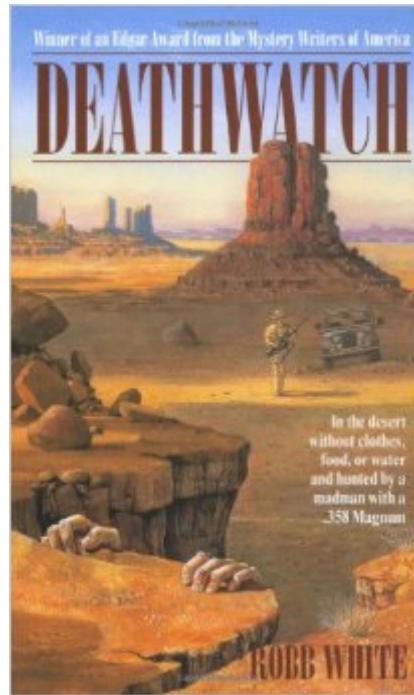


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# Deathwatch



## Synopsis

"An exciting novel of suspense, based on a fight to the finish between an honest and courageous young man and a cynical business tycoon who believes that anything can be had for a price."--Horn Book. An ALA Best of the Best Books for Young Adults, Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Writers Award, A New York Times Outstanding Book of the Year, New York Public Library--Books for the Teen Age.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 12 and up

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## Customer Reviews

Deathwatch is an extremely exciting, riveting book. The main character Ben, is hired by a man named Madec as a hunting guide. Madec is hunting for big horn sheep in the Southwest. Ben doesn't like Madec, and isn't looking forward to the trip. However Madec pays well and Ben needs the money for his next year of college. Something goes wrong during the hunt and Ben ends up in a fight for survival against Madec. It usually takes me about a week to finish a book this length, but I finished this book in one weekend. The author uses vivid detail and makes you feel like you're right there in the book. He also creates a lot of suspense. You can't wait to find out what happens next. I highly suggest this book. It was very enjoyable and exciting. This is one of the best books I've ever read. It would be a good book for teachers to make required reading. It has challenging vocabulary and a good plot. Deathwatch is a great book.

I first read this book many years ago, as an assignment for English class in middle school. I remember at the time being shocked by the content of the book, and surprised that I was being assigned to read a book that was somewhat modern, startlingly graphic, and engrossing at the same time. It fascinated me and opened my eyes to a style of writing of which at that point I had not yet been exposed. Graphic subject matter aside, it remained one of my favorite reading assignments of the time. I bought this book last year after 20 years have gone by, and was just as interested when reading it today as I was back then. While the subject matter is mature, it is not over the top. Unlike what some reviewers here have said, there certainly are people in this world who are as cruel as Madec; just read the news headlines. The overriding theme of justice prevailing, and moral decisions triumphing over lies and deceit, makes it an enjoyable weekend read that leaves you satisfied with the conclusion. The fact that this book does not sugar-coat the harsh realities of life makes it that much more of a believable story. My vote -- worth reading.

I was the Arizona Game and Fish Department's Wildlife Manager in Lake Havasu City when Robb White wrote this excellent book about the struggle between a young man and a rich businessman over a desert bighorn sheep. These sheep have always been a trophy and open to poachers because of the rugged terrain they live in -- miles from people and roads. While this story is not true, it could be. Robb did a great job in telling a tale about what might have happened. It is a tale about ethics, honor and desert survival against greed, poaching and death. While the location is fiction it is based on Lake Havasu City, Arizona where Robb lived in the late 1960's but, the tale could be just as true today. Rich

Ben is a college student who desperately needs money to go to college and get a good education. To get the money he needs he has to assist a cold hearted man named Madec in shooting bighorn sheep in the harsh desert. Ben tries to remain calm and keep his cool through Madec's temper and rage. All seems to be going pretty well, except when Madec causes an accident that never should have happened. Ben is blamed for the accident (which you will find out later, I don't want to ruin the book), and is caught in playing a deadly game in which he has to survive and fight to live. Wondering if Ben would survive kept me reading and turning the pages, wondering what would happen next. The details are very well written and the two characters are very different and have their own personalities which makes the book very interesting. The suspense will keep you reading this book, and if you like survival books, like the Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (which I also recommend) I would recommend this book. It certainly kept me on my toes to the very last page.

This novel is about college student named Ben, willing to guide Madec on a big hunt for big horn sheep in the desert, for extra money for school. Madec a rich hunter from California, accidentally shot an old prospector that he had mistaken for a sheep. Ben, being the honest person he is, wants to report what happened to the police. Madec refuses to report it to the police. Instead of madec doing the right thing, he tries to persuade Ben to leave the body and not to tell anyone, offering him more money. Ben rejects his offer and tells Madec that he is going to tell notify the authorities. Madec forces Ben to take off his clothes and walk home without any water or food. On Ben's journey, Madec follows Ben everywhere to make sure that he doesn't get home alive. Deathwatch is a very well written novel and I would recommend you to read it. The author has a way of making you want to read the next page; he brings the characters to life and makes you a part of the story. Deathwatch is a must for people who like action in their story. The part that I liked was when Ben was honest and when he tries to make things right. I would want to read more books by Robb White.

I read this in public school and loved it...then i forgot about it and late one night 15 years later was watching a late night movie starring Andy Griffith...(I forget the movies name but it was based on this book) and i couldnt believe i was watching a movie of one of the best stories i had ever read! Madec is a big game hunter who hires Ben, a young Student to guide him for Big Horn sheep... Well, Madec shoots an old hermit in the mountains by "mistake" and when Ben refuses to take a bribe for his silence the real hunt begins and Ben is trapped with no food or water in the desert...With only his wits and a slingshot to protect himself against the sun, the sand and the man with the high powered rifle...An amazing book and definatly a page-turner!

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