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The third book in the Chris Ryan Extreme series.

Disavowed.

No one can escape their past forever. Ex-SAS operator John Bald knows that better than most. So when the Firm corners Bald in Kazakhstan with a promise to wipe the slate clean, he reluctantly agrees to return to the frontline. His mission: hunt down a fugitive Russian oligarch suspected of murdering a beautiful young Westminster aide. Viktor Klich knows too much. Now Bald must catch Klich - before the Russian security services get to him first.

Desperate.

But what begins as a simple snatch-and-grab soon descends into a brutal fight for survival as Bald pursues Klich from the violent streets of Caracas to the brash glamour of Dubai, leaving a trail of blood and bullets in his wake. As he closes in on his quarry Bald finds his loyalties called into question. And when the mission goes wrong, he's accused of being complicit in a dangerous deceit.

Deadly.

Now Bald is a wanted man. Only one person can help him: Viktor Klich, the oligarch he was ordered to kill. In a world where nothing is as it seems, Bald will have to call on all his skills to stay alive, protect his former enemy - and uncover a dark secret that goes right to the heart of the establishment ...

The Chris Ryan Extreme books take you even further into the heart of the mission with more extreme action, more extreme language and more extreme pace. Like *Call of Duty* or *Medal of Honour* you'll feel part of the team.

Chris Ryan Extreme: Most Wanted has previously been published as four separate shorter missions. Now in one ebook to keep you at the centre of the action.

Chris Ryan Extreme: Most Wanted Details

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James says

This book could be an awesome read for some people but I'm not a fan.

First Chris Ryan book I've read (mainly due to it being a new release) and I've probably only got myself to blame for picking out his 'extreme' series as the first one to sample.

Too many cliches, too linear in style and far too much profanity that those words soon lose their impact. Could any Chris Ryan fans point me to a good one?

Not for me :-(

Evelyn*My Redeemer* says

I started reading this book last night and I've not been able to put it down. Brilliant!!!:)

Jane Plumridge says

What a rubbish book this is, especially the ending. I have no idea why Ryan decided to end the story like that. Ridiculous!! Expletives all over the place, really not needed. The main character is shallow and has no redeeming features. The worst Chris Ryan book I've read in a long time. Poorly written and just a really bad read....

Wilde Sky says

An ex-member of the SAS is tasked with kidnapping a Russian criminal.

The main character is stupid, deeply flawed and unpleasant – the action scenes were reasonable, but the story (chain of events) was unbelievable.

Overall I was a bit disappointed.

Real rating 2.5.

Simon says

Ughhhh sorry, just ughhhh, nothing else to mention

Ron Steven says

I decided to read this book, because the title and front cover of the book intrigued me. I found the main character John Bald interesting. He is a ex-SAS soldier, about 42 years old and Scottish. He's unlikeable to some degree, always focused on booze, women and his homophobic attitude. But he's an action man which is sometimes unbelievable, but is still in great shape and light on his toes. My favorite quote in the book is 'bollocks', because it is a way to show that he is Scottish and bring the character more closer to his heritage, by using slang in a Irvine Welsh sort of way. This book made me thought more deeply about how I should keep my friends and family close to me, because you never know when someone is going to die.

Snoakes says

I was given a free copy of this in a Goodreads giveaway. To be honest, it's not my sort of thing, so I gave it to my husband to read first. As a fan of authors such as Andy McNab he's much more the target audience than I am, and I thought I'd read it if he said it was any good.

He didn't. In fact, he thought it pretty atrocious - formulaic, misogynistic and overly violent. To the point that he felt uncomfortable reading it. So, sorry, but I won't be reading it myself. If we could award negative stars, we would - as we can't it gets one.

Alex Murphy says

The third in Chris Ryan's Extreme series (? I don't get it either, why it differs from the others, I think more over the top), you get what you kind of expect now – immoral anti-hero, slimy, backstabbing MI6 agents, slutty prostitutes, model-like female spies and explosions and gun fights And for some reason lots of people being shot in the neck.

I kind of liked the idea the author of completely dumping the hero Joe Gardener from the first book, and focusing on John Bald who was mostly the main character in the second one. The problem is Bald is not a nice character. I don't just mean in the fact he's an anti-hero. You could even call him more of a low-grade villain than an anti-hero. He is so unlikable its hard to root for the story. I like a good anti-hero, but he doesn't end up doing the right thing or anything like that so he just is a bastard. His attitude to women, greed, malice and violence don't let up and he shows no other, more decent side. This made me not sympathise with him, and I like a protagonist I can get behind.

