

IMPACT ZONE BOOK REVIEWS

The following samples are volunteer reviews of 'Impact Zone' by B D Roy.

ENJOY THE READ!

by Tye Simpson 6 April 2024



4 out of 5 stars

"Impact Zone" by B.D. Roy is a captivating coming-of-age story that takes readers on a journey of self-discovery, resilience, and hope amidst the challenges of adolescence. Set against the backdrop of a coastal town, the novel follows the protagonist, Jack McHale, as he navigates the complexities of family dynamics, personal relationships, and the pursuit of his dreams.

One of the most compelling aspects of "Impact Zone" is its authentic portrayal of family dynamics and the impact of divorce on children. Roy masterfully delves into the intricacies of Jack's relationships with his parents and brothers, capturing the emotional toll of their separation and the subsequent challenges they face in rebuilding their family bonds. Through Jack's perspective, readers witness the highs and lows of family life, from moments of joy and camaraderie to instances of conflict and tension.

The character development in "Impact Zone" is another standout feature of the novel. Jack is a relatable and multi-dimensional protagonist whose struggles and triumphs resonate with readers of all ages. As he grapples with issues of identity, belonging, and self-worth, Jack undergoes a profound transformation, ultimately emerging stronger and more resilient than ever before. Roy skilfully portrays Jack's inner turmoil and growth, allowing readers to empathize with his experiences and root for his success. The supporting cast of characters in "Impact Zone" adds depth and richness to the narrative. From Jack's brothers, James, and Kai, to his love interest, Cass, each character brings a unique perspective and contributes to the overall tapestry of the story.

Roy expertly weaves together their storylines, creating a cohesive and engaging narrative that keeps readers invested from start to finish. One of the novel's greatest strengths is its exploration of themes such as friendship, loyalty, and the power of resilience. Through Jack's interactions with his friends and peers, readers are reminded of the importance of support networks and the value of standing up

for what is right. Moreover, Jack's journey serves as a powerful reminder that resilience and determination can help overcome even the greatest of obstacles.

Overall, "Impact Zone" is a poignant and heartfelt novel that will resonate with readers long after they have turned the last page. With its interesting characters, richly drawn setting, and powerful themes, B.D. Roy's debut is a must-read for anyone seeking an uplifting and inspiring story of hope and redemption. Whether you're a fan of coming-of-age tales or simply enjoy a well-crafted narrative, "Impact Zone" is sure to leave a lasting impression.

"Impact Zone" earns a solid 4 out of 5 stars for its compelling portrayal of family dynamics and the protagonist's journey of self-discovery. The authentic characters, richly drawn setting, and exploration of themes such as resilience and friendship contribute to its overall appeal. The emotional depth and relatability of the story make it a highly engaging read.

Overall, "Impact Zone" is a captivating novel that leaves a lasting impact on readers.

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by Allan Jackson 17 Mar 2024



5 out of 5 stars

BOOK REVIEW B. D. ROY: IMPACT ZONE

Impact Zone by B. D. Roy is a young adult novel. It's a story about love, friendship, family, and exploration. The main character is a fifteen-year-old boy Jack, who is dealing with the separation of his parents. He has two brothers: eighteen-year-old James and thirteen-year-old Kai. The separation is also hard on both of them. Jack's only escape from his problems is surfing and music. In the summer break the boys go on vacation at their father's house, where the adventures await. The book has 279 pages. It is free of any profanities or sexual content. In the book, the author mentions many places in the city they are in. A city map at the end of the book helps the reader understand the city and the events better. The book doesn't include many big words, which means that it's perfect for people who are just starting with consistent reading or for those who are still learning English.

I like that the book doesn't focus on only one thing. Most books of that kind focus only on young love. This one also targets other feelings while still discussing things like family and exploring. While reading I felt tension, happiness, anxiety, and love. Even though most of the events were for me quite predictable, I still couldn't stop reading. The book talks about Jack's feelings, which makes the reader understand his behavior. It also brought me closer to understanding the feelings of kids with separated parents. I like that the book focuses on both, internal conflict, AND external events.

