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When Joe's girlfriend is killed in the blast of a terrorist bomb, Frank and Joe Hardy pursue a ruthless terrorist leader, the infamous Al-Rousasa, who has targeted a presidential candidate for assassination.

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Christine says

The Casefiles take a more serious turn from the original Hardy Boys books, but, as an older teen, I enjoyed spending time with my favorite detective duo in a slightly more believable setting. While I was shocked they killed off Iola, I also feel like the new unpredictability of the series gave credibility to the more serious storylines.

Kelli says

Cheesy, of course. But still worth reading if you're a fan of the Nancy Drew/Hardy Boys mysteries.

Jerriannah says

Short and easy to read so I definitely enjoyed it as well as the relationship between the Hardy boys and their father. I would gladly read this book a second time.

Austin G says

Franklin W. Dixon did an amazing job on his book Dead on Target which is the part of the Hardy boys series. He did a spectacular job describing the different situations the boys faced and always left the reader in suspense. The fact that the boys were always fighting against the assassin and were trying to find him or even escaping his traps really added to the action packed books that the Hardy boys portray. It really affected me in a way because I was always wanting to read on. I never felt the thought in my head that I should do something else.

The way that Dixon writes the book is truly fascinating in the way that he never has a detail left out and he always makes sure that you are not bored or wondering what each situation that the boys were in felt or looked like. The many details he uses makes it so easy to create that movie in your head that should be with a well written book. The way that he comes up with the plot is very beneficial to the book because he always has the boys running for cover or fighting. The way that he writes deeply affected me was the way that the boys fight and think. They never just go out and fight they fight with a strategy. The scene when the boys were up in the plane when the assassin was there really kept me on the edge of my seat.

The book was truly fascinating and the story line was amazing. Over all the difficulty for the book was a bit too easy for me. I would recommend the book for people in 4th through 6th grade depending on the comprehension level you have. The book was truly great even though it was a bit too easy. Over all I give this book a 4 out of 5 star. It was a great book.

Clem Way says

This book has haunted me since I read back when I was in grade 7 or 8. This was definitely a turning point in my reading career and is among one of my all time favourite books, and possibly the only book I have read and reread about 10 times... it was just so hauntingly good...

Aashey Goel says

Hi readers,

I read this book a few days ago and I was delighted to read a book like this. Actually this was the first book which I completed in my lifetime. I get bored of books and leave them unfinished . But this book kind of encouraged me to read books. From now on I only read The Hardy Boys Casefiles. STORY - Joe's girlfriend Iola dies from a bomb blast which was set for Joe, he wants to get revenge for Iola's death. MY REVIEW - This book is just awesome. It has some good suspense and the action sequences are also pretty good. I would suggest teenage readers to read this book.

This was my review on this book.
I hope it helps you! :D

Amy says

I'm giving this book five stars, not because the writing or plot is that good, but because like the first Mandie book, "Dead on Target" represents a change in reading for me. It was the point where I gave up the kid section and finally moved onto the 'teenage' section of the library. Hardy Boys were safe xD I got into some bad books those first few months, but Hardy Boys were something I could trust. And I still think it would be sweet to have their gray, bullet-proof van!

Rebekah D. says

This book is ridiculous, and I loved every second of it. Great, fast read for those days when you just want explosions.

Eh?Eh! says

I started out with Nancy Drew before realizing most of the girls in my class were reading ND while most of the boys were reading The Hardy Boys. Pssh! I crossed the divide and read BOTH!

I nearly went crazy trying to find all the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys books. The public and school libraries had patchy collections; combined it was frustratingly close to complete. I started to keep a list. *Then* I learned there were spin-off series, the equally infinite Files/Casefiles and I think there was a Nancy Drew Summer Love series or some crap like that.

I remember this particular book because this is where I stopped reading them. Instead of the charmingly light fluff mystery or cheesy Scooby-Doo-like suspense, *they killed Iola!* This was almost 20 years ago, but I ended the book feeling like the Hardy boys had started off on a quest for vengeance, that now that they've used guns and were fighting terrorists they would no longer be the nice boys-next-door who were entertaining, useful, and generically good-looking, leaving you at your door with a tame peck on the cheek. The newly serious HBoyz were out for blood. The bubble burst and I realized all the hundreds of books had the same storyline. Ah, the newly awakened feeling of betrayal. Bye-bye, Ms. Drew, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hardy. Thanks for keeping me reading.

The cover of this edition is not what I remember...I think there was a jeep with a gun mounted on the back. One Hardy boy was at the wheel, the other was at the gun, both were squinting with the speed of the driving. Huh.

Spencer Wanlass says

Dead on Target by Franklin W. Dixon is about the Hardy boys. They are two teenage brothers who love to solve cases. In this story, Joe's girlfriend Iola gets blown up in a car explosion meant for the boys. The people responsible are a 1000 year old terrorist group whose boss is getting hunted by the Hardy Boy's father. Frank and Joe Hardy go and try to take out the leader "The Bullet" who's is also after their father. Dead on Target is an amazing book for young teenage boys who do not like reading. There is a lot of action and fight scenes. Some may think that this may be a bad influence on "hot-blooded" boys who want to go out and let their emotions go, but this is not that kind of story. This is also an easy read for those who have problems who have reading problems. I found that this book was very exciting and fun. There is also a lot of mystery surrounding pretty much every person who comes into play. That makes for interesting reading!

Muhammad Ali says

Just when I thought the stories couldn't be more interesting I read this.

Jaron Grass says

Dead on Target was a mystery book by Franklin W. Dixon. This book was part of the Hardy Boys: Casefiles series. The main characters in this particular book were Frank and Joe Hardy, who are brothers and their friends, Callie and Tony. What happens in this book is it starts out with Joe's girlfriend getting blown up because of this terrorist guy. Frank and Joe then promise to put Iola's killer to justice. When they nearly get killed a second time, a British government agent goes with them to a society called the Network, a place where they try to find Iola's murderer and they say that the person who did it was part of an association called the "Assassins." I recommend this book to anyone who likes short mysteries and wants to read more of this series.

The Stumps says

I had a bunch of these books as a kid. They are pretty good for a high interest YA book.

Keabetswe says

It was shocking, after reading The Hardy Boys Mystery Stories, to see Frank and Joe toting guns and battling terrorists, and to see a Hardy Boys book full of so much death. But beyond the shock and disbelief I guess there never really was much of a plot to go on anyway.

Jason says

I used to read the shit out of these in elementary and junior high. I put this one up because it's the first of the "casefiles" which was the publishing company's attempt to modernize the old Frank and Joe franchise for a more modern audience. They started off with a bang, literally, killing off Joe Hardy's girlfriend Iola (who he'd been dating since about the mid-30's apparently) in a car bomb meant for the Hardys. hilariously, I used to go to the Amarillo Public Library's Southwest Branch and choose these books based largely on the cover art. I remember being a bit crushed when, as a full grown literature grad student adult mind you, I discovered Franklin W. Dixon was not in fact a real person but the pen name for a syndicate of writers hired on a contracted basis by the publishing company of Grosset & Dunlap, most of whom penned between 3 and 6 titles under the Dixon monicker before moving on to the next freelance gig. The same is true of Carolyn Keene, the credited author of the Nancy Drew mysteries...another a syndicate in the employ of Grosset & Dunlap, and R.L. Stine, "author" of the ever-popular Goosebumps series for young readers, is another famous pseudonym for a writers' sweat shop. Anyway, only two stars because, let's face it, these are cheezy books, but Frank and Joe did help lead me down the road that led me to Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, so for that I'll give them due credit.
