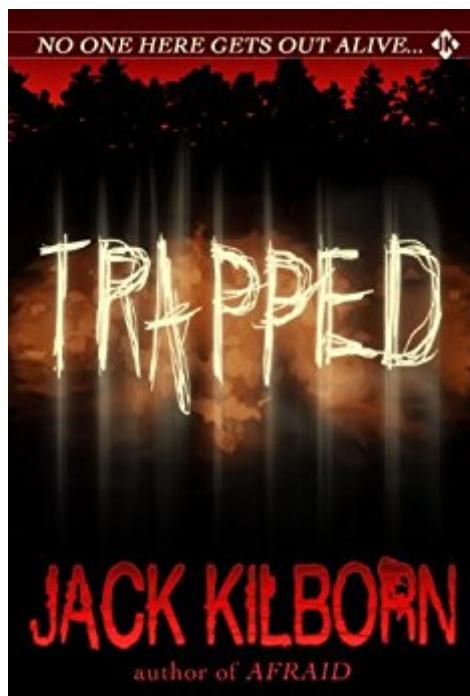


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# Trapped - A Novel Of Terror (The Konrath/Kilborn Collective)



## Synopsis

TERRIFIED...It was supposed to be a harmless camping trip. Six wayward teenagers who'd run into trouble with the law, and their court-appointed guardians, Sara and Martin Randhurst. Three nights on a small, deserted island off of Michigan's upper peninsula. A time to bond, to learn, to heal. Then Martin told a campfire story about the island's history. Of the old civil war prison hidden in there, and the starving confederate soldiers who resorted to cannibalism to stay alive. Everyone thought it was funny. They even laughed when Martin pretended to be dragged off into the woods. But Martin didn't come back. And neither did Sara when she went in search of him. Then the laughter stopped....TO DEATHThe group soon began to realize that this deserted island wasn't so deserted after all. And perhaps Martin's ridiculous story had more truth to it than anyone thought. What's the most horrifying thing you can imagine? This is a hundred times worse...TRAPPED by Jack KilbornIt starts where other horror endsA Word of Warning: This is the long-awaited follow-up to AFRAID, one of the most horrifying books ever written. Originally scheduled to be released in paperback in 2010, the publisher read the first version of the manuscript and refused to release it. The author made extensive changes, rewriting much of the story. The publisher still refused. This is a disturbing, terrifying book. You may think you're brave enough to handle it. But you're probably not...Contains bonus excerpts from ENDURANCE by Jack Kilborn, and AFRAID by Jack Kilborn, as well as DESERT PLACES by Blake Crouch. But that's not all...Taking advantage of ebook format and technology, the author is also proud to offer as a bonus; the entire original first draft of TRAPPED. This ebook package contains two versions of the same book, dramatically different in parts. See what was cut. See what was changed. Read new characters, new scenes, and a different ending. Decide for yourself which version you prefer. This is the very first time an ebook has been made available in two different versions, for one low price. This is specially formatted for Kindle, with an active table of contents. With both versions, this ebook is over 180,000 words. **ABOUT THE KONRATH/KILBORN COLLECTIVE**The Konrath/Kilborn Collective is not a series. It's an ongoing collection of horror and technothriller novels that can each be read as a standalone. Some feature characters who appear in more than one story. If you are a more sensitive (or adventurous) reader, the Konrath/Kilborn scale rates specific categories from 1 (lowest) to 10 (highest) to give you some idea if this is your kind of book. **TRAPPED** by Jack Kilborn  
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Violent - 10  
Funny - 2  
Sexy - 2  
Crossover - Characters from TRAPPED appear in AFRAID, HAUNTED HOUSE, and SERIAL KILLERS UNCUT

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## **Customer Reviews**

Just finished Trapped and Konrath's other new release Endurance (A Novel of Terror) and both will keep me awake at night, listening for things that go bump in the night! Living in an RV in the backwoods adds an additional element of fear while reading Trapped. I can easily imagine disappearing in the swamp out back, living out the terror of the characters in this book. There were several surprises in the book (who are the bad guys?) and being originally from Michigan myself, it added something to my late-night page-turning. The faint-of-heart and those that don't enjoy pure gore and terror should avoid this book and find something tamer. But fans of Konrath's brand of horror will not be disappointed and will stay up late enjoying the chills running down your back. Caution! If your plans for the summer include camping on a deserted island, you might want to rethink! :)

