

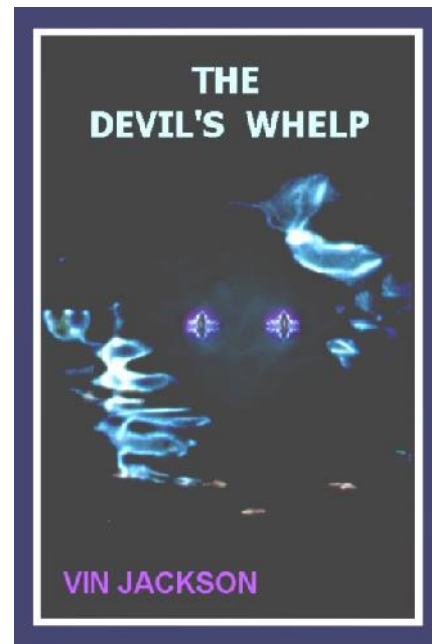
Amazon reviews of the eBook *The Devil's Whelp* by Vin Jackson

Leslie OBrien

Reviewed in the United States on April 28, 2024

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Gotta admit that I find floating oil rigs fascinating. Definitely not from an environmental perspective but from how they serve as microcosms comprising a mix of humanity who, under different circumstances, would never be in the same room together. Okay, so that's a way too roundabout way of saying I enjoy the drama (theatrics) that comes from living in such close quarters. Provided I don't have to live it. Add in that some of those (fixed) rigs are mini cities made of metal and perched precariously on the ocean floor just waiting for something to rise up from beneath and make themselves known. AND, I might enjoy horror a bit more than some because when I saw this book description, I knew I wanted to read it.



Bedlam is an apt word choice. The level of carnage and mindfracks that take place kept the pace rapid and the suspense consistent. And every time there was a break and I thought I could take a breath, it picked back up again.

This is a horror story. It's also an allegory on what can happen when greed overtakes doing the right thing. When greed denies what's right in front of them and gives us the oft-attributed quote by Einstein: "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." And this story might well have cured me of my fascination with floating rigs. At the very least, I definitely don't want to ever work on one.

SA_ostrich

3.0 out of 5 stars Gritty

Reviewed in the United States on 1 May 2024

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The Devil's Whelp by Vin Jackson is an intense and dark story of human cruelty, despair and destruction. The oil rig called the Olympian has a crew of eighty oilmen who think they can handle anything. But they are wrong. Human greed turns their existence into a life-and-death situation as the claustrophobic atmosphere takes its toll on the crew.

The central concept of the novel and the exploration of the negative sides of human nature are well executed, but personally this book was too dark for me. If you're a fan of depressing stories with horror aspects, then this may be a good choice for you. Personally I did not particularly enjoy it.

A Cannady

5.0 out of 5 stars Fast-paced and thrilling

Reviewed in the United States on 2 May 2024

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"The Devil's Whelp" by Vin Jackson is part-horror, part-supernatural, part-thriller, all action. The crew of the Olympian have no idea they're on an oil rig bound for terror. Because of their greed, and the overall sin of humanity, they've drawn the attention of a supernatural entity that throws a pall of negative thoughts and behavior on the crew. Only one person understands what's going on, and he's a pawn in the game begun by the dark presence. The only way to survive is to overcome negativity, but when you're a mortal facing a magical being who can create negativity faster than you can destroy it, does positivity stand a chance? Surprises around every corner and an unexpected ending will have you turning the pages.

Sol Tyler

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Both for those who are a fan of horror novels or those who are just getting started and want to know where to begin, then this book is an absolutely essential.

The author's writing style is dynamic and contagious; it is so much fun. The action sequences are done very well, and the world-building is also put together nicely. Each and every event adds a little something to the overall plot, adding a lot to the way the storyline concludes.

Young adult readers who enjoy the thrills and frights of horror will undoubtedly want to add The Devil's Whelp to their reading list, just like I did. I loved it!

Maria Paula Castellanos

***** A book to have a real context on the oil industry

Undoubtedly, the world of oil is completely unknown to me and perhaps that is the reason why reading "The Devil's Whelp" by Vin Jackson was to understand everything with amazement since it is the first time in my life that I learn how this world works and I loved it!

I would like to mention that the author managed to put me in scenarios that I have never in my real life witnessed and understand the panic, stress and pressure that you can live in one of these sites. The book allows you to see the day to day life on an oil rig, the environmental problems and the impact of a team willing to do a perfect and impeccable job because otherwise the consequences could be terrifying.

This book leaves me with two things: a much more real context of the world of oil and its impacts but also leaves me with a lot of admiration for those who dedicate themselves to this art. I recommend reading it!

Ane Sanchez

***** Terrifying

It is those kinds of stories that when I start reading I can't put it down. I must say that it is a dark story from the beginning and it keeps that tone throughout the plot. The Olympian floating exploration rig has a crew of 80 tough, no-nonsense tankers who believe they can handle anything, but they will soon discover that this is not the case. I liked how the author explores human greed and cruelty through a terrifying game between them and a supernatural dark creature. Obviously, it is a fictional story but the most terrifying thing is that it can resemble reality. I recommend it for people who enjoy horror stories!

While you are here, have a look at the reviews of Vin Jackson's other novel *Reborn*, also available in eBook format.