In conclusion, I feel like the novel deserves a 5 out of 5 rating for its style, subject, and insight. While the book is a bit predictable for an experienced reader, those who are looking for something simpler will enjoy it.

by William Begg 13 Mar 2024



5 out of 5 stars

Set against the backdrop of 1989 in California, the story revolves around Jack McHale, a fifteen-year-old who is the youngest of his siblings, Kai, and James. His life felt miserable when his parents announced their separation. He found solace in surfing and navigating life after his parents' separation. He befriends Cass at his school and supports James in his musical dream journey. To find out how Jack, at an adolescent age, navigates life's uncertainties, grab "Impact Zone" by B.D. Roy.

In "Impact Zone," B.D. Roy masterfully crafted a journey of self-discovery, resilience, and redemption through Jack's journey. The strong bond between brothers throughout the plot showed how their parents separation impacted each other. Jack's parents relocated to America from Australia when he was just ten years old, and he was quite shy of his Australian accent at his new school.

The author beautifully portrayed James's love for surfing and how he felt comfort in it. Many terms and mechanisms of surfing were presented in the book, which might be knowledgeable to those who are unaware of surfing. The author's writing was fluid, free of grammatical and editing errors. There was nothing I disliked about this book. After completing the book, I realized how parental separation impacts children and their mental health. The characters were finely developed, and the dialogue delivery among the characters was perfect. At the end of the book, the glossary of terms used in surfing is available.

In conclusion, I rate "Impact Zone" five out of five stars. Through B.D. Roy's storytelling skills through the lens of Jack's journey, readers are reminded of the inherent strength of the human spirit and the power of hope to triumph over adversity. The novel's message is both poignant and uplifting, serving as a poignant reminder that even in the darkest of times, there is always light to be found if one is brave enough to seek it.

by Rebecca Dickson 23 Feb 2024



5 out of 5 stars

Impact Zone B.D. Roy

I can almost taste the salty sea and feel the soft, warm sand in this rather lovely tale from the recollections of the author's childhood in California. Jack McHale is 15 years old in the spring of 1989, and during the course of my reading, I grew fond of this strong-willed but likeable teen. He lives a life that many young men would be jealous of: next to the sea with his parents, two brothers, and a dog; surfing is his everyday pastime. His life seems perfect, but then his parents drop a bombshell: they are getting separated. Jack is distraught, as are his two brothers, and we read about their escapades during the ensuing summer break. Fun, fighting and first love all come Jack's way and take his mind away from family problems. The boys have been raised well and support each other, and the future looks promising.

The pages are brimming with sun, sand and sea, giving a warm ambience. As the story rolls along, it's as if the young Jack is telling it face-to-face; it has a personal aspect. The book is comfortably short and easy to read. This book would support other teenagers going through the same thing and has good advice for parents who are about to split up.

He definitely loves surfing! We learn a lot about the methods and terminology (I came across words such as 'aerials' and 'beach breaks') with a surfing glossary at the end of the book. Jack's emotions are plain to see; he is a strong boy and will weather this storm well. There were no sexually explicit descriptions and no profanity (although there was some violence, but not horrific stuff). All this, and the fact that I found no errors, means I will give Impact zone a 5 out of 5-star rating.

by Deborah Nelson 03 Jan 2024



5 out of 5 stars

Impact zone by B.D.ROY is an amazing book about Jack McHale and his brothers and how they deal with the new situation in their family. Each with their own ways of coming to terms with the truth that is set right in front of them. The setting about the beach and everything gives the reader a relaxing aura as they dive into the lives of these boys and the friends, they make along the way in their journey to accept the truth.

I love the how B.D.ROY uses his knowledge of the beach and the lifestyles of those who live around them to make *Impact zone* come to life.

I rate it **five out of five stars** (5/5) because it is a simple read, and it flows. Each minute you are away, you cannot simply bear without thinking about the next adventure that awaits Jack and his brothers. it is a pure portrayal of truth, justice, reality, love of family and the importance of honesty to oneself and sacrifice.

