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A high-ranking DIA operative has been kidnapped in Iraq by the Islamic State, and with her, secrets that could bring about the collapse of major intelligence-gathering networks throughout the region. Can Ethan Galaal find her before it's too late?

Samantha Rond, head of an ultra-secretive branch of the DIA's Defense Clandestine Service in the Middle East, has gone missing during a key operation. Her last known location: the occupied city of Mosul, the war-ravaged heart of the Islamic State in Iraq.

Ethan Galaal and his elite team of undercover operatives are dispatched to rescue Samantha. Officially, he and his men don't exist. Unofficially, Sam is their boss, however in her absence the team reports directly to the Secretary of Defense. Their years of experience in operating incognito in the region make them the ideal candidates for the rescue mission.

But first they have to find Sam. Setbacks exist at every turn. Surrounded by enemies and unsure of whom to trust, Ethan soon begins to suspect that a rogue non-state actor has been advising the Islamic State in Mosul.

Will he find her before the interrogators extract everything of value and destroy Sam's mind? Or will elements of the rogue faction hunt down Ethan and his team first, bringing the rescue mission to a spectacularly premature end?

A Cold Day in Mosul Details

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Jim Kratzok says

Once again, an excellent story from Isaac Hooke

A Cold Day in Mosul is non-stop action. The plot is laid out so vividly that I felt like I was watching a movie as I read the book. In fact, this could easily be the basis for a movie. If you're looking for a story that immerses you in the action as if you're looking over the shoulder of the characters, then this book is for you.

Martin Pingree says

Another awesome read by Isaac Hooke. He has this knack for keeping you on the edge of your seat if you like current military action books these are for you !

Mac Briggs says

Isaac Hooke beats Tom Clancy with Spec Ops in 2015 Iraq

It's no wonder so many brave military personnel love this book, from PO's to war hardened Commanders: Isaac Hooke delivers his A game in this gritty, realistic thriller.

** This review does not contain spoilers. **

"A Cold Day in Mosul" is an incredibly detailed look at spec ops behind enemy lines in Iraq during the 2015 Middle East conflict. The technical realism is amazing, from vehicle combat tactics to computer hacking, to weapons/munitions, to exfil from a hot LZ, and it's obvious that a lot of effort and time has been poured into this part of the novel. Not only that but the ambience of modern day Iraq is perfectly captured, and Isaac Hooke has a thorough knowledge of local customs and jihadist habits. I also appreciated the character development in this novel. It's difficult to know who to trust, and the detail that Isaac Hooke puts into researching the novel, he also puts into the characters and interactions.

I don't know how many times I laughed out loud during this book, but it was a lot, especially considering it was a thriller. Isaac has this innate ability to get into the mind of a soldier and expose some hilarious situations and dialogue.

Isaac Hooke has done it again in this sequel to "Clandestine", "A Cold Day in Mosul" (Ethan Galaal Book 2). This book is an incredible look at the war in present day Iraq, don't miss it!

Bella says

Bravo. At last, a truly great spy thriller set in the war against the Islamic State. A breathtaking, nuanced and can't-put-it-down novel. Samantha Rond, America's top spy in the Middle East, is laser-focused on a mission of singular importance: to hunt down and terminate the acting caliph of the Islamic State. Sam has gone to great lengths to protect her cover, even hiring a former Iraqi government official to pose as her husband in Mosul. Realizing that even money and sex can't always buy loyalty, she forces him to wear a body camera when he leaves the apartment they share together.

Check out the rest of the review at BestThrillers.com.

Amy Brouwer says

I absolutely LOVED this book! What a great follow up to Clandestine! It was really fast paced yet gave so much detail I could totally see it in my head. After finishing the book I felt like I had just watched a really good action movie. I really loved how the author tosses in interesting little tidbits of information here and there that remind you that yes this is a real place in current time with a long and varied history. This book has so much action packed into it! Gun fights, Fist fights, car chases, airstrikes and knife fights galore! I highly recommend!

Norma says

"Iraq, you goddamn sandpit of the world you"

Isaac Hooke is obviously an author of many talents because, as well as writing intriguing, sometimes breathtaking, science fiction, he is also a master of the action packed, thrill every minute, page turning excitement in this story of behind the lines special services rescue. Not only is the pace fast and the writing itself good, but Mr.Hooke still finds time to imbue his characters with life, both visceral and emotional as well as giving vivid locational descriptions with just a few words and (yes, there is an and) impart so much information about places, political divisions, social mores, historical settings and weaponry - all without detracting the reader for a moment from the thrill of the journey.

This is not my usual genre of choice but I decided to read this based on my previous experiences of other books by the author. As you can probably guess, I was not disappointed and I can heartily recommend this to anyone seeking excitement with substance. I will be now looking for more in the Ethan series

Roger says

Reminiscent of Tom Clancy's early Jack Ryan adventures and a worthy successor to Vince Flynn's Mitch Rapp. I'm a character reader, I get into the characters, their story, who/what they are. The author does an amazing job of painting the primary character quickly & thoroughly. All the significant characters in his writing are developed similarly. This book is in all senses of the word, a thriller that could be plucked from today's headlines. No spoilers from me though I can see more about these characters in the future.

Bob says

Ethan continues the fight against ISL and barely escapes.

Sylviane says

Lots of suspenseful action in this book! It is definitely a thriller - should be made into a movie!
One comment though: there was a lot of detail re weaponry that may be of interest to army personnel but I personally did not enjoy the details in assault rifles and guns, for ex. Other than that, a contemporary action-packed novel!

Dave says

Good action sequences showing the mideast as it is - a gritty, realistic tale of a group of US agents acting behind ISIL lines in Syria and Iraq. The action is fast and furious, but the plot development and character development is pretty thin. This is the 2nd book in the series that I have read, and it's enough for me. I will be looking for novels where the characters have some more depth to them.

John says

BRAVO Mr Hooke

Ethan Galaal along with two other operatives who are also his friends along with their lady boss Sam are in serious trouble this time. They are captured by ISIS and I'd doesn't look good. Now I've read the second in the series, I'll definitely be buying #3. Another outstanding author in the Vince Flynn, Brad Thor category!

christopher kishel says

Another good read

I'm not military, but there's definitely a few scenes in this book that strain believability. Especially a few where they escape being surrounded and disarmed. Twice. He doesn't go into details about how to shoot or get really technical, but I love the flow of the book. The villains are believable and the book is action packed. I like how the story keeps rolling and the characters keep going despite impossible odds.

Frank says

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Overall, a deduction for a plot based on extra-judicial killing, and US forces invading and acting without much hint of support from the host country. What right did the special forces have to be there in the first place? Also, a good dose of weapons porn, lots of model numbers. Kind of Tom Clancy. Body count was pretty high, also.

Liked the idea of the female team leader ("Sam"), the idea of the team dressing as women, but that's a bout it.

Julie says

Excellent story set in war-torn middle eastern countries. Ethan, William, Doug & the boss lady Sam are operatives in the DIA. They are all well trained, but even so Sam is taken prisoner in Mosul. The others come to her aid. That's as much as I will say so as not to take away from the story. Lots of action, good guys and bad guys. Spies everywhere, some are low tech and then there are drones of varying sizes and purposes. I was entertained throughout the entire book. Great!

Christian says

A pretty poor execution of a paramilitary spy thriller, I lost any sympathy for the protagonists, I'm deliberately not using the term heroes, when they threatened the family of a target to get information. this and the liberal use of torture made the book pretty much enjoyable for me.
