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From USA Today best-selling author Brett Battles comes the first book in a spinoff series from his award-winning Jonathan Quinn thrillers. *Ananke thought her week couldn't get worse, but as she hunts for the man who screwed up her previous job, things really go sideways.*

Turns out, she's not the only one having problems.

??? Rosario can acquire anything for anyone, but can she obtain freedom for herself when her latest assignment goes awry?

Dylan's sure his new gig will be a walk in the park--or rather, a drive, given that he's a courier. Unfortunately, the road is a bit bumpier than he expected.

??? Liesel is having the worst week of her life, and blames only herself.

And Ricky? Well, Ricky doesn't believe in bad weeks. Though he can't claim being stuck in prison is all that great.

Convenient for all of them, then, that a mysterious organization comes along asking for their help, and in return promises to reverse their excommunication from the secret world.

Of course, nothing good ever comes without strings attached.

??? See why New York Times best selling author James Rollins calls Brett Battles' writing "Addictive," and why Crimespreem Magazine says "Battles has a true gift for writing thrillers." [Scroll Up and Download The Excoms Today!](#)

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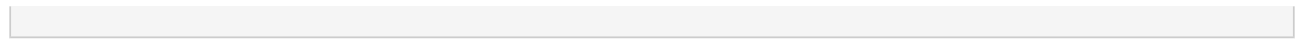
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Tracy T. says

Very good book and narration. (audible review).

This was exciting and entertaining. I really like a good secret operative story and this was definitely a good one! Lots of action and some really great dialogue throughout.

I really liked how the Administrator put together this team. Very exciting and action packed. This is my first Brett Battles book and will be checking out more from him for sure.

As for the narration it was very good. She did a good job on the men's voices as well as all the accents. She gave everyone their own distinct voice. She read with emotion and has a very nice reading voice.

alexander silagin says

Disappointed

I like Quinn novels a lot and I'm one of the biggest fans. Unfortunately this one is poorly written, plot is boring, characters are boring. It reads like a rough script of a C-rated pilot for a C-rated tv series, kind of Blacklist except much worse. Too bad

Jenny Waterfall says

What a sensational spinoff from the Quinn novels! The beginning just draws you in and the adventure that unfolds does not disappoint. The characters of excoms feel like you have known them for a long time, due to the wonderful writings of Brett Battles, a master of suspense who transports you direct to the world of the excoms. Can't wait to read what their next adventure entails!! Highly recommend reading this book for all those who love to be lost in a book, which you can't put down until you finish it.

Jim A says

A bit more mystery than the Battles Quinn series. Two of the characters, Anaka and Orbits, were in one of Battles' Quinn novels.

This involves a secret organization of people of wealth who have organized to put together a group of operatives to further their goals of good deeds. And assassin, a bodyguard, a hacker, a driver, and a hunter.

Then ending is a lead in to the next Quinn novel.

Trish R. says

Ananka, Rosario, Liesel, Dylan and Ricky are crooks and assassins, oh, and a courier, who agree to help the Administrator of a group of unknown persons find and bring back 6 children who had been kidnapped. This was both exciting and there was never a dull moment. I love it when I don't skim even one page of a book I'm reading. The only person I didn't like was Ricky. He was just too arrogant and mouthy and way too stupid. Other than him being a hunter he was totally useless.

There was no sex and no swearing to speak of. Assassins and killer/kidnappers and no swearing? That's so unreal. I'm going to read the second book but that will be all from this author. If you're going to try and make us believe in your stories then you should make your characters talk like real adults.

As to the narration: Allyson Johnson did a great job on Rosario's Spanish accent and Liesel's German accent, as well as the men's voices. Her emotions are awesome too when she read. I've never listened to her before but I will definitely see what else she's read.

Zade says

Clearly the first in a series, this novel is a spin-off of Battles's popular Quinn series. Rather than focusing on a single character, Battles presents a team of five, although certain characters, such as Ananke (who appears in an earlier Quinn novel) play a larger role than others. The ending of the novel not only suggests a follow-up, but implies that the team may work with Quinn and Nate in the next installment--not a bad thing at all.

As to the story, it works fairly well. The actual plot isn't terribly complex, but the character development keeps things interesting, as does Battles's emphasis on tradecraft (or lack thereof, for some characters). Because he spends so much time letting us get to know the characters, the book really doesn't need a complex plot. Battles keeps the story moving, both in terms of action and geographically, so it's never boring. I do look forward to seeing what he does with the team in later works when he'll be able to come up with more intricate and detailed plots.