I do not have any negative things to say about the book except that it was exceedingly great. I enjoyed each moment. Maybe one thing that could be improved on is the events having a bit more of breather moments or light-hearted moments to help us know truly the traits of the characters and not only focus on one particular trait of the characters. Apart from that, everything else was flawless, especially the editing. Whoever did the editing deserves a big handclap. It was very easy to read, mostly because the editing was spot on. I hardly found any mistakes.

The book is suitable for most ages to read, and it is highly encouraging and inspiring. Also, it teaches new terms for those who would want to know beach language or information on surfing. This is the book. I rate it 5 out of 5.

by Kunal M K 01 Sep 2023



4 out of 5 stars

I recently had the pleasure of reading "Impact Zone" by B.D Roy, which left a lasting impression on me. The story took me on an exhilarating journey filled with a rollercoaster of emotions, action, and unexpected twists.

The story is quite simple. It focuses on the life of a teenage boy whose parents split because of unfortunate circumstances. It revolves around the teenager's struggles to come to terms with their parents' separation. The story showcases the emotional journey of the protagonist shedding light on pain and dullness that arises from such an event. One of the major strengths of "Impact Zone" is its practical insights. It allows the readers to relate it to real-life scenarios. It offers valuable lessons and morals that one can apply in various aspects of life. It signifies the importance of communication and understanding in a relationship. The characters in "Impact Zone" were vibrant and complex. I was emotionally devoted to the protagonist's journey throughout the book. The character development and personal challenges added more weight to the story.

B.D Roy's writing is unique and captivating. It had no room for dullness and boredom. The setting of the scenes made me feel I was right there, experiencing it. The author has done a great job of capturing the attention of a reader. The story makes the reader understand the struggles of a teenager and how complicated life is when things go downhill. It also showed genuine love and care between the characters and also provides brief information about surfing. And not to mention the surprising turns of events that make the reader's mind blown. The author surprised me with clever plot twists that heightened suspense and excitement.

In conclusion, B.D Roy's "Impact Zone" is a thrilling and adventurous novel. I would recommend this book to anyone for its practicality, life lessons, and enjoyable reading experience. I'd rate this book a 4/5. I wouldn't be surprised if this book was made into a live-action movie.

by Josh Dorsett 19 May 2023



4 out of 5 stars

I really enjoyed reading Impact Zone and would give it an overall 4 out of 5. It was such an easy and very interesting read that made it difficult to take breaks in reading!

From the very beginning, it had me hooked with emotion to the developing storyline. It developed the characters and their emotions very effectively and really allowed for the reader to pick out which character's traits they related with most to be hooked and continue reading the story.

This story had its fair share of twists and turns and was very effectively layered where a few different parts of the story could happen at the same time without leaving the reader confused on what was going on. I could follow along with the events in the book, while also really following the feelings that the characters were having, which is exceptional for a leisure read!

The writing styles used by the author brought the intended audience right where they were at. The language used was appropriate and easy to follow. It was informal when it needed to be, but the formal parts of the writing were also very effectively utilized.

One thing that I would have liked for this story to implement more would be to include the supporting characters more in the main storyline to make the story flow a little more smoothly.

Overall, I would recommend this book and I think it would be an interesting idea to turn this into a series and create a sequel to continue the stories of the characters and include even more awesome adventures.

by Ceeco Dale 23 Jul 2022



5 out of 5 stars

This book centred on the McHale family and is narrated from the viewpoint of Jack, a 15-year-old boy who relates his experiences and journey as a teenager seeking to find his way through life and rediscover his purpose. Jack lived the ideal life. He had the perfect loving family, a unique musical talent, and some impressive surfing skills. His family lived right next to the beach, allowing him and his brothers the opportunity to surf whenever they had the opportunity. However, when Jack got the news that his parents were separating, his world came crashing down. He simply could not believe it. Family was everything to him, and his was the perfect one. Although it was foreseen after his brother, Kai, had mistakenly found a love letter in their mother's jacket, he wished that things would have been different. His dad left home after the incident, and Jack missed him terribly. In the blink of an eye, their home, which had once erupted with laughter, silly jokes, and pure joy, now felt like a strange place. Jack was left sad, angry, and confused because his family would never be whole again. The impact of his parents' breakup had hit him the hardest amongst his three brothers. Would Jack ever be able to heal from this grief that engulfed him? Would he ever be able to understand and forgive his father for leaving home, even though it left him and his brothers devastated?

