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Would you go to Hell to rescue the soul of the person you love most?

Jack Devins could have saved his 4-year-old daughter's life, but he was busy checking his work phone when she died. Six months later, his life is falling apart. He's one bottle away from being a complete alcoholic mess. His wife and teenage son are barely speaking to him.

Then one night, he hears his dead daughter calling to him from a NYC subway tunnel.

He thinks he's finally lost his mind - until a strange, disfigured vagrant tells Jack the truth about Kelly's fate, and the subterranean, demon-infested realm Jack must visit by entering a very special train tunnel from which he may never come back out alive.

Jack has one chance for redemption, but it will require the ultimate sacrifice. Guided by this mysterious vagrant, known only as "the burnt man," Jack's nightmarish journey will test everything he's made of. It will also unleash a tragic chain of events that will put his entire family at risk of joining him in Hell.

...unless he can discover the dark and twisted secret of Trainland - and return with his soul intact before it's too late.

What readers are saying about Trainland:

"Freaky, weird, and twisted..." - "Strong characters...nonstop action...a great read with lots of twists and turns." - "Like Dante mixed with Stephen King's Dark Tower books." - "An awesome and dark experience." - "Gripping...Parts of this book made my skin crawl...realistic and chilling..." - "Overall, a GREAT read." - "Creepy, thrilling, satisfying." - "I want more by this author." - "I could not force myself to stop reading." - "A book I'll think about for a while...the best kind." - "Very unique...After many months, I still think of this story" - "Terrifying."

Trainland Details

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Connie says

FTC Disclosure: I received this book free from Goodreads hoping I would review it.

Kathleen says

I am really unsure how to rate this book. I liked it – I think.

It started out great; a story about grief. But then it turned into something reminiscent of early Stephen King. I wasn't sure that I wanted to go there with the author but I forged ahead – determined.

Then it really went south, over the edge, to a place I definitely didn't want to go when the main character meets up with a house full of children held hostage by a maniacal milk producing creature. At this point I put the book down. Uh-uh. I just wasn't going there.

But then, something made me pick it back up again and I finished it. And I am so glad I did. First, I am no longer left with that last image seared in my brain and second, the author did a fabulous job of tidying the entire story up – if that's what you needed (and I really did).

I feel like you can go either way this book. You can believe in the fantasy and horror of the whole thing, which has definitely given me a different perspective on that our minds are amazingly powerful. Either way, I think everyone wins.

But in the end, it really was still a book about grief.

Toni Popp says

I chose this book because of the name & cover. I love books about Underground, Subways, Caves, Tunnels, etc...and the cover with the dolls spooked me.

In the description i read New York city SUBWAY TUNNEL...SUPERNATURAL UNDERWORLD & TWISTED. Aaaaaahhh! I wanted this book yesterday!

Got it! Reading it! Spilled coffee on it...ugh! Cleaned and drying...poor book :-(

Started reading it again at bedtime...bad idea! I had to hide it and think happy thoughts before i could sleep.

Not because of the "scary" factor like The Shining...it was the "this story is freaking me out" factor.

-your child dies...AGONY!!!

-your child dies by drowning while you're nearby on the cell phone...NO words can describe that kind of pain!

Add to that the pain your wife and son are going through...

Would you jump in front of a subway train? Would you go to Hell to save your family?

Besides being freaky, weird & twisted...this story has love, hate, family, hope and an ending that i didn't expect but loved!!

Kara Amie says

I actually read this book in manuscript form, almost three years ago. I'm just as impressed now as I was then. The novel is gripping. Parts of this book made my skin crawl, the imagery is so realistic and chilling. The "Nursery" scenes have haunted me since the first reading. I was captivated by "The Suicidium," it was such a grotesque and unique chapter. The final chapters of the book are sentimental and touching. Any parent will be able to identify with these characters. I'm sincerely looking forward to reading Mr. Denoncourt's next novel. I expect big things from this creative young writer.

Brandi says

Not a bad book by any means, but I was expecting something darker.

Monti says

Watch out Stephen King...here comes Richard Denoncourt. "Trainland" kept me guessing as to what was coming next and I was never sure if I really wanted to know. Creepy, thrilling, satisfying.

Heather Faville says

Let me start off by saying that there were elements of Trainland ?? that remind me of some twisted mashup of The Matrix, What Dreams May Come ? ?and some other movie I can't name at the moment (I'll come back and add it in if I ever figure it out.)

A lone man's journey through his nightmares and back all in order to save his family from an eternity of living in the hellish world. That's essentially the root of Trainland ?. ?Our protagonist, Jack, has lost his daughter and rather than becoming closer, he and his family are being ripped apart because of it. The hell world created by Denoncourt is truly terrifying. The "Nursery" scene was nearly enough to torment me for days and then add in all the other tortured souls that Jack comes across in his journey to find peace for his family.

Highly intricate description and detail is given to the area known as ?Trainland??. The pain and suffering of the souls lost in this nightmare pours off the page and gets into your soul. Then you have Danny, Jack's son, who is living in his own place of torment...the real world and it's not much easier for him to deal with than the purgatory his father is experiencing.

Strong character's and practically nonstop action makes ?Trainland ??a great read with lots of twists and turns that will keep it's readers glued to the edge of their seat.

Pauli Robertson says

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Inspiring. This story makes you want to scream, laugh, and cry all at the same time. I will admit that there was one or two parts that were lacking the beautiful edifice that was suppose to compose Trainland.

However, the main character Jack creates an interesting story that weaves a path both complicated and enjoyable.

Shelly says

I downloaded this book when it was offered free for Kindle and it sat patiently waiting for me for several months before I finally decided to give it a try. I'm so glad I did. Like other reviewers have said, the best way to describe it is a mash-up of several other stories I love - The Talisman, What Dreams May Come and a touch of The Great and Secret Show. Not really horror (although there are a few rather horrific scenes), rather more of an epic story of love and the lengths one man is willing to go to for his family. I want more by this author.

Stephen Clynes says

Jack Devins is an advertising copy writer who is facing changes at work. This novel starts off really good. Jack rides as a passenger on the New York subway trains. One day Jack goes onto the platform and enters another world, a world I can't relate to. From here this novel descends into a fantasy nonsense.

Trainland, an area and time within the New York subway system is another world full of horrors, a living hell. There are living dead people, zombies etc living in purgatory. They are all trapped in a world of madness they want to escape. Jack tries to get out of Trainland and must battle with many demons. He also has to deal with the grief of losing his daughter Kelly in an earlier accident and to stop blaming himself.

I gave up on this ridiculous plot and did not know where it would end. Thankfully there is a big twist approaching the end and you can finally make sense of this nonsense. Trainland questions our perceptions of reality. Details revealed earlier in this story now make sense and then you start to understand Jack's problems. I did not like this story format, the mix of reality and imagination that treats the reader as a child. Rather than entertain the reader, this book annoys because of it's distortion of reality.

Trainland is available as a 490 KB Amazon Kindle eBook and was written in 2012. I think it is a disappointing read, a poor book that I shall vote only 2 stars and suggest you give it a MISS.

Heavenlypeachgarden says

Good story very fast paced full of adventure, the ending is a good wind down from all the action. Enjoyed this book.

