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Tragedy . . . heartache . . . how much more can Tyler Montgomery and John Webster take? This missions trip, the “healing” one, has only added fresh layers of pain. Construction of an orphanage in Haiti’s northwest . . . yes. But a doomed rescue operation, human traffickers, human anomalies, extreme personal danger . . . risk of death? They hadn’t signed up for any of those.

Turning their backs on the crisis, however, is unthinkable, it’s just not who they are

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D.L. Finn says

I knew the topic going into reading this fictional book: child trafficking. Mr. Bierman shows the reader the process, including how children are kidnapped from their families--or the worst when their families sell them into slavery. The poverty and greed that uses children...I have a hard time absorbing that and worried this would be a hard read for me, but it wasn't. The storyline centers on two American men doing missionary work in Haiti. A young girl is kidnapped, and they start on a journey to find her. The story's told through different characters, which held my interest as they became interwoven. The action is non-stop and I had a hard time putting it down. I was fully invested in the characters and had a range of emotions from joy to sadness. This is a book that can make you think about an unpleasant subject, while being a good fictional story that entertains. I can easily recommend "Vanished" especially if you love action and the depth of a thought-provoking subject put together.

Erik McManus says

This book was very interesting. Every scene moved quickly but it kept the plot moving along and it made it so that the storyline never really had a dull pause. It's funny because one of the main characters is named John Webster and I actually know a John Webster ?

The book brings light to a huge issue. Human Trafficking. It is such a big problem in 3rd world countries and it's brutal because a lot of the human trafficking is children that are stolen or kidnapped off the street and thrown into slavery. In this book, the main characters are trying to save a young girl who has been kidnapped and put into slavery. So many people would turn a blind eye to it and say that there is no hope and she is gone but not John and Tyler. They go through a lot to find this girl and see unimaginable things that are genuinely upsetting but very real. There are a lot of cool characters introduced along the way and the story is told from all different perspectives that intertwine by the end.

The only thing I didn't really like about the book was that there are some characters that are introduced and it seems like there will be more to them but then they are just dropped and out of the story, never to be heard of again. It only happened with one or two characters but I would have liked to hear more about their part in the whole thing.

Overall, it was an action-packed adventure that will have you on your toes from start to finish.

Jamin Melanson says

Mark does a great job with the plot and characters in Vanished. The terrors of Human Trafficking is a real threat in this world, and he does a great job portraying this evil in the book. As well, he implements a solid story through the eyes of Tyler and John. There were times I felt like I was one of them as they worked to rescue the kids from the clutches of the slavery. If you enjoy modern fiction, pick up this book. You will not be disappointed.

scott howse says

I found the author not only was a great story teller, but the entire book was thought provoking. The part of the book I loved the most, was the author's ability to develop his characters. I genuinely loathed the antagonist of this book, and that was due to the author's ability to portray the character so well!! This book is not only a book that makes you think about society, but its action packed and kept me up past my bedtime because I literally couldn't put it down!! Can't wait for more material from Mark, solid job.

Brenda Lortie says

Great book by this new writer! It definitely does not read as a first novel. Well composed and engaging. The material covered in this book is not light. However, the writer introduces it to us in a manner that is palatable yet provoking. Thank you for enlightening us on a topic that many are either unaware or in denial of. Along with clearly researched facts, the author has created a very strong plot line with deep character profiles to keep his readers engrossed. Even the ending was unique and something that other authors may not dare to entertain. It evoked a variety of emotions out of me, which I assume was the intent! Can't wait to read more from Mark Bierman!

Joshua Grant says

Mark Bierman does a fantastic job holding your attention all throughout his thrilling novel Vanished. Set in real events, Vanished begins with a prison break during the 2010 Haitian earthquake and never lets up from there. Bierman's characters are realistic and likeable and the plot always has an interesting twist to bear. A wonderful thrill ride, especially for any world travelers out there!

Karen Ingalls says

The subject of human trafficking is a painful subject to read about, but it is something that we all need to be aware of in hopes of bringing an end to this horrible part of most societies. Mr. Bierman does an excellent job bringing the subject to the forefront through a fictional story. The actions of two Americans in a foreign country to bring one little girl safely back home is the storyline.

I had to give it 4 stars because there was too much detailed description of their hunt through the forest and the mine. All in all this is a book I would recommend to anyone.

Jessica says

I got this book free from Goodreads giveaway. It is not the type of book I normally read, but I love how it captures your attention as soon as you open the book and you are transported to another part of the world.

This is a hard to put down page-turner, so get ready for an emotional journey!

Liliyana Shadowlyn says

A harrowing tale of love, loss, and redemption. Walk with Mark as he takes you on a twisting ride deep into the depths of humanity's depravity. This is not a light read, nor is it meant for those who wish to stay ignorant of the way things truly are in this world. A beacon of hope in all too often tragic world, 'Vanished' isn't afraid to tackle what many in more privileged countries consider taboo, even today.

Victorian Tea says

I was pleasantly surprised with Vanished. It is not normally the type of book I read but I am very glad I decided to give it a try. It piqued my interest from the minute I started it and my interest only intensified with the start of each new chapter. As with any good book I couldn't wait to see how it ended but then was left reeling from the emotions that it invoked. Well done Mr. Bierman! (less)

Happy Booker says

Vanished is a story about two people John and Tyler, trying to retrieve a little girl who has been stolen and sold by human traffickers. The couple goes through many obstacles in order to find the girl. The race is on when the time is precious and the life a little girl is involved which makes this story very interesting to read.

The literature was easy to understand, and the pace was fast. I found the subject matter to be susceptible for a reader that may not necessarily have the heart to read such things. There is a risk of death, layers of pain, crisis, and dealing with the unthinkable as they navigate through the journey of finding this girl.

I particularly liked the cover of the book. The storyline may have not been novel, but the way it was written made you feel for the characters and unwillingly show emotion and keep hope for the little girl being found. I believe that displays good writing.

The concept of the storyline was appealing. The one thing that could improve the work was its character introduction. There were times where new characters were brought into the storyline but did not possess much backstory. This did not, however, affect the story itself and would have mattered if the book had a sequel.

I recommend this story to people that enjoy reading fiction stories that offer some light on sensitive topics.

Wendi Bierman says

I very much enjoyed reading this very well written book. The author has a unique ability to describe events with imaginative yet concise terminology that makes a scene come alive. The story is an exciting and fast moving one, which very much holds the reader in suspense.

Angela says

This was an excellent book. The book held my attention through out. At some points in the book I felt as if I was there. I would highly recommend this book if you like suspense. Well done Mark!!!!
