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Adam Adlar 13 helps Dad test ultimate video game in Santa Fe desert. Fired employee Sam Josephs 30s is a corporate spy, steals regeneration data, kidnaps Dad. A last text says take evidence to old pal Jeff Hayden in Edinburgh Scotland. Is the brain-fried Zenith (beyond Tyrannosaurus) Rex talking dinosaur who calls himself Zed enemy or friend?

Z. Rex Details

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Rebecca Heywood says

Very mediocre. Around the middle of the book, it started to get interesting, but there were some problems. First, there was no character development. They just dove right into the action and drama, so I felt no connection to any of the characters. Second, there was little to no explanation about anything until near the end of the book. Third, this is supposed to be the first in a series of books, but the cliffhanger was a flop. I felt no desire whatsoever to start on the next one. Fourth, besides the author telling me the main character was Scottish, I kept having to remind myself, because there was no hint of accent in his dialogue. I was not pleased with most of this book. However, the Jurassic Parkness of it was appealing as well as the intelligence of the dinosaur.

An Odd1 says

[Samantha, long straightened hair (hide spoiler)]

Rachel says

review to come, i'm too tired right now.

Read2review says

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I was drawn to this book by the cover. The hardback cover I have has a 3D dinosaur on it with the Z-Rex number plate in its mouth. I read the back and knew immediately that I wanted to read the book.

The book started with Adam's father going away although Adam is unsure why. Until he gets a text saying he is in trouble and Adam must find an old friend of his and get help. Not long after Adam receives the message his house in New Mexico is destroyed sending Adam on a whirlwind adventure.

I grew very fond of Z-Rex, the good monster in the story. He and Adam formed a very strong bond which was really nice to read. The story was very easy to read and I felt myself getting lost in the pages.

There were twists and turns that surprised me throughout the book. The one that made me gasp out loud was a betrayal of Adam and his father but I won't say who by. You'll just have to read and find out.

I also like the fact that Steve wrote enough detail into the story that when major events happened, one involving Edinburgh Castle you could really picture it happening.

I am really excited to know there is more in this series and plan to get a copy of Raptor X very soon. I love dinosaur books; I read Jurassic Park over 15 years ago and fell in love with the films. I love adventure and this book has it all.

I give Z-Rex (Z Rex Trilogy) a solid 5/5!

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Alex Shrugged says

"Z-Raptor" by Steve Cole is a teens SciFi book that is reasonably written but I found uninspiring. I've tried to figure out why. The book is not terrible but it was not great either.

The story: a teenager finds himself confronting a dinosaur that can talk... just barely... and it has all the self-control of a teenager... in fact... one particular teenager. The story then jumps from one situation to another s bad guys seems like good guys and then bad guys. His father seems like a good guy then a bad guy, and then it gets complicated.

Any problems with the book? Nothing too serious. It is a teen book so it is not especially complex. It reads a lot like the "Michael Vey" novels without the moral content. There is some moral content in Z-Rex, but it goes by so fast it's easy to miss. The rest of the book is filled with improbable action. For example, I don't know how a person goes anywhere in the world accompanied by a talking dinosaur and not be spotted... like every ten feet. They have an explanation but it's lame.

So... the writing is fine. I think the plot needs work. I don't recall any cursing in the book but there might have been one mild imprecation. I'm not sure.

I'm not going to read any more from this series. If the author comes up with a different series I might flip through it to see if he's done something I'd be more interested in.

Marcin says

Z.Rex is a story about a 13 year old boy, Adam Adler, and his dad, Bill Adler, who works in the gaming industry trying to perfect the ultra-reality console but is having trouble with financing his dreams. This therefore means that the pair is constantly away from their home in Edinburgh as Bill searches for new companies to finance his research. Since the death of Adams mum, his dad has thrown himself into his work and by doing so neglects his parental duties but the real problem arises when Adams dad goes away for a few days in a black Cadillac and does not come back. Adam is left on his own and after nine days the Cadillac returns but the people aren't so friendly anymore and are Adams eyes playing tricks on him or is there something in the sky?

Z.Rex, by Steve Cole, has a relatively simple story with only a slight turn of events so its main audience is probably under the age of 15. The story line is well held together as Cole keeps it on the main problem but the book does not pull you in enough to want to read another of Adams adventures, such as the follow up of Z.Raptor. Another problem is that the creature in the book is, without giving anything away, quite over the

top as if it were over done. Overall, with under 260 pages Z.Rex is a short book making it a one day read but with a simple story line its hard to expect more. To finalize if you are looking for a similar type of genre then I would recommend the Percy Jackson series as it is much more exciting and is bound to hook away teenage readers in.

Caleb Hrabal says

I think the book is pretty interesting, however what I didn't care for was that there were some parts that were too unrealistic. And, there were some unpredictable surprises throughout the story. Do I recommend you read this book? Well it depends because many may be disappointed with a big part of the story. On the other hand, you may get attached to the character and the dinosaur. I don't want explain why and spoil it. But some people may like what happens with the character and the dinosaur and some people may not. I personally dislike when this happens in creature books and films. However, I think the audience would appreciate this book. Even though I didn't care for that one part I appreciated the rest.