The answers can only be found within the pages of this wonderful book called *Impact Zone* by B.D. Roy.

This book had many positive aspects that I'd like to highlight. The author's word choice and style of telling his story were simple and concise. I liked how the author depicted Jack's loving relationship with his parents and brothers in a clear and straightforward manner. It was truly heart-warming to witness their unwavering love and commitment to one another. The themes of family relationships, compassion, loyalty, and forgiveness were prominent in the book. I thought this book was great and held a lot of promise for its readers. The book was completely free of errors, indicating that it had been meticulously edited.

I recommend this book to those who are interested in young adult novels that embody the concept of developing good and lasting relationships with family and friends, as well as books that teach important morals that are needed in today's world.

by Lin Tempa 25 Nov 2022



4 out of 5 stars

Jack is a 15-year-old surfer. He has two brothers, one older brother James and one younger brother Kai, who are also surfers. His parents are divorced, and he is negatively impacted by this. He feels that his family will no longer be the same anymore since his father no longer lives with them. His grades are slipping. This leads to him being called to the office by the school's principal to point out this matter. Jack learns from his mother that his father has moved to Paradise Beach Resort, which is over an hour's drive away from his home, to become the manager of that resort. He asks his elder brother to cover for him as he visits his father to talk to him alone before they visit him with his brothers. Having visited unannounced, Jack tries to talk to his father about fixing their marriage with his mother to rebuild their family and how it used to be. However, his father makes him understand why it would not work out and so he tries to understand the situation.

A few weeks later, when it is the McHale boys' summer break, they visit their father and they get the chance to rekindle their relationship with him. During their stay, Jack meets a girl named Cass, who is also a surfer. He instantly falls for her. However, having Cass in his life leads to unforeseen consequences. Cass, being the only one who likes to hang around with the McHale brothers, there is a gang of boys, who are also surfers, who seem to have a problem with them, calling them 'City Rats'. With everything that happens to Jack and Cass or to the surrounding people, it brings them closer and a deep connection form between the two. There is a surfing competition which occurs annually at the Paradise Beach, in which the two young McHale brothers sign up for including Cass and several other surfers. With all these exceptionally terrific surfers being part of the competition, who will win the surfing competition?

I like the book very much. This is because of how Jack's parents love, support, and care for him and his brothers, even though they are separated. There are a number of kids out there who are caught in between when their parents get divorced, having to go through custody and being torn apart by both

parents. Or even worse, you would find one parent not wanting to take care of their children. What I also like about the book is the bond that is portrayed between the McHale brothers. It can be seen with the sacrifices they make for each other. They can even share their feelings and thoughts with each other, and this is what can be looked at as a healthy relationship. Also, how the McHale brothers carry themselves and how disciplined they are it shows how well raised they are by their parents. I like that the author made the story easy to read and understand. The feelings and places in the book are clearly and perfectly described in a way that the reader can imagine how a certain place in the story looks or how a character feels. In the book, not even one profane word is found and the number of errors found in the book is negligible.

There is certainly nothing I do not like about this book. To me, it seems that the book was professionally edited as the number of errors I came across while reading was negligible.

I would recommend this book, *Impact Zone* by B.D. Roy, to people who have divorced parents. From this book, they can learn to live with it as there might not be anything they can do about their parent's divorce. I would also recommend this book to the parents that are divorced and have children so that they learn the impact their decisions may have in their children's lives. Even though a divorce is not planned, at least by reading this book, parents may know how to prepare for the aftermath or the impacts this situation may have on their loved ones or know what to expect.

I enjoyed reading this book very much and would have no hesitation in recommending 'Impact Zone' to my friends and family, especially those who have teenage children.