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What if the one way to pay for your ongoing cancer therapy was to rob banks? And you discovered that not only were you good at playing a thief but you could use the money to right a few other social injustices along the way?

The thing is, the FBI profiler hounding you is the best in the country, and she doesn't much care if you have a penchant for rescuing society's castaways.

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Anita Louise says

Never a Dull Moment!

This novel is not only action-packed, it is also filled with fun. Bank robbing (albeit altruistic) husband and wife, Zinio and Delaney, are delightful characters whose witty dialogue will put a smile on your face, or may even have you laughing out loud. As smart as the duo is at staying several steps ahead of the law, the FBI agent (and crew) chasing them is even more brilliant and never seems to be far behind.

Even though they're criminals, the author makes the reader empathic to the lead characters because of their likeability and the fact that Delaney (the wife) is actually very ill. Supporting characters, including an "uncle" with Alzheimer's, an elderly couple so endearing you end up rooting for their success in a bank heist, also engage the reader.

A thoroughly delightful book that keeps you guessing from beginning to end.

Mike Billington says

A bickering, bank-robbing couple; an uncommonly smart FBI agent with a great pair of legs; old people barely getting by and an NYPD detective who might be smarter than he looks are just some of the weird and slightly wonderful characters in Dean C. Moore's "Love on the Run."

This novel is pure satire and Moore spares no genre as he leads the reader through a maze of robberies followed by miraculous escapes through sewers, in stolen cars and a stolen tank or two.

Are you, for example, a fan of Hollywood action movies? Moore pokes fun at them in a book that has everything from over-eager (and pretty inept) SWAT teams to Stinger missiles, motorcycle chases, and enough gunfire to keep even a 12-year-old Bruce Willis fan happy.

Do you like adventure novels with heroes who are so brilliant that they are almost superhuman? Moore takes them on as well with a criminal mastermind who is always 10 steps ahead of the cops and a gorgeous FBI team leader who is only a half step behind him (oh, and she's a helluva knitter too.)

Are you big on romantic suspense novels? Don't worry, Moore takes an ax handle to them as well. In fact, there's enough pathos on the pages to make even the toughest reader weep (well, maybe not the toughest reader but...)

You say you like crime stories full of computers and geeky details? Never fear, he skewers them too.

There is, however, also a serious side to this novel in addition to the satire.

Moore takes a moment here and there to have his characters rant about the banks that caused the Great Recession, for example, and about how so many older Americans, who worked their entire lives and paid their taxes faithfully, are being forced to scrape by on meager pensions that make their retirement years a lot less than golden.

It comes down to this: If you're looking for a routine police procedural or a cozy mystery then this isn't the book for you.

If, however, you're looking for something a little different, something with an edge and some pretty interesting characters then this is a book that you'll want to read at least once and probably more than once.

Ellie Midwood says

I admit I haven't encountered such an action-packed, fun read in a long time! It would make a great action movie, with two unforgettable leading characters – a husband and a wife – as bank robbers and a team of NYPD's finest chasing them. There definitely was never a dull moment in the whole story, when one action sequence followed another. Sarcastic remarks and the hilarity of many situations made me laugh out loud on multiple occasions. What was also great is the couple's rather altruistic ideas behind the robberies and the way they distributed their money. Not only Zinio and Delaney were delightful and more than colorful protagonists, all the supporting characters were just as fun and remarkable, each in their own way. The dialogues were witty and hysterical at times, plot was fast-moving and filled with unexpected twists and turns, and the author's imagination definitely deserves a special commendation. Five stars!

Bill Ward says

This book will leave you with a big smile on your face! It is infectiously humorous with great dialogue, full of sharp wit between the two main characters, Delaney and Zinio.

They are super criminals and there is a bit of Bonnie and Clyde about the way they behave except they would never kill anyone. Their relationship reminded me of bits of Moonlighting and Hart to Hart but that is showing my age! Like those two television series, I could see this making a great film.

If you like a thoroughly entertaining, rather tongue-in-cheek crime thriller you will love this book.