The story jumps off not long after the last one. And like all the books, Bald is bribed/blackmailed by Lang, an MI6 agent to capture a Russian oligarch who is in possession of British state secrets (the idea of a Russian intern to a Liberal Democrat MP stealing them was in the news not long ago). So, Bald looking for a get out of jail card and a bunch of money and villa in Spain, sets off to get him. This takes him on a world spanning trip from Venezuela, to French Alps, to Monaco. Where he ends up shooting a lot of people. The action scenes are decent, even if the bad guys shoot as badly as Imperial Stormtroopers most of the time and Bald is a crack-shot all of the time.

These aren't Ryan's best books, I've read much better one of his, and I've read worse by other authors. The best recommendation of this book is that they are serviceable. Like a decent straight-to-DVD action film, a slightly enjoyable read in places, but a bit too over the top with the good outweighed by the average. So, unless a fan of his books and this type of action story maybe look for something a bit better.

Claude says

High octane ride with twists aplenty.

Bill Ward says

I quite enjoyed this book because I enjoy fast paced action stories. However, the action was so relentlss and our hero so violent that it was almost too much! No doubt this is why the book is part of the author's 'Extreme' series.

I also have to admit I did not really understand the ending. Perhaps there were meant to be various interpretations but I was confused.

Our hero is ex SAS and he travels the globe, first trying to kill a Russian Oligarch and then trying to protect him, all in the cause of getting paid as much as possible.

Along the way he leaves behind a trail of bodies, both friends and foes.

If you enjoy extreme action stories with a bunch of not very likeable characters then this will be perfect!

Jim Whitefield says

Yet another nail biting novel from Chris Ryan, following the exploits of ex-blade, John Bald. If you enjoy ex-SAS type, off book, wild and thrilling stories, just read Ryan's books. Start with the first and enjoy them all. Can't wait for the next book, as Ryan's latest hero, John Bald, continues his exploits. Trouble is that it is not due out until early next year. You can't have everything I suppose. Five strong stars for every gritty page.

Ian Gofton says

Full of action but the main character comes across as a foul mouthed gullible fool. I can't see how this guy would actually survive even in this "suspended belief" novel. A bit disappointing from the guy who wrote one of the best non-fiction accounts of covert activity.

mr leslie thomason says

mind twisting & disappointment read

The main man in the story Bald escapes from near death episodes so many times by the second chapter you

realise all the following chapters will be the same although your hoping the story will change direction you carry on reading only to feel disappointed at yourself for the time wasted reading this sad mind numbing story. Don't buy it.

Eric J. Gates says

This is one of the worst books I've read in the last twelve months!

A sweeping statement, perhaps? Let's examine my reasoning.

First up, why did I buy it? In this case I was travelling at short notice and without my trusty Kindle, so nothing at hand to read. I live in a country where finding English-language books is like stumbling over a five-carat diamond while walking in the park. In my desperation for something decent to while away a few hours, I discovered that a branch of a well-known French hypermarket nearby carried books in several languages. Their shelves groaned... no they didn't, there were less than twenty titles in English, and once I had eliminated those I had previously read and those genres that do not appeal to me, I wasn't exactly spoilt for choice – one book left. Now, seeing the author was Chris Ryan should have been a guarantee of a reasonable action thriller without too much to task the neurons. This was my first mistake.

Fans of this author can usually expect a solid thriller, technically correct, given the man's experience, and entertaining. This 'story' doesn't fall under that description.

In essence it's a collection of four intense action scenes (over long in some cases) populated by one-dimensional characters, totally lacking in any convincing argument for their deeds. The storyline was paper-thin, no, almost translucent would be a better description, and only served to move the protagonist as quickly as possible from one episode of violence to the next. My second mistake was to keep reading with the ignorant hope of tripping over, not a diamond, but something that would make the book something less than an exercise in how not to write thrillers.

Well I finished it and felt ripped-off.

Now, a further development: As I went to Amazon to post this review, and warn other potential unsuspecting victims, I discovered the author had previously released each of the four action scenes as 'novelettes' in their own right and therefore this manifestation was an attempt to monetise the 'work' done producing them. Now I feel doubly ripped-off – there's no indication in the book's blurb this was the origin of said piece of literary wool-pulling. I'm not even going to give the author an additional star for effort on this one. I wonder if I can use it as a paperweight?

Most definitely NOT RECOMMENDED!

Jennifer says

I received this book as part of a Good Reads First Read

This book is non stop action

When John, an ex SAS man agrees to return to duty he just doesnst know what is in store for him

He has to hunt down a russian suspected of murder - before he can be caught by russian security

But then he finds thata he himself is a target , and the only man who can help him is the russian himself

They fight to remain alive - and uncover a mystery

This is a real page turner of action and intrigue - I must admit I did enjoy the book but would feel that it is more a man's book than a womans