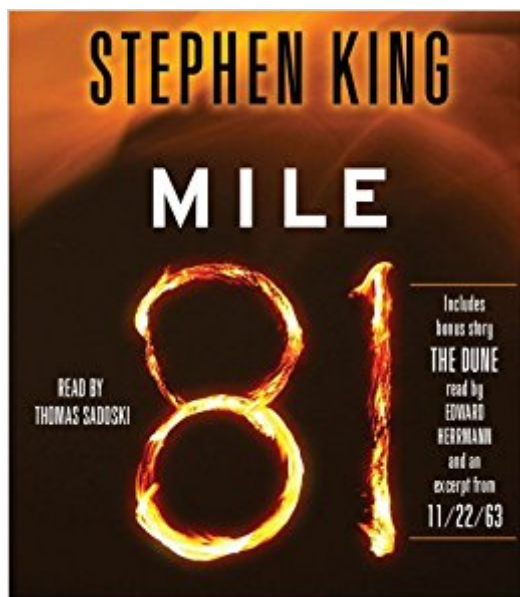


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Mile 81: Includes Bonus Story 'The Dune'



Synopsis

Mile 81 is Stand by Me meets Christine – the story of an insatiable car and a heroic kid. At Mile 81 on the Maine Turnpike is a boarded-up rest stop, a place where high school kids drink and get into the kind of trouble high school kids have always gotten into. It’s the place where Pete Simmons, armed only with the magnifying glass he got for his tenth birthday, finds a discarded bottle of vodka in the boarded up burger shack and drinks enough to pass out. Not much later, a mud-covered station wagon (which is strange because there hadn’t been any rain in New England for over a week) veers into the Mile 81 rest area, ignoring the sign that says “closed, no services.” The driver’s door opens but nobody gets out.

By the time Pete Simmons wakes up from his vodka nap, there are half a dozen cars at the Mile 81 rest stop. But two kids and a horse are the only living things left...unless you maybe count the wagon. With the heart of Stand By Me and the genius horror of Christine, Mile 81 is Stephen King unleashing his imagination as he drives past one of those road signs.

In the bonus story “The Dune,” originally published in Granta’s October 2011 horror issue, retired Florida Supreme Court Judge Harvey Beecher tells his lawyer about a mysterious sand dune on an unnamed island a short distance off the Gulf coastline of his family’s property. Harvey first visited the island at the age of ten in 1932, after his grandfather, a scoundrel and land speculator who’d created the family fortune, told him Blackbeard’s treasure might be buried there. Traveling to the island became a daily addiction for Harvey – and now his lawyer is about to discover the shocking reason why.

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Customer Reviews

Stephen King is the author of more than fifty books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. His most recent include 11/22/63, Full Dark, No Stars, Under the Dome, Just Past Sunset, and Lisey's Story. He lives in Bangor, Maine, with his wife, novelist Tabitha King.

I ordered this for a upcoming 8 hour road trip back the last part of August. It was delivered on time, but I didn't bother to open it (take cellophane wrapper off of it) until the trip which was two weeks ago. If I had an option for zero stars I would use it. The outside jacket for the audio CD's was Stephen King Mile 81. Which is what I ordered and had wanted to listen to. Nice job to whomever who switched the inside audio CD's. It wasn't Mile 81 but rather Stephen King's Drunken Fireworks. I was disappointed and frustrated because this might very well be the worst Stephen King story of all time.

I just reviewed Drunken Fireworks as a 5 star short story but with King it is usually really good or really bad. This was not one of his better stories and I would skip this one. I can forgive him because he has written so many others that were masterfully written but this one was so bad I would have never made it through the entire story had it not been a short one. A car that eats people? Really? Enough said, I expect more from an accomplished storyteller genius like Stephen King.

It was excellent

okay

MILE 81 is like seeing Christine and Stand By Me be smashed together, It and the second story, that's called Dune, are stories that'll surely captivate. I recommend this audio book to anyone who's at least an adult, or to someone who's old enough to cope with cursing and digesting death scenes.

This book/cd came out of no where! I was shocked and loved every second! Face it, I love to surprised and 81/Dune did the job!

I'm not sure why so many people don't like this short story. It did not require any deep thought or have hidden meanings, it was just an entertaining story which was probably all it was intended to

be. I had one small complaint. The part where the first state trooper went to check the car and it stated he left the safety on when pulling his Glock. As any one familiar with guns knows a Glock does not have a manual safety, the safety is part of the trigger. Just a minor detail.

This was the first time we've tried audio books for long trips in the car. We enjoyed this book, and will definitely buy more.

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