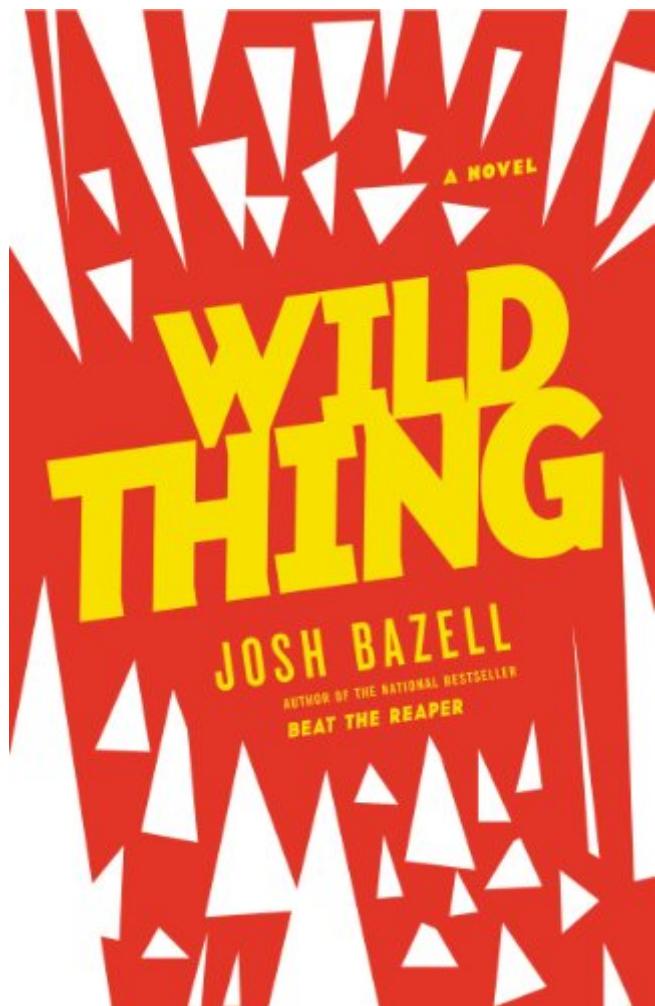


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Synopsis

Beat the Reaper left critics applauding, readers gasping, and Dr. Pietro Brnwa on the run from the mob. WILD THING finds him adrift: at sea, literally, as a cruise ship doctor under an assumed name. So when a reclusive billionaire offers him a job accompanying a sexy but self-destructive paleontologist on the world's worst field assignment, Pietro reluctantly agrees. And that means an army of murderers, mobsters, and international drug dealers--not to mention the occasional lake monster--are about to have a serious Pietro Brnwa problem. Facing new and old monsters alike, Pietro proves he's one of the crime genre's most exciting new heroes, in this darkly funny and lightning-paced sequel to Josh Bazell's bestselling debut.

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Customer Reviews

Like many other reviewers of this novel, I feel that 2009's Beat the Reaper was one of the most shockingly good reads of that year. It was the perfect mash-up between Medical Drama and Organized Crime Thriller, with bitingly sarcastic humor and witty footnotes. When I found out that the author, Josh Bazell, was writing a sequel (about a lake monster, nonetheless!), I was more than excited. Now, as I sit down to write this review, I am struggling to put into objective terms why I felt

the need to rate this book two stars. IN all honesty, I might have rated it one star, if not for something holding me back. But we'll get to that later. Wild Thing is about the continued adventures of Pietro "Bearclaw" Brwna, Mafia Hitman, AKA Dr. Peter Brown, Hospital Doctor, AKA Dr. Lionel Azimuth, Cruise Ship Dentist, as he encounters a mystery in smalltown Ford, Minnesota, involving the possible existence of an enigmatic lake monster. Teaming up with sexy paleontologist Violet Hurst, our main guy goes on an adventure that involves much more than whatever is lurking beneath the waters of White Lake. The first red flag, when reading this book, was from the prologue, which describes a scene of brutally gory (and fun) carnage. While the scene itself is well written, and technically still narrated by Brwna, he acts as a 3rd person omniscient narrator: not part of the scene, but he knows a little bit too much about it to just be a spectator. These chapters, also called "Exhibits" (like evidence, ha-ha), are sprinkled throughout the novel, and each one of them is as jarring as the rest. Where Beat the Reaper alternated time periods and jumped settings, it was always Brwna's thoughts we were getting, always something relevant to the plot.

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