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#### ABOUT THE SERIES

The new action series for young adults 12 and up by bestselling author Andrew Lane. Dramatic action, fast-paced storyline, cool protagonist. He's smooth. He's buff. He prefers to fly under the radar. But when the chips are down, Lucas Crowe will take on the toughest adversaries.

#### CONTENT

Lucas Crowe is 17, in great shape, a complete loner, and lives by himself in an old motor home. He prefers to be left in peace and stay under the radar. But when he sees an injustice somewhere, he can't stop himself from getting involved and defending the underdog. Lucas had this keen sense of justice even before the death of his parents, who lost their lives fighting against poachers and ivory dealers in Africa. At the outset of the first book in the series, Lucas is working in a New Orleans zoo, helping anywhere it's needed. When a video game developer books the zoo as the location for the launch of his next video game book, Lucas is of course involved. Timeslice! is already being hailed as THE next mega hit, and all the big names in the gaming world – YouTube, media, and pro gamers – are on the guest list for the event. That includes eighteen-year-old Una Britcross, one of the most successful professional gamers in the world. She is considered the favorite in the upcoming world championship in Dubai, where the prize money will be in



the millions. But right in the middle of the presentation, masked and armed men storm the venue and take Daniel Britcross, Una's twelve-year-old brother. Lucas pursues the kidnappers on a wild chase through the zoo, but they manage to escape. Later Una receives their demands: If she wants to see her brother alive again, she must make a mistake at the decisive moment of the Dubai tournament and lose. In desperation, Una turns to Lucas, who so boldly stood up to the perpetrators. After some hesitation, and somewhat unwilling, he finally promises to help her. Infact, during his pursuit of the kidnappers, Lucas noticed that their SUVs weren't a standard make. The trail leads him to an illegal garage, but just as Lucas is about to sneak inside, masked gunmen appear there, too, and start shooting. Lucas recognizes one of the kidnappers, who are apparently making every effort to cover their tracks. Together with one of the mechanics, Lucas manages to escape in a suped-up Porsche. Scared to death, the mechanic confesses to Lucas that while he doesn't know the name of the people they were modifying the SUVs for, he did note that they had distinctive, fluorescent tattoos. Lucas and Una immediately travel to Berlin, where the world's largest tattoo convention is taking place. If there is anywhere they can learn about fluorescent tattoos, this is the place. And indeed, they not only encounter a number of known gang members, but are also involved in another shooting when Lucas and Una identify the tattoo artist who is known for fluorescent

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tattoos. And then Una receives another terrifying message: Her friend and personal assistant Alya has also been kidnapped, by a second gang of criminals who are demanding that Una win the tournament at any cost. Una is frantic. No matter what she decides to do, either her brother or her friend will die if she can't rescue them before the tournament. Before Lucas can decide what they should do next, he is arrested by the Berlin police because of the shooting! But Lucas has no intention of leaving Una in the lurch. At the same time that he is figuring out how he can play the two kidnapping gangs against each other, he is also planning his own escape from jail. In the end, he sets out for Dubai, where Una is anxiously preparing for the gaming championship. Can Lucas actually pull it off to play the opposing gangs off each other in a big showdown?