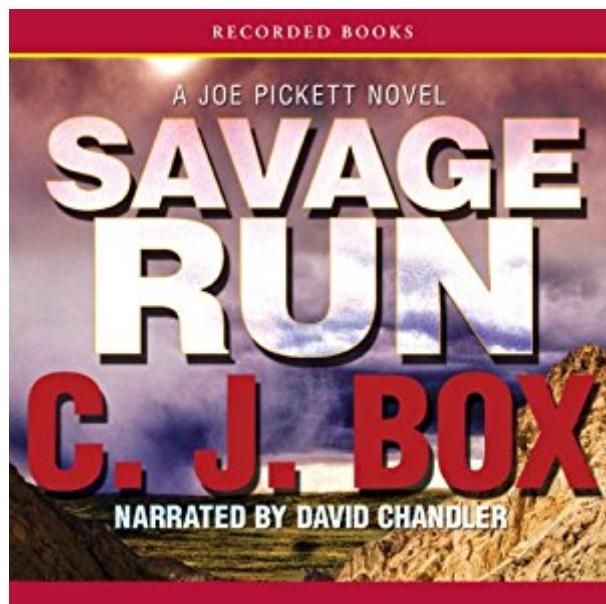


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Savage Run: A Joe Pickett Novel



Synopsis

An Edgar, Anthony, Macavity, Gumshoe, and Barry Award winner, C. J. Box delivers the second pulse-pounding installment in his critically acclaimed series. While investigating a string of bizarre murders, Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett is forced to flee across treacherous terrain with a deadly tracker on his trail.

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Customer Reviews

CJ Box has become one of my favorite authors, and Joe Pickett is undoubtedly one of my favorite literary characters. Pickett is a humble, earthy ranger who does the right thing irrespective of consequences. Savage Run is Box's second entry with Pickett, and he doesn't disappoint. What was done well in Open Season is done exceptionally here. The story is better, the pace improved and the plot line tighter, not to mention one of the most hilarious and inventive opening paragraphs ever penned. Mr. Right Place Wrong Time, Joe Pickett, gets involved in another homicide near Saddlestring. This time the plot follows a series of murders aimed at radical conservationists. The action is fast and crisp; the revelations perfectly timed. If Box was just a good action writer, it would be good enough, but what makes the Pickett books superb are the threads of humanity that transcend volumes: Joe as a family man juggling a wife and three girls under financial pressures, Joe's past blunders showing his vulnerability, Joe's tense relationship with local law enforcement, and even a strained relationship with his mother-in-law. These things are what make readers care about Pickett. It's what puts him in company with some of my favorite multiple-book characters: Jack

Reacher, Lincoln Rhyme, Jack Taylor. Savage Run isn't without its flaws. There are some clichéd characters and some bumbling rookie lapses in judgment that I don't think Pickett would have made. At one point, only a miracle would do, and as luck would have it, someone stumbles right into salvation. Despite these minor grievances, this is a solid, engaging entry into the Pickett canon not to be missed. 4 1/2 stars for this one.

I started at the beginning of the Joe Pickett novels. Mr. Box is a very good story teller and has a good hero in Joe Pickett. The books are hard to put down. His descriptions of scenery, action, and his characters is very good reading. I will nit pick now. If you haven't done so in the rest of this series, please stop using "off of" so often. Better, not use it at all. One of my pet peeves. Otherwise, very good books, Mr Box. Very good.

This is the second novel by C. J. Box that I've read. I enjoyed it. A few things I like about the series so far: 1. Characters - Joe Pickett, the main character, is realistic. He isn't too perfect to make mistakes - even admits that, when using firearms, he is far from a crack-shot. 2. The plot isn't predictable. When I think I might have something figured out- C. J. Box twists things around and I realize I've missed it again. 3. There's a lot of detail, but nothing is superfluous. 4. Lots of action- the mystery isn't all cerebral. 5. There's a quirky humor in the writing (e.g., watch out for death by exploding cow). 6. There is an ABSENCE of annoying, careless punctuation, spelling and usage/grammar errors. Thank you, C. J. Box for being a true writing professional who doesn't ignore the need to proofread! I'm ready to purchase the next volume.

I'm A JOE PICKETT fan. This novel was a quick read in that lots of things were happening all of the time. If my eyes hadn't insisted on closing, I might have read it all the way through. Environmentalists seem to be a sub-culture of their own. It's interesting and educational to sneak into their orchestrations to see what is going on in Save the Earth society. Of course, some of the characters in this story are bigger than life, but that's what it takes to get our attention. Good, job, Author C.J. Box. Keep writing and I'll keep reading..

I feel bad giving it only a 3, which for me means it was good but not good enough to recommend. The story was about environmental activists turned bad. The story was good. I just can't feel more than luke warm for the main character. He's definitely not a hero type - too many flaws. I find myself getting annoyed with him.

Joe Pickett is a good hero. Highly ethical and very human. The author reveals his weaknesses as well as his strengths. I also appreciate the strength of his commitment to his family. Looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Don't know if I read this one before, but I went back to an earlier book just to enjoy his writing again. Maybe a little too obvious on the ranchers vs environmentalists battle, but still a good read.

C. J. Box is an American treasure. His novels featuring game warden Joe Pickett are immensely interesting, satisfying to read, and highly recommendable. The Wyoming backdrop is lovingly described and an integral part of the story, especially in the case of this novel that involves a crossing of the canyon known as Savage Run. The author builds his story around an issue of importance in the American west, in this case, the conflict between environmentalists and ranchers. Reading the entries in Box's Pickett series for me is something like it must be to sit down with the author at a table in his favorite restaurant where he does a good bit of his writing. It is comforting. Interested readers would be well advised to start with the first in the series, Open Season, and read the entries in order. You'll have a really good time.

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