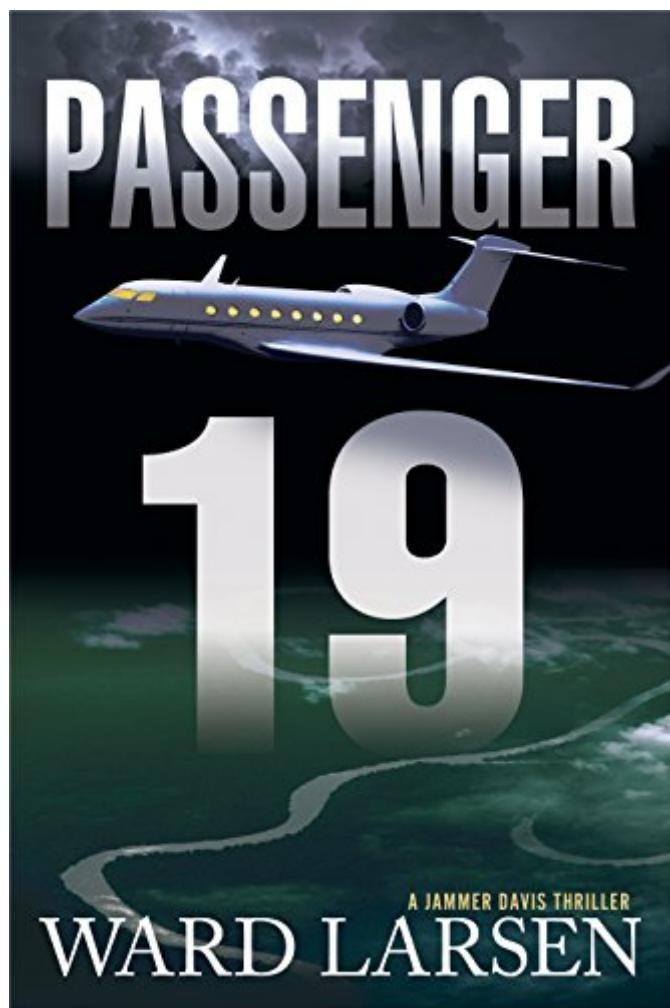


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Passenger 19 (A Jammer Davis Thriller)



Synopsis

Passenger 19 is Silver Winner 2016 Florida Book AwardUSA Today best-seller best-sellerJammer Davis has spent most of his life investigating aircraft accidents. When a small regional jet disappears over the jungles of Colombia, it is a tragedy like dozens of others he has seen but for one terrible detail: his young daughter, who was en route to a semester abroad in South America, is listed on the passenger manifest. A distraught Davis rushes to Bogota and bulls his way into the inquiry. When the wreckage is located, it becomes clear the crash was unsurvivable. As the investigation gains momentum, the facts go astray. Two pilots had been shot before the crash, along with one passenger. The possibility of a hijacking looms large as the search begins to focus on two passengers who boarded the plane, yet their remains cannot be found. Davis uncovers an even more sinister plot behind the entire disaster one that goes to the highest levels of the United States government. But how could it possibly involve his daughter?

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Customer Reviews

I am 77 years old and am a bedridden heart patient. Reading is about all I am able to do these days,

and as long as there are authors like this writing, I will continue to read his books. I'm not a pilot, nor am I an ex Marine, a hand to hand fighting specialist, or a good writer, but I consider myself a reasonably talented reader, and feel that M.r. Larson writes as though he either is/was/or could have been, any or all of the above. This is my first read by Mr. Larsen, but it certainly will not be the last.

This third book in the series is the first Jammer Davis mystery that I've read, and I'm happy to report that the transition into the story was effortless. No questions, no confusion. Davis is a good blend of logic and brute force, and both elements come into play in this story involving his young daughter. I learned quite a bit about different kinds of aircraft and investigating crash sites, and everything was perfectly geared toward readers who don't have a clue about these things: light, to the point, and very interesting. There were even touches of humor throughout the book, which were needed in such a serious story. Jammer Davis is a well-drawn character who will definitely make me come back to this series, especially since Passenger 19 also has an engrossing plot that really picks up speed once Davis has enough clues to begin piecing together what happened. After enjoying this book, I think I'll take a look at the other Jammer Davis mysteries. Good stuff!

