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Fishing. This is it, the big time. Mikey's 13, a deckhand working on a charter boat in Hawaii. Working for the best skipper anywhere, his stepdad, Bill. Before Bill came along, it was just Mikey and his mom. Now they're a real family, and Mikey has a little brother. He can't believe how lucky he is. And now he's learning from the best, even though he's only 13. Because Bill believes in him. And Mikey won't let him down. He loves fishing and being out on the boat. But some seas, some fish, and some charter clients are a lot tougher to handle than Mikey ever imagined. Take Ernie and Cal-they chartered Bill's boat for three days and they're out for the adventure of their lives. Now it's up to Mikey and Bill to deliver it.

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Avery Martin says

This story is about a thirteen year old boy named Mikey. His stepdad Bill is a charter boat captain and Mikey wants to be exactly like him. What Mikey is soon to realize though is that his stepdad Bill is not perfect.

Sandra Strange says

13-year-old Mikey idolizes his stepfather, Bill. He wants to be just like him, owning and operating his own deep sea fishing boat. However Bill smashes the idealistic picture Mikey has of him when he is challenged by customers Cal and Ernie, whose selfish arrogance force Bill to go against his own ethics and the law. The ending is realistic, but not idealistic, and may cause kids to challenge their own ideas of integrity. The issue, however, is real, and the dilemma is one students should talk about. The boy does stand up for his own ideals, even though his stepfather does not.

Adriane Devries says

Lord of the Deep is thrilling family entertainment, especially on audio during a cross-country road trip. Thirteen year old Mikey is given the chance to work with his step-Dad on his charter fishing boat, and is determined to prove he is as hard a worker as a man. He has the opportunity to show his prowess to pretty, sixteen-year-old Allison, who is on a three-day charter with her boisterous father and his beer-drinking buddy. Mikey finesses multiple lines and makes split-second decisions for the safety of the boat and crew during a crisis caused by a temperamental eight-hundred pound marlin trying to commit hari kari. However, he learns on the job that his step-dad's most difficult job on a charter is the gracious handling of obnoxious, and sometimes downright heinous, customers. Not all sharks are in the ocean. In quieter moments, though, he overcomes his shyness enough to keep Allison company, also part of his job, and he learns that he may not be the loser he thought he was. She is more impressed by the love he has for his tiny handicapped brother than of his expert fishing and boating skills. He realizes that his loving family is somewhat unique among society, and though confrontations and differences of opinion threaten their bond, their unit will hold. The chopped-off ending comes as a surprise, creating a greater opportunity for families to discuss what should happen next and why an author would choose this device than if everything had resolved tidily.

Karla says

One of our favourite authors. Another good book, boy main character.

Karen says

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Neill Smith says

Thirteen year-old Mikey idolizes his stepdad, Bill, and works on a fishing charter boat with him learning the ropes of fishing and manhood. But then a couple of customers and a girl hire the boat and Mikey learns that the world isn't always black and white.

Vinnie Garcia says

I really liked this book alot. Its hard to by a kid who wakes up at 4:30 a.m. to go fishing in the morning every saturday. MIkey likes to fish and his step-dad does also. Once mikey finds out a lie he despises his step-dad Bill.

Marguerite says

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Vicki says

Mikey 13 is a deck hand on his step dad's fishing boat in Hawaii. This book focuses on a 3 day period when 3 brothers (adult) rent the services for 3 days in search of the blue marlin. Mikey struggles to do the things right to make his stepdad Bill proud, but struggles when a record size fish is caught & the men ask Bill to "look the other way" to properly give themselves the official record catch. ok

Eli Terrell says

Lord of the Deep was a good read. It tells the story of a 13 year old boy named Mikey. Mikey is working for his stepdad, Bill, on his charter boat based in Hawaii. Mikey looks up to Bill as the ideal skipper, and someone who he wants to be.

The book begins during the second day of a session with Bill's clients, Cal and Ernie. They catch some decently sized fish, but on the third day of the charter, a record fish is caught. Although the fish breaks the weight record, the catch breaks important technicalities. Cal and Ernie try to bribe Bill into letting them claim the prize, and Mikey watches as his idol breaks the rules against his values, left with his spirit crushed.

I loved the way Salisbury combined the right mixture of peaceful moments and suspense at just the right levels throughout the book. This aspect made it hard to put the book down, as I was always ready for the next problem to be solved by Mikey. Reading this book made me think about how I would have reacted to similar situations, and how I would deal with them mentally.

Kendall says

Three and a half stars. The book is one for middle school boys, especially--and will serve reluctant readers well. The story is about a boy who idolizes his stepfather--his real father has never been part of his life. During the story, a small ethical dilemma makes the boy question his idol. However, the event is not remarkable and is quite true-to-life, which lends authenticity to the story. A good, short read. Good for grades 4-7--especially reluctant boys.

Cat. says

A YA book set in Hawaii about a boy helping his stepdad on his charter-fishing boat. Interesting in an "Old Man & the Sea" way, but with way more action. ;-) On a deeper level, it's about knowing the right thing to do, and about honor. Very short.

Duke Eagle says

i found the lord of the deep to be a very intresting book to read. because its about fishing and like outdoors. also it kept me reading in class on fridays and not going to sleep.but it was also very intresting and just a good book

Austin Aslan says

Excellent short novel. Highly recommend it. A touching 'father and son' story with a twist. I thought it was going to be more like Old Man and the Sea than it was. A full-on homage to Hemingway would have been fine, but I enjoyed the surprises in this book. I deeply appreciate the complexity at the heart of the novel. I'm amazed at how easy it was to fall in love with the characters in such a short time.

Sylene says

:-)

I loved this book...

The writing was good, of course, but it was the MESSAGE, one that most of us never truly understand until we've undergone some traumatic or difficult trial in our lives: when there's a tough decision to be made, what do you choose? Most, though who aren't as wise as they think themselves to be, would just say the moral decision. DUR. But really, I was reading something the other day...You'll never actually know your choice until you cross that bridge, and sometimes, when you look back, your decisions horrify you.

You become changed, marked after that...And you can never go back to that child-like innocence. Like I said, some people won't understand this, the naive, the ignorant, those who turn their head blindly to the side as the wicked world goes on, deceiving them...

But some understand. Some are haunted with this knowledge.

When it comes time to cross the bridge...what will you choose? And will you live to regret your choice for the rest of your life?
