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## **The Dummy Line Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Dummy Line for online ebook**

### **Patricia says**

This is Bobby Cole's first book, and it is a winner. I couldn't put it down! Cole is a master storyteller. Can't wait to start his second book, "Moon Underfoot." It was a lucky day for me when I stopped at Reed's bookstore in Tupelo looking for a good book that would capture the flavor of the area. Thank you, Bobby, for being there that day and turning me on to your talent.

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### **Michael says**

It was ok... gotta quit getting suckered into the amazon deal of the day books.

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### **kathy v simmons says**

#### **Really enjoyed reading this book. Most excellent hope he keeps on writing**

Very well written. You would never know it was his first novel. Well blended characters, nice twists and turns, really keeps you interested.

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### **Linda Pears says**

#### **Totally engrossingly suspenseful story**

I couldn't lay this book down . It had my attention from start to finish. Well written and crafted to hold your attention a d keep you guessing. I highly recommend this book and look foreword to more tales from Mr. Cole

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### **Gigi says**

It was simply written, but completely enthralling! While many characters were stereotypically depicted, the storyline kept moving forward at a quick pace, catching me up in it.

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### **Dindy says**

The Dummy Line by Bobby Cole is a fast-paced, can't-put-it-down thriller that takes place in the Noxubee Swamp in Alabama. When stockbroker Jake Crosby takes his 9-year-old daughter, Katy, for a trip to hunt wild turkey, he is expecting a fun time bonding with his tomboy daughter. What he gets, however, is a night

of unrelenting terror as their remote hunting camp is invaded by drug dealers. When Jake kills one of the invaders to protect his daughter, the others vow revenge, and the chase is on. Jake is forced to flee through the swamp, carrying his daughter on his back in an attempt to escape before they are caught and killed.

This book is a taut, well written novel that I was totally unable to put down. The characters are well developed-- I loved the deputy who secretly listens to Barry Manilow-- and completely believable. The local sheriff's department is not incompetent, but they are out of their depth in dealing with the chaos wrought by the Keystone Cops gang of criminals who in one night manage to beat up a local star high school football player, attempt to rape his girlfriend, and kidnap another woman from her house while at the same time chasing Jake and his daughter through the woods.

Kudos to the author for writing the 9-year-old daughter as a completely believable little girl who is as enamored of her Beanie Babies as she is of spending time with her dad. She's neither precocious nor whiny and annoying, but is written from a very realistic viewpoint of how a little girl who is in a horrifying situation might react. Very few writers do well at writing kids, so Mr. Cole gets extra points in my book for doing such a good job of depicting Katy.

The plot threads are twisted and complex, but the author manages to deftly keep them all in play and bring the book to a satisfying resolution. I had no trouble keeping track of the various characters as they were all well developed, and I had no trouble keeping track of the various plot threads. I look forward to reading more by this author!

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### **Brandy says**

Very good first try for this new author. You can tell from his language that he's a southern boy or at least been in the area for quite some time. Make sure if you sit down to read it that you have plenty of time, because you won't stop till you are done!

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### **Kimberly M. Dryden says**

#### **Great read**

Really enjoyed this book. Good story line and characters in book were well described. If u j my and have kids this will stick with you.

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### **Emily says**

I really can't understand why this book has so many 5 star reviews. I was excited by the premise and also by the number of rave reviews it had on here.

The characters are one dimensional, the writing is very basic and clumsy, with no nuance or skill at all. The plot didn't really make much sense based on the 1 dimensional characters, especially the police force who all seem completely thick and make nonsensical judgements most of the time.

Everything is spelt out for you with this book, and there's too many useless, filler chapters that add nothing to the story but slow the pace down.

The synopsis looked promising and if written by somebody else could have been an entertaining book. I found this moronic and boring - I only finished it because it was given to me as a present and felt I should push through to the end. That's a few hours of my life I won't get back.

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### **Sue Giskaas says**

#### **Dummy Line**

Suspenseful, thrilling a great read. Looking forward to the next book. 9 more words required, so here they are, talk about silly.

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### **John says**

#### **Simply OUTSTANDING!!**

This book contains everything that epitomizes the battle between what is good and what is truly evil! It's hard to describe this book without betraying the plot. Simply, it's about a Dad taking his daughter hunting but when some truly evil men and the main character Jake Crosby become entwined, he will find himself doing anything to keep themselves alive. Well worth a read. I WILL BE BUYING MORE IN THIS SERIES!

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### **Mrs Patricia A Taylor says**

#### **A Great Find**

I really enjoyed this book. It is the first Bobby Cole book that I have read and I intend to read the second one of the series next. I was impressed with the solid plot and the way the suspense built. There was also humour at times which relieved the tension and stopped the story from becoming too dark. The narrative was so engrossing that I couldn't stop reading until I got to the end and stayed up far too late. I love the Joe Pickett novels by C. J. Box and I am so happy to have found another author of the same genre to follow.

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### **Teresia says**

The Dummy Line is a story filled with non-stop, action and "edge of your seat" suspense. I could not put it down. I was hooked from the beginning and completely enthralled right up to the end. I was expecting a bit more of a rap up at the end but after considering that all the character's fate were accounted for, I have to agree that it ended at just the right place. I think it was that I was not ready for the adventure to be over. The author did a superb job of bringing the characters to life. I felt like I was there in the thick of it right on the heels of each character in each scene. I also enjoyed the bit of humor that was sprinkled here and there throughout. I actually laughed out loud a few times at something said or thought by one of the characters,

mainly the Sheriff or one of the deputies. I would highly recommend this book to any reader who is looking for a heart thumping, sweat infusing suspensful, thriller read. I hope Bobby Cole will have another one out soon. I will definitely read the next one, too.

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### **Terry says**

While predictable, this story was quick and easy with a protagonist that was very likable.

My 2 star rating is based on how poorly the police are portrayed throughout the book. They play a large role in the overall story, appear quite frequently throughout the book...and are utter buffoons. And, I don't mean just one or two guys...I mean every cop in the book does moronic things start to finish.

Terribly frustrating.

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### **Jan says**

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