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Navy SEAL Team Six commando Don Mann infuses his debut military thriller with the real-life details only a true insider can reveal.

In the midst of a grueling training exercise, Thomas Crocker, USN, unearths a pocket of terrorism that leads straight from the slopes of K2 to the cities of Europe and the Middle East. Crocker and his team, who are trained for the most intense kinds of combat in the most extreme environments, must blaze through a perilous web of terrorist cells to track down a ruthless sheikh who is running an international kidnapping ring before his captives pay the ultimate price.

HUNT THE WOLF is an adrenaline-packed novel sure to appeal to fans of Vince Flynn and Brad Thor, featuring the world's most elite soldiers and based on the experiences of renowned SEAL Team 6 commando Don Mann.

Hunt the Wolf Details

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Jarek says

Hunt the Wolf by *Don Mann* and *Ralph Pezzullo* is a military thriller, telling a story of a team of Navy SEALs tracking a leader of a terrorist organization, while at the same time trying to rescue a young girl kidnapped by human traffickers. The action takes place in many spectacular locations, from the snowy slopes of the Karakorum, through picturesque towns of France, to the coast of the Arabian Peninsula.

The best thing about this book is its authenticity, ensured by Don Mann, an experienced Navy SEALs veteran. Don Mann was a SEAL for seventeen years, eight of which he served as a member of SEAL Team 6, which later became the famous DEVGRU. I think his personal experience greatly contributed to a convincing portrayal of SEALs in the book. All the main characters of "Hunt the Wolf" are multidimensional and believable. They behave and speak in a natural way, and consequently seem very real. Interestingly, the main protagonist Thomas Crocker bears a significant similarity to Don Mann himself.

Excellent characters contrast with the plot, which is the main weaknesses of the novel. Although it is based on an original premise and the action is fast paced and interesting, there are just too many lucky coincidences throughout the book to treat the story seriously.

Despite the minor drawbacks, "Hunt the Wolf" is definitely worth reading, and thanks to the strong, authentic characters many readers will find it quite inspirational.

Daniel says

Very good thriller. The navy seal version of Dalton fury and Kolt Raynor(Racer).

Michael Blackmer says

I enjoyed this book a great deal. It was fast paced and full of adventure. I am not sure how realistic time lines were or some of the other details but sometimes you just need to set realism aside and enjoy the ride. This novel confronts a very evil and dark topic for our world today. It is one that affects every community and it is an issue that is not limited to the poorer countries of the world. Human trafficking. Many of us like our warm resorts in tropical lands and do not realize how many of the women that are seen around these resorts are actually there against their will. How many missing women are imprisoned in some rich, sicko's mansion somewhere? I admire the authors of this book for confronting this hidden issue.

Denee says

This wasn't a bad book nor was it a great one. The first half seemed almost lost and disconnected but by the end it all came together more or less. The author could have written it in half the pages and it would have been twice as good. It felt almost like he was cramming every bit of research and information into the pages

when a brief summarization would have sufficed. I will not be reading the remainder of the series.

Ashley says

Hunt the Wolf, the first book in the SEAL Team Six series, holds a lot of promise for readers who enjoy military-inspired mysteries and thrillers. The books in this series are based on the experiences of renowned SEAL Team 6 commando Don Mann and promise an “adrenaline-packed novel” full of “real-life details only a true insider can reveal”. SEAL Team Six: Hunt the Wolf is a good book with a lot of detailed action and military intelligence but there were also frequent moments where the action settled down and the story became tedious.

The best part about this book (and this series) is the authenticity of not only the situations but also the characters, their behaviors, and the action. While reading it will become apparent that this is indeed written by someone with first-hand knowledge of the front lines rather than someone who has watched too many war movies. The plot is gutting as it involved kidnapping and sex trade/slavery. Readers will face no struggles when it comes to cheering for Tom Crocker and his team. Their characterization, based on real life people, is tremendous and they are truly heroes in this novel.

Where Hunt the Wolf really struggles is with the tedious minute detail and the lack of committed direction. The plot of the story wavers at times and it appears to lack focus as though sections of the book were edited out during the final process but rewrites weren't completed to tie the new ends together. Too much attention is spent depicting mountain climbing or hiking over tough terrain instead of developing the kidnapping and sex trade plotline.

This novel has a great vision and the writers, Don Mann and Ralph Pezzullo are well intentioned in depicting the SEALs as the heroes that they are for the service they perform. The problem is that it takes more than the real-life experience of a SEAL and a strong idea to write a captivating book. Hunt the Wolf is good but it isn't phenomenal. I enjoyed the read but it is, unfortunately, forgettable. I do have all of the other SEAL Team Six books waiting to be read and I'm hoping that the series improves.

Review by Ashley LaMar
Closed the Cover

Sean Peters says

Thank you to Net Galley, the publishers and the authors for an advance copy for a honest review.

Firstly I would like to say, I preferred the second half of the book, the first half was slow, yes I know an important part of the story, but made this book an okay read, then the second half the book came alive, and became a action packed thriller.

