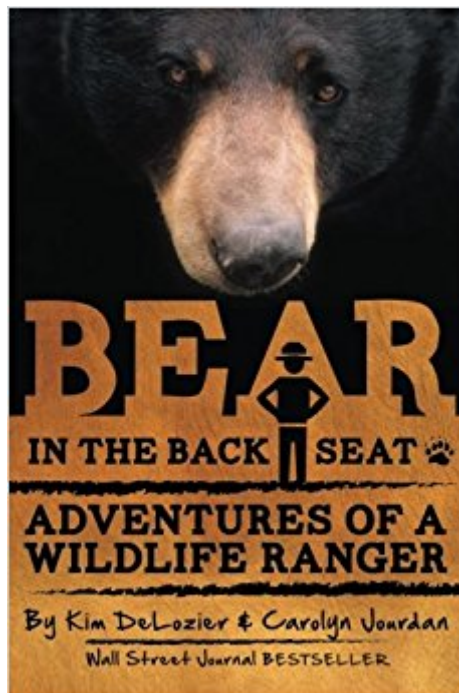


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# Bear In The Back Seat: Adventures Of A Wildlife Ranger In The Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Volume 1)



## Synopsis

Wall Street Journal Best Seller!! This is the first volume in a series of true stories from "[a]n extraordinary landscape populated with befuddled bears, hormonally-crazed elk, homicidal wild boars, hopelessly timid wolves, and nine million tourists, some of whom are clueless." In Kim DeLozier's world, when sedated wild black bears wake up unexpectedly in the back seat of a helicopter in mid-flight, or in his car as he's driving down the highway, or in his office while he's talking on the phone, it's just another day in the park. You'll love seeing Kim and a fellow ranger tested as they bravely take on the task of relocating 77 live skunks by sedating them with darts from homemade blowguns, especially when the pickup truck load of stinkers wakes up while still in transit. An hilarious, heartwarming, and heartbreaking memoir by the chief wildlife ranger in the #1 most popular family vacation destination in the USA, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. For over thirty years, Kim DeLozier acted as a referee in the wild, trying to protect millions of park visitors from one of the densest populations of wild black bears in America -- and the bears from tourists who get too close. Written with Wall Street Journal bestselling author Carolyn Jourdan who has several highly-regarded #1 bestsellers about the Smoky Mountains and Appalachia.

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Back Seat (December 2013)#7 Wall Street Journal Best Seller and #1 Best Seller, Heart in the Right Place (September 2012)"Heartwarming, funny and utterly appealing." Fannie Flagg -- Author of Fried Green Tomatoes "This is wonderful book. I would have enjoyed it even if Carolyn wasn't a neighbor of mine in East Tennessee. She is a great writer" Dolly Parton -- Singer, Songwriter, and Actress Kim DeLozier, wildlife ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park for 32 years and Park Supervisory Wildlife Biologist, has seen just about everything when it comes to bear antics! *Bear in the Back Seat* is packed with amazing stories that the whole family will enjoy. And, you'll learn a ton of great pointers about how to safely view animals in the wild. Jack Hanna, "Director Emeritus, Columbus Zoo, &" Host, TV's *Into the Wild* Kim is a modern day Daniel Boone whose experiences with wild bears, wild hogs, people, and other critters, demonstrate that untamed frontiers still exist in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Stephen Herrero, Ph.D., author of *Bear Attacks, Their Causes and Avoidance*

Kim DeLozier grew up living and working on his family's farm in eastern Tennessee. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. He began his career with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in 1978 working as a wild hog hunter. Kim retired in 2010 after 32 rewarding years of service in wildlife management. During his career, Kim's involvement primarily focused on nuisance black bear management, wild hog control, white-tailed deer management, small animal management (skunks, raccoons, bats), and re-introduction efforts for elk, peregrine falcons, river otters, and red wolves. Kim married his high school sweetheart, Donna, over 36 years ago. They have two wonderful children, Carrie and Travis, and four precious grandsons, Baylor, Duke, Turner, and Fox. Kim and Donna currently live on the original DeLozier farm in the same farmhouse his Dad was raised in. They feel extremely blessed! Carolyn Jourdan is the author of three *Wall Street Journal* best selling books and is also a #1 best selling author. Carolyn is a former U.S. Senate Counsel to the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Committee on Governmental Affairs (now Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs). Carolyn has degrees from the University of Tennessee in Biomedical Engineering and Law. She lives on the family farm in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, with many stray animals.