My only real complaint about this book is that it makes no sense for Ricky Orbits to become part of the team. I won't go into details, but I'm pretty sure I'm not going to be the only reader who finds the description of him as "the best hunter" completely at odds with the behavior described in the novel. Any real-life team leader would kick him to the curb in a second. But this is fiction and brain-candy fiction at that, so I'm willing to keep going with the series despite this inconsistency. Maybe Ananke will shoot him in the next book (fingers crossed!).

Kathleen says

This is a really good book and I couldn't put it down. The action moves along at a very good pace so I didn't lose interest. I kept reading to see what would happen next and before I knew it most of the day had past. For those who haven't read any of Mr Battles Quinn books this is a continuation of sorts of his last book utilizing the new characters that appear in that book. This is a very satisfying new series and I can't wait for the next

one due out soon in the fall of 2017!!! Well done Mr Battles!

Leo says

Finally got around to reading the Excoms after getting introduced to the characters in the last Quinn book I read, and for the most part I liked what I read. It was nice to read a whole book on how the team was formed and who they worked together to complete the inaugural mission. Like most of Battles other books, this book was fast paced and full of excitement as the team race against a clock to save a bunch of kidnapped kids. Yeah, it's something of a bubble-gum thriller, but I think I like this approach Battle is taking with this series.

If you want normal spy stuff, you have the Quinn books; if you want the macabre, you have the Eden series; horror, Mine. Taking the altruistic approach to a spy thriller allows Battles to write something lighter in tone. Well, as light as you can get with a team led by a former assassin, a master thief, hacker, hunter, and a transporter. The bad guys still get what coming to them, but there's a considerable more restraint (when possible) the team takes in accomplishing their mission, basically less head shots.

I will say this, as spoilery free as possible, but there a few lines in the last chapter of the book, when the *Administrator* reveals to the team what their and *The Comity's* main purpose is, that immediately brought to mind the team song to the A-Team as I read it. Outside of that, I'm curious to see where this series goes.

Elaine Mayes says

Brett Battles has introduced a new set of characters I think you'll love. The plot is a bit thin but the purpose of the story is to introduce a kick-ass group of women who carry out impossible missions with two guys tagging along. But the overall quality of Battles' writing redeems the story, and all of the characters save one are well drawn and believable in the context of the story.

I listened to this book and the narrator was excellent.

Tulay says

Definitely not for me.

Read about half of this book. Didn't understand what was the author's plot, what he was trying to say. This book overall got good rating, maybe I didn't get it.

James Gazzard says

Love Quinn so I was keen to try this spin off. I really enjoyed it, good concept, easy read, my only criticism is that it was maybe a little short to introduce all the characters and carry out a mission.

Helen Callahan says

Brett Battles gifts readers (ME!!!) with a new series....WOO HOO!!! The Excoms, book 1 of his latest series, The Excoms. A spin-off of his Jonathan Quinn series. Brett Battles series are Must Reads. They are Action Packed! Full of Suspence and Destruction! Entertaining! Dark sardonic humor with masterful twists and turns! From beginning to end. The storylines continue to grow and evolve. Characters to Remember and look forward to 'visiting' again and again. The only negative...that the book(s) must end. Ready for the next!!!

Sassafrass says

I really enjoyed this. I liked the cast of characters and am interested in seeing where the story takes us. This is a spinoff of one of the author's other series but I didn't feel like I missed out on anything and I haven't read that first series. I'm now intrigued though so I may look into that one as well.

I saw that there weren't any other books in this series yet but I hope that the author continues with it because it had a lot of action, it was funny at times and I was really rooting for these guys to be successful on their mission.

The only issue that I had with this one was why one of the kids was so important. Was it only her connection to the committee or something else? I didn't think that was explained enough but maybe we were meant to draw our own conclusions.

I listened to this on audio and the narrator Allyson Johnson did a FANTASTIC job with the narration. She did voices, young, old, male, female, Irish accents, Mexican accent, German, you name it and it sounded believable. I really was able to escape into the story thanks to her. I definitely will be looking out for more of her narrations. I hated having to switch to reading when I had to because she made the book for me.

Betty says

If you like Brett Battles Quinn series, you'll love The Excoms. It's a spin off of the Quinn series. With some of the characters we read and loved. This book will keep your eyes glued to it. I really have to pace myself so I don't rush through and miss the important details. Each of the five excoms has his/her own unique personality well developed and reacts to situations differently. I laugh out loud many times at the dialog and interactions among the excoms. Looking forward to the next book in the series.

Teresa Collins says

Having started this series with book #3 instead of #1 the way most people do, it was interesting to go back and see how the team came together and where their partial skills came from. I must admit that Ricky is my favorite character, even though there are times I wish Mr Battle would let Ananke do a little physical harm to him in order to bring him down a notch or two. This is a great action, secret organization story and I can't

wait to read #2.