Victor Bruneski says

If you want an action packed read with fully developed and interesting characters that only a master like Dean C Moore can create, this book is for you. It has the right things going for a bank heist book. The married couple will remind you of Bonnie and Clyde, but they definitely have their own thing going on.

Fakedeadgirlfriend says

I was given this book as a gift. I really enjoyed this fast paced, action adventure with a great cast of characters. The book really moves along and as it does we get to meet a number of people in the book that I fell in love with. As always, the dialogue is funny with a lot of great lines. Prepare yourself to be surprised with every twist and turn of this book.

Jay Williams says

This is a wild and crazy story with a pantheon of unique characters. The interaction between the lovers is sarcastic and baiting, as a crew of old and young characters join in on the bank robbing. The book starts with a robbery and then becomes one continuous chase as the FBI analyst and her crew attempt to catch the robbers, while their spree continues. The fun continues unabated as the action travels across country, under water, to New York, the California mountains, and eventually to a cruise ship. The ingenious ways Zinio finds for he and Delaney to escape as the nets draw n boggle the mind. From start to finish this is a pleasurable romp.

Carmen Amato says

Love on the Run is an action-packed roller coaster of a read with an intriguing plot: husband Zinio and wife Delaney have become adept bank robbers and escape artists in order to finance her cancer treatments. Whatever they have left over from their heists goes to help their elderly friends who have big health care bills.

Meanwhile they are pursued by a tough cookie of a relentless female FBI agent, who is constantly assaulted by her male colleagues' crude jokes.

The story is punctuated by a running argument between Zinio and Delaney over the lack of romance in their marriage even as they are being shot at, landing a helicopter on a roof, or being strangled by rogue cops. It reads like a sequel to the Tom Cruise/Cameron Diaz spy movie, Night and Day, or even an episode of the old Bruce Willis TV series Moonlighting, with its rapid fire chatter.

The book doesn't take things too seriously: most characters don't have last names, there's little background on our married Robin Hoods, so the reader doesn't know how Zinio acquired all his helicopter pilot or explosives expertise. The cops and FBI agents say and do things that are outrageous enough to be comical.

When the FBI agent gets too close, in a rollicking chase that goes on and on, Zinio is forced to expand both his base of operations and gang. The ending is satisfying, with a nice twist. Recommended for the reader looking for lively movie-style action rather than an authentic crime drama.

Jack Heath says

This isn't like any thief novel you've ever read. Sure, it has the jailbreaks, the train-explosions and the mid-chase-witticisms. But it also has super-strong somnabulists, robots with dog-fetishes (you heard me) and, at one point, scrabble. Why not?

Moore leaves nothing out, is what I'm saying. He churns through more ideas in a chapter than some writers do in an entire career. It's worth pointing out that some readers may find this disagreeable, even repulsive (you heard what I said about the dog and the robot, right?) but there is a certain kind of booklover who doesn't like having his or her time wasted. This reader will turn up his or her nose at The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, or Midnight's Children, but will be positively delighted by Moore's mile-a-minute ADHD style.

If you don't like what's happening on this page, not to worry -- something else will be right behind it. All you have to do is keep up.

Jack says

The best description I can give this would be a benevolent Bonnie and Clyde chase book, yeah, they're criminals. Him, Zinio, the brains, wit and smoothness of three James Bonds. Her? Delany, Smart, socially conscious, beautiful and tragic. The action in this book makes the blues Brothers look like the Notebook. All the while surrounded by characters straight out of a Don Knott's comedy. Even the LEO's have their own psychosis. If you are willing to suspend a little disbelief (Hollywood would go broke making the movie) this book is a lot of fun.

The writing is fine, no major flaws. Where I feel this book shines is the witty dialogue. It's hard to make me laugh and I laughed out loud more than once. There is a line in here about the suburbs that made Coke Zero come out of my nose. There may be a sequel, but knowing the characters, well, just read it.

