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The New York Times bestselling author of Area 7 delivers a high-octane techno-thriller featuring Jason Chaser, a 14-year-old hover-car racing phenom who's geared to take the world by storm. Illustration.

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Radar696 says

I listened to all three parts of this story in one reading/audio-file.

Great characters and great action scenes!

Sure it was written as a young adult story but it was fun none the less!

I keep hoping that they will continue the story-line even though I know they would start to move out of the young adult and into the adult faze.

Carolin says

Das war ja mal rasante Jugend-Sci-Fi! Es geht um den Jungen Jason Chaser und seinen kleinen Bruder: den Bug. Beide sind Hovercar-Fans und fahren auch selbst Rennen - Jason ist ein toller Fahrer, der Bug ein unglaublicher Navigator. Gemeinsam werden sie an der renommierten Rennschule angenommen und kämpfen um jeden Punkt, was bei der starken (und teils sehr gemeinen) Konkurrenz gar nicht so einfach ist.

Das Buch hat viel Spaß gemacht! Durch die Schule und die anderen Charaktere (gehässige, reiche, einflussreiche Mitschüler; schlaue Freunde; ...) fühlte ich mich immer an Harry Potter erinnert. Nur hier wird der Besen gegen hyperschnelle, fliegende Hoovercars getauscht, die Zauberei gegen km/h ;) Matthew Reilly konstruiert eine glaubhafte Welt der nahen Zukunft, erläutert technische Details so, dass man sich die Autos und Rennen gut vorstellen kann. Meiner Meinung nach blieben dabei aber ein bisschen die Personen auf der Strecke. Ich hätte mir ein bisschen mehr Zwischenmenschliches gewünscht, bei den vielen Rennen hatte ich dann schon mal den Überblick verloren.

Mit ein bisschen mehr menschlicher Nähe wäre meiner Meinung nach ein herausragender Jugendroman in Potter-Manier daraus geworden, der interessante Einblicke in zukünftige Technik birgt. So war er dann doch eher mittelmäßig, hat mir aber trotzdem ein ultra-spannendes Lesevergnügen bereitet.

Renardo says

This book kept me entertained all the way through! From my days of watching Back to The Future, I always dreamed of making a hovercar. Realizing that I would probably never invent an actual hovercar did not, however, deter my interest in reading about them. Great read for readers of all ages.

Johnathan says

This is the book that got me into reading. It opened the worlds of books for me. My whole life I have been around racing its what drives me to this day. These books have all the trilles hart racing, hart bracking, and underdogs coming out on top trow hard work and a lot of hart. It has everything that makes racing great. This

sears will always be my fav.

Tevan says

I remember reading this book back in the 3rd grade, and having to do a book report on it. It was a great book about 2 teen Austailians named Jason Chaser and little brother Bug go on to a hover car academy and having to face new thrills and new danger of the fast-paced sport of hover car racing. Scott Scyracuse a legendary racer discovers Jason and Bug's talent in a hover car and invites them to a race school in Australilia. They meet a new friend named Sally. Sally was a student mechanic who love the high octane of the track. When meeting Jason and Bug she points out the racers that have won the world teen grand-prix and the racers who she has no idea how they got accepted to the school. Jason becomes known quickly for his fast time trials and races Scott Scyracuse for a race that will be never forgotten.

Overall this was a VERY GREAT book and so good I've read it multiple times. This book was my first chapter book I've read i think.

Solrosfält says

How can I rate this? This was good for what it wanted to do, and being a 22 year old it's clear that this is not intended for me.

But I remember me as a 10-year old loving this for some reason. So it's good. And a kids book. So. It's a bit funny how it is dated by no longer relevant references, such as the protagonist having the same hair as David Backham in the 90:s. Give it a few more years and the kids will have no idea who that Backham is. But whatever.

It's nice, I guess.

Steve Spence says

I had my son read this book aloud to me. The story has excellent form, has a good plot, and several life lessons that my son and I were able to talk about. The greatest part of the book is that it is written with Matt's trademark fast pace, non-stop style. My son thoroughly enjoyed the entire series, even though he had to read it aloud to his dad... Thank you Matt Reilly.

Sonia says

What a fantastic book. Again I was not disappointed. Certainly fast paced and has more of a family feel. Set in a school of hover racing, a young boy and his brother compete against the very best. All with the aim to win, people will do anything to win. A defo for anybody who wants a good read.

