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Dan Jenkins is back, body hopping a scumbag at a time in his quest for the perfect ride. He doesn't need much. Premium cable TV, good books, a well-stocked pantry, and he's set. But the Great Whomever has other plans.

After six months waiting in limbo, Dan catches a ride as a horror novelist whose gruesome stories aren't just fiction. Later, he hunts a man who's escaped justice for far too long. Then, in his greatest challenge yet, he strays too deeply into the lives of the people he loves: his most foolish ride of all.

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Steelwhisper says

4.5* rounded up.

Started out a bit weaker than the first in the series, but then got quite intriguing.

Daniel Penz says

Another great ride

Rarely have I torn through books as obsessively (I guess the last time was back when Tom Clancy was actually good).

This book and Kick haunted me these past three days, and frankly I will be waiting impatiently for more. A fascinating read, with a surprising amount of heart. Definitely worth your time!

Randy Harmelink says

For me, this one was a bit slower than the first, but I still enjoyed it thoroughly. Each ride is like Dan is peeling off the layers of an onion until we're left with the stinky bits that make you wanna cry. It's fun to see just how despicable the ridees can be. And who doesn't like a story of justice, where evil gets its due?

Eve says

This didn't have as much of the vigilante fun of the first book, and the MC disappointed me by being a little more passive, but it was a great progression of the story line and we find out more things about the afterlife and get some theories on Dan's status.

Patrick Stemp says

Highly enjoyable sequel. Without spoiling anything - the rides get a little less cut and dry in this one. Dan's rides are less likely to be standing over a body and holding a smoking gun when he takes over. He has to do a little digging, and doesn't always look in the right place. Rides start to overlap - whoever is in charge is either messing with him, or trying to help him out. Even Dan doesn't know which. Great follow up to Kick.

Emily says

I loved the first one so I had high hopes. I was hoping Dan would team up with the minister for a vigilante

duo righting all wrongs spree, but the book just kind of went nowhere with a bunch of twisted stomach turning violence.

Carol Kean says

Joy ride, or freaky, creepy carnival ride: come along for a spin.

Daniel Jenkins repeatedly returns to earth in human form to atone for his sins and deliver some good old-fashioned, oh, so gratifying, vigilante justice. Fans of Book One, "Kick," know Dan committed suicide while in college, bleeding all over the dorm room of the girl who'd jilted him. Horrors! What in the world could entice me to spend a whole novel in the point of view of a thoughtless, self-pitying loser like Dan? Does the writer even live who could interest me in this guy's miserable hereafter? Yes. Yes. And yes again.

Alas, poor Dan. He comprehends the magnitude of his stupid act of suicide. His guilt is so stupendous, he somehow finds himself entering the body of a living human man. What happens to the guy's soul while Dan occupies his "ride," we don't know, and we don't need to worry about that yet. Most of these guys end up dead, thanks to Dan, who somehow manages to occupy the body of a bad guy, a seriously, horribly bad guy who deserves to die immediately. And should have died before he had a chance to ruin so many other lives. From the opening scene of "Kick," I was hooked on Dan. He's become so thoughtful in the lonely hours of the hereafter, he even thinks to tighten a plastic bag around his head before holding a gun to it and blowing his brains out. Well, not his, as in Dan's, but his, as in whatever smarmy criminal was occupying this now-dead body.

If I make this sound way too complicated, trust me, it's easy to follow in the novel. Monk is methodical in delivering the right amount of information when we need it, without resorting to the dreaded "info-dump" of the novice author. With wit and humor, irony, one surprise after another, flying bullets, innocents to save, donuts to devour and food, food, food, Dan reminds us of how much fun it is to be human, and how great it is just to eat in front of a big-screen TV.

Riding along with Dan is living out a dream. What if we had only a few weeks to live--to feast on all our favorite foods, never having to choke down lima beans or broccoli in order to prolong our lives? Never having to consider cholesterol, diabetes or weight gain?

Too many "rides" in a row like that might get old (might! might!), but Dan never has time to be bored. The body he's in keeps getting phone calls or visits from other bad guys. Somehow he has to get his fill of pizza before dispatching the baddies. And he has to finish with the vigilante justice before the first, second and third warning kick that he's about to be evicted from the body he's riding around in. Now that's pressure. So much unfinished business to wrap up before he makes sure he leaves behind a dead body, not a criminal still alive and on the prowl.

Do I sound smitten with this premise? Well, I am.

Book One held a surprise when the final ride happens to be a nice guy, and Dan has to work heroically to keep Nate alive after Dan's ride is over. It occurs to Dan that in his next incarnation, he should look up Nate and ask him what it was like during the weeks Dan was occupying Nate's body. I had looked forward to finding out in Book Two, but Dan is much too busy dealing with a violent novelist and his snuff-film making cohorts, then with a house full of pedo--

But you don't want to hear it from me. You want to read it all for yourself.