OK, got a new Kindle for Christmas. Am broke, since it's Christmas, so a cheapie thriller on the new device seemed like the way to go. The initial premise of the book, as presented on the website, sounded interesting. But I didn't set my expectations tremendously high. I expected to be entertained cheaply. I figured the book would be predictable, but hoped to find some characters I

could get into and care about, and maybe a semi-believable plot line I could follow. Boy, was I disappointed. The writing in this book is just silly. Thug-with-a-heart and meth-addicted chick are running through the woods, her shirt off because, of course, they needed it for a torch and they couldn't very well take HIS shirt off, could they? And, while being chased by cannibals bent on making them into hors d'ouevres, the guy, in the middle of fleeing for their lives, says, "Girl, I know this ain't the time, but, damn, if you don't look good in nothin' but that bra." Really? What's he expect? That she'll say, "No time like the present, and we probably won't make it through the night, so let's go, Stud!" I mean, REALLY??? That's only one of many examples of completely unbelievable, and I mean laughably unbelievable, story line in this book. "Honey, I know you've been injured to the point of near-disability, and will never be the same physically again, and that we're surrounded by cannibals bent on sucking the marrow from our bones and the bones of our little baby, but I couldn't help but notice you haven't yet signed the divorce papers." As the teenaged girls in my area love to say, Oh Em Gee! I'll be deleting this one. Don't know how many books this Kindle thing will hold, but I won't waste space on this!

I may be alone in this assessment, but ENDURANCE was a far scarier and much more engrossing. I just couldn't get into TRAPPED as much as I did with ENDURANCE. The Characters were not as engaging, the plot was not quite as intense, and I just didn't think it was as much of a page-turner. Not that it didn't have its scary moments. There was plenty of that. But, it wasn't as much of a thrill ride as his other book was, for me. That's just my opinion, though. I'd still read other stuff by this author. ~KR~

I read both stories and would rate them both very good. However, I liked many parts of the 2nd (original version) better. I think the minimal sexual content removed to make the rewrite took away from the realism of the story (who was the rewrite for? were they trying to make the story a book for grade school kids to make book reports). The cause for Sara's fears was better told in the original then in the rewrite plus Lester and Georgia's first meeting was better. I also liked the very final ending in the original. If I had not read the rewrite first, I would have rated the original better - since I read one right after the other, I would have just preferred to have the few minor sections that were changed rather than the entire story to wade through. The rewrite did hold together better. I took one star away because when the author was telling us the thoughts of one or two characters, I thought he crossed the line and he misrepresented their thoughts. It is OK to have characters lie while saying things to other characters or have other characters mis-explain another characters thoughts,

but you do not have a character mis-thinking. Overall, very good. I am very happy that Konrath is going directly to ebooks and is making more money plus getting us readers better priced material. I had never read a book by Mr. Konrath until I read "Origin" for free, then I read almost all and await his next. I also enjoyed "Endurance" which I thought was a bit more of a horror book then "Trapped"

I just finished this after reading it in one sitting. No, it's not a short book. No, it's not a lazy weekend day for me. In fact it's Monday and I had a ton of stuff I was supposed to do but I made the mistake of beginning "Trapped" this morning and couldn't tear myself away to attend to the things I should have done. It was definitely a day well-spent! Jack Kilborn has done it again and in a big way. The breakneck pace of this book makes it one you won't want to put down. This is the sort of read where you heave a shuddering sigh once you've reached the end. The plot was tight and the pacing just incredible. I really enjoyed the mix of characters in this book, from the ex meth-addict to the overweight sociopathic teenage girl. The author effortlessly keeps you glued to the action of three or four scenes all at the same time - mini-cliffhangers abound but before you can get mad at him for it, you find yourself completely engrossed with what's happening to the character currently in the spotlight. This eBook edition includes the original uncut version as well as the version he toned down in an effort to please his publisher. I've only read the toned-down version at this point. I'm going to wait a few days before trying the uncut version, though I fear it will lead to another "lost" day for me. ;) This eBook also includes previews of the author's books, "Endurance" and "Afraid." I HIGHLY recommend reading both of these, however "Endurance" may prevent you from ever booking a room at a bed & breakfast place in the woods. Then again, after "Trapped," it's going to be a long time before I contemplate going camping. I'm afraid Mr. Kilborn has thoroughly killed woodsy vacations for me for the foreseeable future.

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