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Europe has spiraled into chaos. A conspiracy years in the making combined with general unrest lead to upheaval and revolution. In the midst of the murderous disorder, mercenary Michael Valentine is in Europe with a small team of his Exodus personnel trying to track down the evil and highly dangerous Katarina Montalban. She has initiated a mysterious plot to do away with those who stand between her and ultimate power. The team is on their own, with few friends, few resources—and racing against the clock. Both Valentine and Lorenzo will have to risk some dangerous alliances if they're to succeed.

Meanwhile, Valentine's friend, one-time enemy, and sometime partner Hector Lorenzo finds himself in a dungeon owned by Asian drug lord Sala Jihan. He must make a deal that may lead him to cross paths with Valentine again. If two of the most effective killers in existence hunt, even the pandemonium in Europe may be just the first act in an orgy of destruction.

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Scott says

This is a very satisfying conclusion to a very good series. I liked this one best of all the 3 books. Less squabbling, more winning. My only complaint is the epilogue, which basically summaries what COULD have been the next 1-3 books in the series. Too bad, seems like a missed opportunity. But regardless, this is a very well written series.

Bill Scheidegger says

This was definitely not my normal style of book, but it was a good read. This third book in the series tied up a bunch of loose ends, but at the same time left it wide open if the authors wish to add on to this series at some point in the future. The writing style throughout the series was maintained, so you get to see a couple of the interactions from both sides of the sights. That made for an interesting read and I liked this style here, although I haven't liked it from other authors in the past.

Felix says

This story is average, but Correia's trademark action - blisters across the pages!

Radar696 says

A friend introduced me to Correia's Monster Hunter series in audio form and from there I have traveled through much of what he has written. By himself and teamed up with other authors.

So far everyone of his books that I've been through has been a fun ride and I'm hoping that he is able to keep delivering the interesting storylines and great characters too!

I also would like to mention that Bronson Pinchot has done an excellent job of reading these stories. He has a good range of voices and performs really well with the hesitations and inflections for each of the characters. He really added to the enjoyment of these stories!

I'm sure he intends to continue this storyline.

I see a lot of great reviews here and I find it hard to believe that he would leave this audience waiting in the balcony.

Xpoet says

I enjoyed this entire series. As a trilogy it ends well and you are thoroughly engrossed up until the end.

Jonathan Pettit says

Excellent military action thriller!. Valentine and Lorenzo are at it again in book three of the Dead Six series. Forced together against the Illuminati's organizations, the team fights against time with their Exodus (and other) allies to save the world. Characters are great, lots of action and humor. I will continue to the read this series and any other books by Correia or Kupari. Audible version with great narration by Bronson Pinchot.

J. _(?)_/ says

This book has a rather packed prologue. Another reviewer wishes those events had been turned into a second trilogy. I really wish the events of that prologue had been crammed into this trilogy. God knows there was PLENTY of boring filler that could have been removed to make room. If there are ever any books added to the series I won't read them.

I'm having trouble putting into words how I felt about the series. I'm about to go back and bump the previous books from 4 stars to 3. The trilogy was good, but way, way too drawn out. The payoff wasn't worth the buildup. This trilogy could have been 2 action packed books.

I'm glad I went, but I wouldn't go back?

There were supernatural events hinted at in the other books and I feel like we were cheated by not having those things revealed to us.

I love Bronson Pinchot's narration. He is top notch excellent. These were his worst narrations, I doubt it was his fault because he is usually superb. Almost every character seems to have a tick that makes them start yelling words in the same sentence where they were just using an inside voice. I just didn't get it.

Marc says

Not as much action as the others in the series, and unfortunately, this one needed a much better proofreader. Way too many typos cost this one a star.

Still worth reading if you've read the other two.

Heinz Reinhardt says

Much has already been said about this one so I won't bloviate.

