Carriers {now available for you to request on PaperbackSwap}, but I wouldn't let it go without a reread.

This is a technothriller to the max. It has epidemiological deliciousness spread throughout moments of sheer terror caused by animals behaving as they will and humans' almost infinite ability to throw up a huge wall of denial when met with a scary problem. In this case, the scary problem was a malarial mutation which is just likely enough to be believable. This book follows two different protagonists and provides two different view points, switching when necessary. I really like that in a novel, though I recognize that some of you may not, which is why you are getting the warning.

That said, this novel is a hot mess of characters, story lines, and subplots that mostly get resolved. If you don't like a book that makes you track details, then this is not the book for you. Also, there are clinical descriptions of the symptoms of this horrific virus. If you have a problem discussing bodily fluids and orifices around the dinner table, you may want to read this with an airsickness bag beside you.