Jammer Davis is a former Air Force pilot and now works for the NTSB as an investigator. His wife died a few years ago and now it's just Davis and his daughter, Jen. She is headed to South America as part of her college studies. The last message he receives from her lets him know she met another girl doing the same and they will be traveling together. This relieves his mind somewhat since she will no longer be going alone. His relief, however, is short lived when his boss shows up and tells him a plane went down in Columbia and Jammer's daughter's name was listed on the manifest. Jammer is devastated but knows what he has to do. With his boss's approval, he heads for South America as lead investigator on the crash. Once he arrives, the site looks much like any other crash site he's seen in the past. His heart aches to think of Jen's last moments and what she must have gone through but he steels himself against any and all feelings as he sets about discovering what happened. It isn't until he gets a good look at the inside of the plane that he realizes things aren't adding up. For one, the seats where Jen and her friend were supposed to be sitting are pretty much intact and the seatbelts look to have never been fastened. How can that be? Then there's the cockpit. Instead of just a pilot and co-pilot, they find three people there, two of whom have been shot in the back of the head, execution style. And one of them isn't who he's supposed to be at all. Not only does the crash site not make sense, but Davis is getting opposition from the local police chief

and a military man who was assigned to help Davis in his investigation. Add in the fact his own government seems to be keeping close tabs on him, and pretty soon Davis isn't sure who he can and cannot trust. This was a thrill ride from start to finish. I saw where a few people thought it started out slow but that wasn't the case for me. Maybe because I love airplane thrillers so I was really looking forward to this one. At any rate, it had all the action and suspense I was anticipating from the start and once I got into it I couldn't put it down. Jammer reminded me a lot of Lee Child's Jack Reacher as far as personality goes and also in the length and width he would go to right a wrong. He also knows how to kick some behind in the process. There are a couple of surprise twists as well. Just a really good read.

This book caught my attention right from the beginning, a missing plane carrying Jammer's daughter, and when he goes to find out for himself, the mystery deepens as the plane, which is found crashed in the Columbian jungle isn't where it should be, some passengers are missing, including his daughter, some people found on the plane don't belong there, evidence is found suggesting a possible hijacking attempt. The mystery deepens and although the outcome wasn't as believable as I was hoping for, worth reading and I did like it.

Passenger 19 is a fiction but the events are realistic. The story is also informative in that it gives a lesson on how airplane investigators go about their job to find the cause or causes of airplane crashes. It gives us a glimpse of corruption that cripples Colombia. It also tells us how politics and ambition might take away reason from a politician. Although I already knew that Jen and Kristen were not killed in the plane crash, the decisions that Jammer made and the ensuing events were all due to his love for his daughter. Kristen's action that cost the deaths of so many people, tells us the effect of rebellion and reckless decision.

I didn't expect to get much out of this because I usually don't read this author. However, the story and the protagonist pulled me in. I was hooked by the plot, the ever-increasing intensity of the story, and the unveiling of the "bad" guys or what I thought at the time was the bad guy. A final twist and surprise toward the end of the book kept me interested in the final resolution, if there is finality in the complexity of evil that has been concealed.

Great read for only .99cents! Fast moving and kept my interest. Very interesting story line and good characters. I really liked this author and it's his only book for less than \$7 so I'll not be buying the

two sequels, parts 2 and 3. Withheld 1 star due to expensive books in the series. It didn't leave anything hanging so the sequels aren't pressing but I would have bought them if they had been say \$3.99. .

An excellent suspenseful mystery. Full of surprises as the main character uncovers details of the ill-fated flight which bring up a whole host of other unanswered questions and improbabilities. The plot becomes more complex as it develops to the point where you want to keep going and not stop reading.

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