Cole says

New York Times Best Selling Author Matthew Reilly writes an exciting racing thriller to top all others. Hover car racer Jason Chaser has a certain love for hover car racing. After being invited to International Race School, (an accomplishment few hover car racers get to call their own) Chaser finally has the chance to prove his superior racing skills for the slight chance to become a professional. However, this will be no easy task considering the other well determined racers and the exorbitant amount of unlikely malfunctions with Chaser's and other racers cars. Overall, it's a great book and was exhilarating all the way through what with the intense races and the suspicions going around about the sabotaging of other racers cars. Although this book is nothing less than extremely exciting, it's highly inaccurate. Hover cars aren't a reality at this point and probably won't be for a while. That would be the only flaw I see in the book. I enjoyed the size of the book as well as the level of reading. Personally, I would recommend this book to people of all ages and especially racing enthusiasts.

Angelina Justice says

This is a great light read. Although the story is geared toward boys, it will appeal to any techie. Despite the story being set far in the future, the experiences of the main characters are applicable to young adults today.

My favorite character so far, is Bug, the 12 year old savant who does navigation for his driving whiz of a 14 year old brother.

I love that the two boys are not biological siblings, but have a deep connection and are part of a successful adoptive family.

The integrated artwork and the sometimes dramatized content might appeal to Manga crossover readers.

04mitchn says

I read Crash course By: Matthew Reilly. It is a 4 point book, 208 pages. There are three main characters JASON, Bug (Jason's little brother) and Sally. Jason wants to become a pro hover car racer. He got an invitation to the bottom part of Australia to learn how to get better at racing. He got invited by Scott Syracuse. He went to Australia and met Sally. She is a pit chief. There was a team of three, there were Jason, Bug and Sally. Jason improved every time he raced. Their last race in the book was a big race. He won it, then got invited to a different part of Australia to race.

Cameron Smith says

What happens when hover technology is the new thing? Companies like Ford and Boeing go into competition!

Hover Car Racer is a fast-paced story about young Jason Chaser, his brother 'The Bug', and a great cast of characters you either love, or love to hate. Jason is a real underdog, and it is good fun seeing him go against

the norm, doing things his own way. The story has a feel good vibe and we keep you cheering for Team Argonaut the whole way through.

Listening to the story in audio was the way to go for me as I was driving around Tasmania: the state where most the story is set. Too bad my ol' troopy is no match to the Argonaut!

Conor Lyons says

This book is thrilling and very interesting. The reason i really liked it was because the main character Jason, is only fourteen so it really relates to our age group, because the life he has, is really the one that every teenage boy would one. He is at a school with his brother, and they are hover car racers and the story is about there progression through the ranks of racing until they get to the top of the world league. This story i personally think is attempting to try and show that even boys who at some time in there life don't have much to live for, suddenly are projected as heroes among there friends, so this book really tries to show how the underdog has the potential to rise to the top, i really enjoyed this book and would recommend it to anyone who has previously read any Matthew Reilly Books

Noah says

My first novel, some 13 years ago...

Matthew Reilly helped ignite my passion for reading with this novel. Late nights before school, laying to rest video games, all manner of surprising activity to read this page-turning delight.

I shall cherish this book.

Stiv_Matters says

Matthew Reilly writes insanely over the top techno thrillers. Books like "Ice Station" and "Scarecrow", while easily dismissed as junk are also very exciting to read. Every chapter is a cliffhanger, all the characters are superhuman, and I'm pretty sure he makes up half of the technology used in his stories. He has a mad enthusiasm for storytelling that I can't help but appreciate even while laughing at the utter absurdity of his stories. When I saw this book in the young adult section at Half Price Books, I had to get it. It's a quick read. The story takes place in a future where hovercars have become the standard mode of transportation and souped up hovercars are the main form of racing entertainment. The story follows two brothers as they get in to the hovercar academy and compete with other students. Think Harry Potter mixed with the pod races from "The Phantom Menace". Reilly is very good at explaining how the cars work and describing the action of the races. The characters are stock, nothing exceptional and the plot is pretty basic but I think if you had a 5th grader who didn't enjoy reading, this might get his or her attention and keep it. My only huge criticism is that this book ends at the climax of a race, there is no denouement and there are a lot of loose ends. Who's been sabotaging the hovercars? This appears to be the first of a series. Unless I see the other volumes at a used book store someday, I'll probably never know what happens to those hover car kids.

