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When Kate guides a hunting party of German businessmen in the Alaskan wilderness, turns out they want to kill not for food or sport, but for the sake of killing. Gripping and adrenaline-charged . . . razor-sharp suspense and gritty prose.--Publishers Weekly.

Hunter's Moon Details

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Dianne says

If you have been reading this series from the start, you must have some idea that this book is a pivotal book in this series. As the synopsis says, Kate and Jack and others are on a guiding expedition for German business Executives. Soon the expedition turns into something it was never meant to be. Kate and Jack will soon be finding themselves becoming the hunted and not the hunters.

This was the most emotionally charged books of Ms Stabenow's that I have ever read. When I first read it in hardcover, I refused to go on with the series after what happened in this book. Luckily I restarted the series with my Kindle and slowly but surely have been working my way to this book by reading in both directions. It has since become my favorite of all the books. It is packed with action, suspense, mystery, adventure, joy and sorrow. It will bring you a new meaning to the word grief.

It is also the book that will be introducing or rather re-introducing someone we know and perhaps lust over, in a completely new roll. The next books will be all the more intense because of what Dana allows to happen in "Hunter's Moon".

I hope you loved this book as much as I did, even if it did take me two tries to get it right! ENJOY!

Barbara ★ says

I have to say that Kate Shugak is my favorite heroine ever! She lives alone in the Alaskan Bush 175 miles from the nearest town. She can do anything - patch her roof (when a jet engine falls through it), shot animals for food (and butcher same), hike safely in the wilderness, guide hunting parties, figure out complex (and not so complex) murder mysteries and administer justice when necessary. Wow what a woman!

In this adventure, Kate and her man Jack Morgan are guiding a group of German tourists on a 10 day hunting trip (caribou, moose and bear). From the first minute they see this group, they know that something bad is going to happen. The German's all work for the same company and the owner/CEO has demanded that they take this retreat together. Only two of the ten have any shooting skills and none of them have any wilderness experience. Oh boy is Kate and Jack in for an adventure.

Unfortunately this was the one book in the series that I've been dreading reading. I won't say why but I will say that it made me cry. Oh Kate the things you have to deal with out there all by yourself. Hang on girlfriend it will get better.

Lynn Cushwa says

I have enjoyed reading all the Kate Shugak books in this series, but this was my favorite thus far. It was exciting from the start, almost unbelievable until you remember she lives "off the grid" in Alaska. Each book takes place in a different area of AK, and I am learning new things from each book regarding the native cultures, temperatures, survival, people of AK and the beautiful landscape. I would recommend this series of

easy reading.

Kirsty Darbyshire says

For me this series is definitely on a downhill fall. I haven't yet looked up what the next book in the series is, I probably will eventually but it's not a priority.

I don't want to give away the main part of the ongoing series storyline - will it suffice to say that I hated what Stabenow did to the characters in this book. It's something that authors with strong female characters seem compelled to do to their leads and I really think they'd be better writers if they found other ways to keep their characters on the bleeding edge of life. Maybe these characters are written to be so good at so many things that their authors have to give them something to be crap at and **[spoiler whited out, highlight to read!]** keeping boyfriends alive is something that they feel it's reasonable to be bad at? I much prefer my characters to have realistic love lives - to be fair Kate's never had one of those, but this was just a tedious step too far for me.

The plot of this individual series entry is almost a secondary concern, but I thought that was pretty lousy too. I still like Kate and her Alaskan setting and I'll probably want to find out what happens next but I'm in no hurry to do so.

Kelly H. (Maybedog) says

Dana Stabenow is a good writer. Her characters are very real, the scenes vivid and believable. The problem is, I can't stand the protagonist of this series. She is so self-absorbed and judgemental I just want to scream at times. She's cold and self-righteous and very bossy.

This book was no different. At one point, someone she was hired to guide had just been shot dead and is laying on the ground beneath a tarp, she goes off out of site with her boyfriend to find out what happened and they end up having sex *twice* and talking about their wonderful relationship before they even discuss it. I don't know about you, but bloody corpses do not make me amorous. And yet, later in the book, another couple is condemned for getting off on other people's pain and misery.

This character has never heard two wrongs don't make a right. Why on Earth would you lower yourself to the level of a psychopath and justify your actions because they did something similar? I don't want to spoil the book so I will just say that at one point she does something that is so unfathomably horrific, I almost put the book down and stopped reading. She only stopped the situation after the awfulness had already begun reluctantly admitting to herself it probably was a terrible thing to do.