And I hope for Book Three to come out soon. Nate, I want to know if you remember anything of those three weeks when Dan Jenkins was in your body, posing as you, eating your food, watching your TV, enjoying your big house and car. And helping to get you out of that crazy, stupid mess you got yourself into.

I also want to see Dan achieve whatever nirvana will release him from this cycle. Then again, as long as Dan is able to come back and eat junk food for a few weeks, maybe he'll never tire of the empty stretches in the great wherever. Maybe he'll meet the Great Whomever.

This is the most fun, gratifying, creepy, and satisfying fiction I've read in a long time. Plot holes don't matter. I'm along for the ride. Whether it's a joy ride or a freaky carnival ride, Dan has me hooked and wanting more.

p.s. Take a close look at the cover of "Kick." Twisted! (Love it!)

Dc says

Really liked the first one, the premise was awesome. In the first book I felt there was minimal description of what the evil creepy people did and more focus on stopping the evil! But this one was way more descriptive, violent, graphic and seemed to have lost the the humor of the first one. I stuck with it for a while hoping the funny and less descriptive story line would return with focus on ridding the world of evil scumbags- but it didn't so I finally gave up and just stopped reading.

Ozsaur says

I enjoyed the first book in this series so much, I immediately bought this one. No regrets! It didn't have quite the punch of the first book, but it did expand on Dan's background, his family, and tantalizing hints about what his existence is.

I still want to know more about why he was chosen to keep coming back, and what's the real reason for his body hopping.

I'm getting more into the episodic nature of each book. Each person he jumps into has a unique identity and problem for Dan to work out. No two hops are the same.

I can't say it's a "fun" ride because most of the people Dan deals with are horrible scumbags, but this series is certainly entertaining. I have the next book already!

Lori says

Awesome read

If you like or even read 'Kick' you'll love this book. If you haven't read 'Lusk I suggest you do then 'Fools Ride'.

In my opinion John Monk writes a great book. It has abit of Gore at times and funny that I atually laugh out loud. It can be intense at monuments but then you have your laid back time cause Dan, the main character is funny, likes to read, lay around watch t.v. and eat pizza and ice cream. Oh yea let's not forget donuts, lemon

especially.

On this particular ride ,the first I should say he's a really messed up horror writer that leads to a very bloody scene before he's kicked to yet another screwed up old man that ends up doing a good thing then he's into yet another screwed up man. But this all has a meaning it seems and it leans towards his family. After sitting in the great unknown for 5 yrs 7months and 17 days, I believe, he's lead to a big surprise. And no it seemed long but not that long. And I liked how he discovered the new movies right on your t.v., smart phones, tablets all the new stuff that changed in just 5 years. It was kind of amusing how he described it. I've grown pretty fond of Dan and his humor and killing sprees. I hope this isn't the last of him but I don't no if theirs anything left. He seems to ha Made his piece but then again he was potholes out shortly after to make that one digit off phone call .

So I guess we wait and see if there's a book three. Me my self I hope so. I get a kick ,lol, out if these books.

Johanna Rae says

What an awesome sequel to Kick! The lovable Dan Jenkins is back, larger than life. I found this story slightly slower to get into than its predecessor, but once I was in the thick of it, it was amazing. Just like the first book, once I became engrossed in the story, I found it difficult to put down.

I loved that we got to see some character growth with Dan, as inevitably, so many kicks are bound to take their toll on his psyche. It was great to learn more about his original life and family, and interesting how it tied in with everything else going on. Despite Dan's best efforts to remain unattached to his former life, he just can't help himself and it does present him with a few challenges as he battles to bring justice to his latest ride.

I found myself itching to know more about the minister, I feel there is a huge story arc there, just waiting to unfold. There is much more to that character than we first thought. I love that someone in Dan's present circumstance, knows of his predicament. I also loved the detail of the subplot with the 'wrong phone number' - I won't say more as I don't want to spoil it for future readers... but I highly recommend this book. If you have not already read Kick, I urge you to read that first.

David says

This was just as good as the first book in the series.

Glinda Harrison says

Great sequel!

Karen says

Seriously enjoyable. Just not necessarily five-star writing. (I'm a rough scorer.) Read it in as close to one sitting as I do these days. I definitely hope Monk keeps up this series.

Tammy K. says

Resuming 6 months after the ending of Kick, Fool's Ride finds Dan Jenkins jumping into the life of a famous horror author, Ernest Prescott, moments before a book signing. Dan finds that his ride lives a bizarre lifestyle which may threaten the lives of others.

If you enjoyed the first book of this series, you are sure to enjoy this one. It full of the same edge-of-your-seat suspenseful action.

I found myself cheering for Dan all the way!

I highly recommend this book (series) to readers of the Dark Fantasy, Horror and Thriller genre.

I do caution that this book contains violence and other material that may not be suited for young and/or sensitive readers.