Two problems. The action may be over the top. Over the top like saying a desert is too rich. That's subjective and may be what the author had in mind. Also the middle of the book becomes jarringly pornographic for no apparent reason. This doesn't last but a few pages, not counting the sheep dog and, well, you'll have to read it. Everything else was witty and paced and it just didn't fit.

I have one test, If I knew then what I know now would I read it? Yes. Yes I would.

Demelza Carlton says

Reminiscent of Fun with Dick and Jane, this is a book about married love and bank robbery. Oh, and casino robbery. This follows both the criminal couple, Zinio and Delaney, as well as the police and FBI who are hunting for the couple who have just become America's Most Wanted. Hell, this would make a brilliant movie or TV series.

There's plenty of humour along the way, particularly when the cast includes elderly couples, dodgy investigators and a strange scene with shark sushi. While Delaney and Zinio are hardly slick, professional criminals, they manage to pull off crimes that no one else could - using some very unusual tactics.

I don't want to spoil the ending, I must admit it's one I didn't see coming. Bring on the movie!

S.R. Mallery says

A HEIST TO END ALL HEISTS!!

Dean C. Moore's engrossing novel, LOVE ON THE RUN is just that. It's about love between a husband and wife robbery team who are constantly on the move and persistently exchanging intelligent quips. As one of them succinctly puts it, "We rob banks. We make harrowing mistakes. We enjoy priceless banter..."

Indeed they do. Their bantering is quite a treat, and made me feel as if I were witnessing Bonnie and Clyde--meets Mr. and Mrs. Smith--meets Lethal Weapon.

It's a heist to end all heists. Helicopter flights, sex on ledges, unlikely accomplices, explosions, and funny disguises collide with non-stop movie-like action scenes, pulling in the reader right from the start. Meanwhile, you get another duo conversing. It's two for the price of one as the head detective on the case (a woman) exchanges ideas with her stalwart helper, a seasoned cop who seems to know far more about life than she does, no matter how intelligent she appears.

As the two different sets of partners circle around each other, one might think, 'Gee, this is such a fun caper,' but Moore delves in further, showing us that unspoken, emotional pain is part of life's many discoveries. That, along with scenes about people suffering from disabilities, made me become even more emotionally involved. A definitely recommended read!

Fiona says

Oh my! I've fried my brains reading this author's sci-fi and steampunk novels so when I saw he'd written a crime thriller/romantic comedy I thought that would be normal. Wrong! It was as zany and unpredictable as his other books. I think the reason I come back for more is just as my brain hurts by how outlandish the plot has become the author slips in a very intelligent and perceptive comment about human nature. Like all his books this is a fun albeit bizarre story. (Some of the humour in this one is a bit "close to the knuckle" and may offend some people). A husband and wife decide bank robberies are the best way to pay for cancer treatment. The situations they get themselves into are off the scale of predictability. During two of their heists they are assisted by a group of geriatrics trying to fund their health bills, one of which is in a wheelchair and another has Alzheimer's. The FBI agent on their tail has issues of her own to deal with while being back stabbed by the team she leads. The resources at her command from helicopters, to tanks to missile blasters are extreme! Most of the interesting insights in to human psychology are at her expense. Another imaginative and totally unique read from Moore.

Mark Isaacs says

007 Meets the Thin Man

If you're a fan of the James Bonds films and Thin Man series, you're going to like *Love on the Run*. The book features the best of both franchises, with a madcap husband and wife on a wild crime spree chock-full of seemingly impossible getaways à la 007 and sparkling ripostes reminiscent of Nick and Nora Charles going at it. The movie references are appropriate because this book is really a movie set to paper. Hard-boiled scene descriptions and extended snappy dialogues make *Love on the Run* more than a screenplay, however, but a fully realized work, with equal parts action and character interplay. If you like your books shaken AND stirred, this one's for you.

Jana Petken says

A fun, enjoyable read with plenty of twists. I enjoyed the plot and the way in which they intertwined with the characters who were fresh and interesting, well pitted against each other throughout. If you want something just that little bit different, you'll love this