As far as the mystery, the first dead body doesn't appear until over a third of the way into the book and the mystery is solved another third of the way in with the last part being more of a thriller than anything else. However, the explanation for the situation is weak at best and completely unbelievable.

Finally, she did the unthinkable to one of her characters. **MAJOR SPOILER:** (view spoiler) I don't read

murder mysteries for that kind of realism.

I've read the whole series up until now, each one making me more and more irritated with the main character. Now that the author did that horrific, unthinkable thing, I won't be reading any more of the series.

Jeff Dickison says

This is the book that changed the entire series. It is not a nice book, but one that examines love and loss as good as anything I have read. Hunting trip with a group of Germans turns murderous and tragic and Kate must do what she can just to survive. It is very difficult for an author to change directions like this in a series, but Stabenow pulls it off. Highly emotional, recommended.

Helen says

I was so not prepared for this book. Dana Stabenow tells a wrenching story of love and loss. She channels Agatha Christie a bit, setting this novel at a remote hunting lodge south of Denali where people are being picked off one by one and it's not clear who's behind the murders. Kate, Jack and Old Sam are guiding a hunting trip for a group of Germans on a corporate retreat when things go south very quickly.

Amanda says

Though I do not condone some of the events in this book it was still good. Once again each book has a different feel to it, keeps me on my toes and wanting more! Off to the next book, number 10 in my Kate Shugak book binge!

Lourdes Venard says

Kate Shugak, the ultimate renaissance woman, is a guide on a hunting expedition in the backcountry. The clients: A group of very obnoxious, demanding German business executives. One of them is killed in what appears to be an accidental shooting, unleashing a whirlwind of pure evil.

This would be the one in the series that angered a lot of her fans. I already knew what was coming, but still found it very moving -- some of Stabenow's best writing.

Terrie says

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Marilyn says

I loved reading about the characters of Kate and Jack. Very emotionally involved with both of them. I could not believe that Jack died. I was so upset with Dana Stabenow for wrenching my heart. Therefore, one star only.

Dawntwilight000 says

Really? Dana Stabenow had to do it?? Love the series until this book. The progression of the relationship between Jack and Kate was wonderful..until this book. Done with this series and very ticked off.

Carol She's So Novel?? says

Firstly, thanks **so** much to the readers who had open spoilers on their reviews of this book. Fans of this series may have known what was going to happen but I didn't. This is the first book I've read by Stabenow & I hadn't heard of her before she was mentioned in one of the GR groups I belong to.

I did find most of the good guys in this book too macho man - & that includes Kate! But it was a fast paced, thrilling story that kept me turning the pages. I may read another in the series - but I'll keep away from the book's reviews until I've completed it!

Bruce Snell says

Book number Nine in the Kate Shugak series by Dana Stabenow - 4 stars. Kate is hired to be one of the guides for a group of hunters on a corporate retreat from a German business, and on the second day out, people start dying. Excellent story with a compelling ending - I'm looking forward to the next book in the series even more now.

M says

One of my favorite books of the series so far. I love the cast of characters, Jack, Kate, George, old Sam, Demitri; they are guides on a big game hunt in the Alaskan Bush. The clients are from a German Computer Software company. Jack is so in love with Kate and has decided to retire from the DA's office of Investigations soon. He knows Kate doesn't want to get married but he has a plan to get her thinking about living together at her homestead. He memorizes this wonderful poem that says all the things he feels for her and tells her that he wants to be with her as much as she will allow. It is the most romantic nonproposal and perfect for Kate. She agrees to give living together a try and then world goes crazy. There have been two "accidental" deaths in the group of hunters. Jack and Kate are so preoccupied with being in love they aren't prepared for the blindsided attack. Jack is gut shot and with supreme effort is able to cause a diversion that

enables Kate and him to get away into the bush. Mutt is hurt but makes it back to them in the bush as well. Jack saved Kate but his wound was not recoverable. Kate is able to find Old Sam and splint his leg but then she is pursued by the Deliverance twins. I cried and cried reading this book, ok so I was feeling vulnerable-- why kill off the main character's love interest? it stunned me. Kate survives so many things but this may not be something she can come back from.