Fascinating! Perfect for those of us who have always wished to spend time working as a parkie but had other demands on their life. It's written in a style that puts the reader right there in the shotgun seat with one of the people who protect our parks from humans and other animals. Well done! Carey Jones narrates in a laid back tongue in cheek manner that seems perfect for the material.

I found the whole book very interesting. I could almost feel myself in the forest walking along the beautiful streams and hearing the water gushing over the falls. Loved the description of the bears, wild pigs and the falcons. Learned a lot of new things about wild life in which I have always had an interest. If you love the outdoors, you will certainly enjoy this book.

I LOVE this book! Jourdan teams up with Ranger Kim DeLozier for tales from his life's work as a park ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Having been to the Smokies many times, the book really hit a soft spot for me. I never did realize all that goes into park management, and so I have developed a deep respect for people like Mr. DeLozier for doing it every day. The book is made up of very tiny chapters-some bigger, some smaller. Each chapter reads just like Mr. DeLozier is having a conversation with you by a campfire. Don't read this book if you are looking to be a literary snob. Instead, read this book because you want to know about what a ranger has experienced. Be prepared to laugh! Be prepared to cry... Because he teaches you a lot about the pros and cons of what he has done, and what many others are doing. I am so glad I purchased this book, and I fully intend to buy the second! Thank you to both the writer and the storyteller for this eye-opening, enjoyable book.

I was going to read a different book on my Kindle, but my husband made so many positive comments about this book while he was reading it that I decided to go directly to *Bear In the Back Seat*. I wasn't disappointed. The "author" got his foot in the door at the park by agreeing to hunt and shoot wild pigs. I had no idea that wild boars created such problems. Eventually he became a ranger where it seems a large part of his job was dealing with problem bears. Most of the time people caused the problems with the bears, but the bears ended-up suffering for it. No, it's not an in depth intellectual discussion about the intelligence and "humanity" of bears, but there are things to learn. And, it is entertaining.

With millions visiting the Great Smoky Mountain National Park every year, and thousands hiking in and through the park, this book should be of great interest to many people. Having lived in the shadow of the Smokies all of my life and hiked in the Park and read many books and articles about the Park, I was surprised at how much I didn't know! This is a wonderfully readable book about the continuing saga of bears in the Park (and in surrounding areas) and their interaction with human visitors. Everyone should read this book before hiking or camping in the Eastern U.S. You could

learn something that will save your life. You will definitely be entertained.

Wonderful stories....funny and sad. Gives me a new appreciation of our rangers in the national parks. I highly recommend the book.

I grew up in East Tennessee and have spent a lot of time in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I think everyone making a trip to the park (or anywhere in the National Forests in the area) should read this book first. The bears need our protection and we need to make sure we protect ourselves and our loved ones as well. When I was a little girl, we would see bears every time we visited the park. I always thought they were dwindling in numbers, but it turns out the Park service is doing a great job protecting them. One of the last times I was in the Park, my friend and I came upon a "bear jam" on Roaring Fork Trail. I can't believe how some people seem to lose their minds when they spot a bear! There was a mother and two cubs and people were standing around looking at them like the mother wouldn't bother them even if she thought her cubs were in danger. This book might make them think twice! I wish Kim and Carolyn would write another book about his days as a Park Ranger.

I live near the Great Smoky Mountains and was prompted to buy this book after reading a local review. The author has great respect for the animals and land under his care. His experiences as a park ranger are unpredictable, sometimes funny and often profound. "A fed bear is a dead bear." Perhaps visitors to our nation's parks and forests will learn how to behave from reading this and stop endangering their lives as well as the animals.

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