Ryan M says

I feel like the main character is very brave considering all the things he faced on his journey for example a dinosaur

Che Kabs says

I enjoyed reading that book because at the start it was about this boy (Adam Aldar) having a nightmare by coming across a massive monster called the z-Rex. But it was all a nightmare and he recovered in the end, eventually. His dad works for gaming businesses but then his business gets shutdown and he has to go back to work for a few days so he leaves Adam behind and goes to work and that's when all the action and horror takes place.

Now that his dad's business has shutdown and his dad has left him behind at home, Adam suddenly gets the feeling of the nightmare before in real life and sees the z-Rex as well. He tries to get rid of it but the only thing he ends up doing in the end is running away. All of a sudden, he stumbles across this evil group which either want u and the monster: dead or alive. So Adam has to work with the monster so that he can survive. So the next time he comes across the monster, he decides to get rid of it and he does in the end. Then, his dad comes back home and it felt like everything was back to normal.

I recommend this book for 7+ it is a really good 'n' excellent book.

Alex_E1 says

This is the best Sci-Fi and Fantasy book I've read in these years. This book talked about a poor boy getting carried away from homeland to nowhere caused by his dad's job issue. His dad was a successful scientist who deals problem with genes and virtual reality. His dad got kidnapped by this secret company, the company revived a T-Rex. When the boy found his dad missing for days, he got kind of scared but was surprised by the T-Rex in a few days. I can connect this emotion to myself. When I get surprised I often would be glad and happy but for the boy, this surprise was a nightmare. By just thinking of being a friend and partner with a dinosaur could make you feel scared and disgusted. But the boy accepted this sneak attack and kept the positive attitude up. If the I were the boy, I might not get along with the dragon and cause myself killed. But the boy had excellent collaborate and cooperate skills which helped him survive.

👉 Ashley ? says

Meh. I read this one because Boy Child #1 recommended it. It isn't bad for the age it was written for. Still 200+ pages felt like a lot for this story. Details in updates.

Kian says

This book is about a 14 year old boy that meets a evolved T.rex and the Z.rex is made with Adams brain sort of so the Z.rex has all of Adams memories from a video game. This book is a really amazing Steve Cole book and it was a job well done. I think I remember waiting home for my father to come back from work everyday because he needs to go offshore and get oil. In this book Adams dad goes to work because he gets called to go away and work on a project because he needs to work on the Z. rex project, and he waits at home for a couple of days same as me. This book reminds me of the movie Godzilla because the Z.rex is a more dangerous and deadly T.rex that can fly.

Erin Forson says

Z Rex: The Hunting Book One

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Imagine if your dad worked as a video game designer. That would be awesome right? And what if his latest design was based on your brainwaves so that when you entered the virtual fighting world, whatever thoughts you had translated into your avatar's actions? Think a karate kick, and BAM! your opponent feels the heel of our shoe. A video game without a controller. Every gamer's dream. So imagine Adam's surprise when his dad (who works a lot and sometimes leaves Adam alone) disappears and a giant mutated T-Rex shows up in Dad's place. Not only is the T-Rex able to adapt to the environment (like his skin camouflages with the background), but he seems to possess Adam's own brainwaves and fighting strategies--and it seems like someone has majorly ticked off this giant. Will Adam be able to find Dad? Will Adam survive after Z-Rex (nickname for the modified T-Rex) destroys his home? Will Adam be able to defend himself against Z-Rex and the guys with guns who seem to be chasing him? The mystery side of the story was a tiny bit easy to

figure out, but the action more than makes up for the less-than-boggling who-dunnit. If you liked Killer Pizza, this book is for you! And for series, fans, there will clearly be a book two.

Sherrie says

This is a book I received for a VOYA review. I've read (and loved) three of this author's young adult books written under the name Stephen Cole, "The Wereling" werewolf series. This book (written as Steve Cole) is the first in a new series "The Hunting" written for middle grades and up. Thirteen year old Adam loves playing the Ultra-Reality (UR) video games that his father creates. However, UR gets far too real when rogue scientists use his father's technology to regenerate a super intelligent dinosaur. The dinosaur views Adam as his brother, and together they seek to rescue his father from the scientists who have kidnapped him. I didn't find the brotherly relationship between the boy and the dinosaur to be well developed, and I didn't enjoy this book nearly as much as the author's earlier "The Wereling" series. However, this book may appeal to fans of books such as Roland Smith's "Cryptid Hunters".

Jack Lackey says

This was surprisingly a really good book. The reason I say surprisingly is because the beginning was super boring for me. Once you get into the book it becomes one that you will love. You really feel for Adam because he is going through a big struggle because his dad is missing and he has to do everything. Adam has to go on a very challenging journey, and the action in the book made it seem like it could be a movie. The author thoroughly explains things that are happening and that is what really caught my attention and made me want to keep reading the book. I recommend this book to all readers because even though it has a lot of action it has a good story to it also. I look forward to reading the next book in the series.