Very, incredibly, extremely fun. Lorenzo, Valentine, Majestic, the Illuminati, Sala Jihan, and Exodus all combine together to create one hell of a satisfying, explosive, action filled finale to a really damned good trilogy.

Mike Kupari, who wrote the Valentine segments, has improved remarkably as a writer and I look forward to

his solo works. Correia's Lorenzo is one of his greatest characters.

My only complaint is the bit of a ball drop on the whole paranormal angle. It was hinted at in the two prior books, and we have further hints of demons and angels in this one. However, it was clear the Sala Jihan was not...normal, and yet he is never fleshed out or entirely explained.

It's my one gripe of the series.

Overall a damned good book and a really great series.

Highly recommend this one.

James Mcnamara says

Just so well written, funny, sexy, guns, blood, guts, war! Strategy and planning and just pure 100 percent enjoyment and fun!

Herb Carpenter says

Non-stop!

I think the book....and the past few.....being narrated by the main characters (Lorenzo and Valentine) keeps you on the edge of your seatwondering what will happen next! Especially near the end of the book, where the nonstop action begins. What will be the fate of the world? What is Evangeline? Where will the nukes be headed? How will they free Bobstop Kat.....and battle her mercenaries plus stay out of Underhill's hand? READ ON!:-)

David says

It was a wonderful ride. The 3rd and last book in the series didn't disappoint.

Our protagonists go against a huge world changing catastrophe and they have to give all they have if they are going to save millions.

These books are candy for the brain. They are immensely entertaining.

If you are fan of Correia's previous works like MHI and the Grimnoir Chronicles you'll surely like the Dead Six trilogy.

Harley Rhynes says

Great characters

The book had excellent characters. Tough men with hearts and super cool lady characters. Evil Villains a plenty and the best part is it ends well

John Davies says

This is the third and last book in the Dead Six series, and it's a bloody ripper! Valentine and Lorenzo must race to stop Kat before she can detonate nuclear weapons, destroying her enemies, and creating worldwide chaos. The only problem they have is they don't know where the bombs are. Once again, it's up to Exodus, and Val, and Lorenzo to work together, and stop the bad guys from getting away.

I liked the epilogue that gives us a future that seems to be positive and even a possible future story.

Beanbag Love says

4.5 rounded up for sheer enjoyment. I really thought it was going to kill me. The suspense. Wow.

I'm not going to say much because there are spoilers throughout. Suffice to say we find out what "Project Blue" means and it's very, very, very, very, very serious.

I think this was my favorite of the trilogy. It just flowed really well for me and I was fully engaged with all the characters and all the action. The previous two books both had moments where I was very lost in the commando jargon and weaponry (not that it put me off totally, obviously), but somehow this one didn't get away from me.

My one real complaint is about the typos. This is the second "end of trilogy" I've read from this publisher and, as with the other one, the typos were out of control. It was like nobody bothered to look it over before putting it out. I didn't buy the E-ARC either, this was supposed to be the finished product. There were a lot of things like, "Then he went over to the wall then". Way more than there should have been, especially from Baen who usually puts out an exemplary product. So what is it with them and 3rd installments of trilogies?

The first book of this trilogy -- Dead Six -- was pretty hard for me to get into for the first 50%. If I wasn't such a Larry Correia fangirl, I might not have stuck with it. The commando lingo and detail was so hard to wrap my head around, so YMMV if you're more knowledgeable in that area. But by halfway through that book, after all the characters have been introduced and the plot has been laid out, I was fully engaged. The second book -- Swords of Exodus -- was a totally wild ride and I was left on the edge of my seat waiting for this one. It took a long time to come out and I thought I'd be a little lost without rereading, but I wasn't. The reminders of past events were subtle but effective and the story was moving forward so steadily that I didn't struggle at all with trying to recall anything.

Even with the typo/editing problem this was a great end to this series. I only hope we see a short story or something pop up with some of these characters again. It could happen and I'm greedy like that.