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A brutal conflict in Mali and an international race for rare elements sets the stage for Troy Pearce and his drone technology to rescue an old friend in this adrenaline-fueled series.

Blue Warrior is set in the remote Sahara Desert, where a recently discovered deposit of strategically indispensable Rare Earth Elements (REEs) ignites an international rush to secure them.

Standing in the way are the Tuaregs, the fierce tribe of warrior nomads of the desert wasteland, who are fighting for their independence. The Chinese offer to help the Malian government crush the rebellion by the Tuaregs in order to gain a foothold in the area, and Al-Qaeda jihadis join the fight. In the midst of all this chaos are Troy Pearce's closest friend and a mysterious woman from his past who ask him for help.

Deploying his team and his newest drones to rescue his friends and save the rebellion, Troy finds that he might need more than technology to survive the battle and root out the real puppet masters behind the Tuareg genocide.

Blue Warrior Details

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From Reader Review Blue Warrior for online ebook

Michael P Carroll says

Good read.

Best read these books in sequence. Drone & AI stuff is a little over the top at times but overall interesting.

Jack Mulcahy says

Intro to all was well defined but slow. Then it took off like a rocket.

Tim says

This is an awful racist story of murder with butchery and brutal animal slaughter. 0 of 10 stars

William Walter says

Too much graphic violence overwhelms a reasonably good plot line. May be accurate and authentic, but some descriptions are excessive in the extreme, would prevent me from recommending the book to others.

Brenton Jennings says

I am going to be able to read and review "Blue Warrior (Troy Pearce #2)" by Mike Maden for free, yes free, thanks to author and Goodreads First Reads giveaway. Thanks!

It is action packed from beginning to end. You can not turn the pages fast enough. WoW!

Bill Donhiser says

My first Mike Madden, recommended to me by the Poisoned Pen. It is a good Techno-thriller, well written, along the lines of Tom Clancy, Dale Brown, and Brad Thor. I am looking forward to reading more from this author

Rick F. says

I am so happy to be reading this second book by Mr Maden. His first Drone was a true masterpiece and a

writer as good as Maden, cannot but continue to excel. This new novel has instant Classic written all over it!!!!

I have finished this remarkable novel and only wish I could give it 10 stars!!!

The amount of research, the level of detail that Mr. Maden includes in the book is astounding. The main character Troy Pearce is a wonderfully drawn and fully realized character. The supporting characters are also quite well done. The action is fast and furious, yet a writer with Mr. Maden's innate gifts of a storyteller make Blue Warrior far more than simply an action novel. It is full of human drama and several fascinating subplot that all come together in the end to produce a stunner of a read. I cannot wait the the third book in this brilliant series to come out!

Rick Friedman
Founder
The James Mason Community Book Club

Emily says

I very much enjoyed Mr. Maden's second book and look forward to reading more of his work. Gritty, Geopolitical thrillers highlighting technological advances are the highlight of his novels. I'm not sure how well they will age. I'm dubious of some of the technology his mentions, in particular tracking one specific rifle in the Sahara which is tagged with a single RFID chip. Nevertheless, the books are exciting, thought-provoking and address geopolitical challenges that are on the horizon (such as Mexican cartels, turmoil in Africa, and competition with China). This could be my replacement for Tom Clancy.

Donna Foster says

This is a very techie story that gets interesting towards the end. I felt smarter just holding this book.

Tansy Foor says

Wow! Another great book by Mike Maden!

Troy Pearce is back at it again, kicking butt and taking names all while avoiding bullets and getting sand out of everything.

If you liked Drone, you'll love Blue Warrior!

Russell Atkinson says

The term purple prose was invented for books like this. Here are a couple of sentences from Chapter 21: "Distant jet engines split the air like rolling thunder, and black smoke smudged the crystalline blue sky." "...the Pakistani's throat blossomed in petals of blood and meat." The plot, if there is one, seems to be nothing

more than a loose thread intended to string together violent action scenes designed mainly to display the author's knowledge of aircraft, weapons, and military stuff in general. The writing and editing are sloppy. He introduces a character called Zhou Yi, then a few paragraphs later he is called Zhao Yi, then back to Zhou briefly, then finally he settles on the name Zhao. Apparently Putnam doesn't employ editors any longer. This book was a disappointment because I owned a "drone," i.e. personal multirotor aircraft, and thought the premise sounded good, but there's a limit to what I can stomach. If you're into drones, try *Sting of the Drone: A Novel* or *Death Row*. Both are much better.

Steve Gilreath says

A nice step forward from *Drone*. This is a fast-paced book- written in a staccato style that I find very efficient and energetic. Maden paints the scene clearly enough, but doesn't dwell or go overboard. A few of the tech descriptions are a little obscure for my liking, but I'm sure others drink it in. Similarly, there are some dark corners here, not my fav, but appropriate enough in this setting.

There is a lot of tech and a lot of war in this book- but don't be fooled- *Blue Warrior* is about the people and relationships. Those in different cultures and how they value family, friends, service to country and what they hold dear. It offers an interesting dive into a few lesser know African cultures that I found fascinating.

And Troy Pearce? He's a straight-up hero! Don't miss this one!

I can easily see why Mike Maden was the right choice to move into the world of Tom Clancy!

Mike OHagerty says

Not intending to be chauvinistic - this is pure beach reading for guys. If you miss Vince Flynn and Mitch Rapp, then Mike Maden and Troy Pearce are for you. The age of *Drone Wars* is upon us so the details the author provides about done tech and suggestions of what's coming in that sector is a wee bit scary. Pure fun...in a spook/terrorist sort of way.

Roberta says

Although this is written as a novel, the author is so informed with minute details in his realistically viable story content that the reader feels the situations vividly described are that which have the likelihood of occurring in the not-too-distant future.

I will say no more than that it all takes place in the Middle East, the author describes the fictitious president in the story being one which does not want American 'boots on the ground,' & Al Qaeda jihadis & drones are involved.

I highly recommend this thriller as a personal must-read by anyone involved with politics, national defense, defense contractors, intel agencies, hardware & software security, plus the military. They will be even more informed after they digest the capabilities for unplanned twists in potential real-life scenarios.

Rick says

Troy Pearce is at it again, this time dealing with warlords, terrorists, and the US Air Force in Africa. In addition, we get to see some of Pearce's previous life. Interesting to me is that in the first book, Pearce was very reluctant to get involved. This one, a different story, however the circumstances are a lot closer to home. A lot of high-tech gear that makes the book so much better. Looking to read #3.