Hunt the Wolf starts well, with an explosion at the US Embassy in Morocco. It continues well slowly, with a Seal team preparing to seek revenge and be thrown into action, and head through the mountains.

On their return from the mountains, the action really starts, and it becomes a fast paced action for the last

third of the book.

Don Mann shows the true life of a Seal leader and mission focus of a Navy Seal team leader. The things he took for granted, the things he depended on, and the heights he pushed himself too. A look into the life and struggles of the modern warfare. The dedication, training and commitment of modern soldiers in an increasingly difficult and convoluted war. One man's commitment training and sacrifice show the heights of human endurance, strength of character, the commitment of brotherhood, shown in the difficulties of the main character Tom Crocker.

An okay read for me, as Seal information great, but a little more work on the delivery of an even paced action thriller.

Mike (the Paladin) says

Actually while this is listed as an action book it only manages to brush up against action for most of it's length. This isn't a bad book, but sadly it never manages to be what it was supposed to be. You'll get a fairly long set up and introduction. Then you'll get some personal struggles and sacrifice. It's well trodden ground, but it's an okay serviceable read.

I've said before that the fact a plot has been used before isn't necessarily a minus...it's just how well that plot is done. After all there are (literally) millions of stories out there. I just wish this could have been better.

I admit a lot of that is my own respect for the service and for service people and while this tells a pretty good story I wish it had drawn me in and held me spell bound from the first. It didn't do that.

So you get a fair action tail here with some emotional involvement and a pretty reliable taste of reality. I'd say try this one and see what you think if modern military reads are your cup of tea. Not the best out there, not bad.

Barb says

This is my first experience with this author and with the SEAL Team Six Series. I thought it would probably be a good book, but it turned out to be a very good book.

The main character in the story is Tom Crocker who is the leader of this SEAL team. The main objectives of this particular operation are to locate a terrorist and discover what he is planning. During the unfolding of the operation, many other nefarious activities were uncovered. The only part of the story I had a problem with was a mountain climbing expedition by Crocker and his team. Apparently, it was supposed to be a cover story for the team but was also something they did to keep their training and skills honed to a high level. It just didn't seem to fit the story. It was also hard to believe that guys who faced death on a near daily basis would need any additional challenges or stimulation. I know if I were in their place, I would opt for rest and relaxation rather than more life threatening struggles without any obvious payoff.

With that being said, I found the book fast paced and exciting. It kept me on my toes trying to figure out the

next turn of events and what each side would do in response. I have always loved to see the bad guy “get it”. It works great in books and movies. It is wonderful when it works in real life, but often, in reality things don’t go as planned and the good guy is not always lucky.

I really liked this book and highly recommend it to anyone who likes action stories. But one small warning to prospective readers, occasionally a word or two of the language is just what you might hear from some people in real life. Not what I prefer to hear or read, but it is “true to life” none the less. It wasn’t used just for the sake of bad language but did seem to be natural to the characters. It wasn’t distracting enough to impact my enjoyment of the story. Read it if you get the opportunity. I plan to read more in the SEAL Team Six series.

I was provided a free copy of this book for review from Mulholland Books and Net Gallery. I was under no obligation to provide a favorable review.

Hannah says

Hunt the Wolf is the first of the SEAL Team Six series, it's written by Don Mann a retired NAVY SEAL himself and writing with Ralph Pezzullo. Hunt the Wolf is full of first hand knowledge that leads to a colorful and vivid description of scenery and action. It was exciting and suspenseful I couldn't put it down. It reminded me of John McClane and Bryan Mills (Die Hard and Taken) mashed together. The main character just kept getting beat down but never gave up, and if that's what NAVY SEALs do they so don't get paid enough. It's more of a Tom Clancy type action (talk action, talk action) then continuous nonstop action.

The story quite literally starts with a bang. Thomas Crocker and his SEAL Team Six is leading a quiet mission to flush out a terrorist, Zaman, well they blow up part of the building he was in. The Zaman manages to escape but left some clues behind about his plan, but not enough to accurately piece together what. What was supposed to be a specialty training Crocker was taking his men climbing up the K2, and waylaid by the CIA to run that quick mission but the CIA had it declared a screw-up, so on with the trip as planned.

At the base camp for K2 Crocker is approached by a Norwegian national asking for help. In the last year more young adults have gone missing, sold into the white slave trade. The last girl to go missing, Malie, had connections to the King. The Norwegian government can't do anything about by themselves so as a person favor to the King of Norway they are asking Crocker's team to help. With permission pending Crocker goes up the mountain with his men as planned and then back down again, with weather turning worse and an avalanche that almost took the life of one of his men They return to base camp with permission granted. But the CIA has put that on the back burner and told them to go after someone else.

Crocker and Akil must go to France to flush out Rafiq a known connection to Zaman. After some cunning acting and getting beat up they finally find themselves at Rafiq's hideout. After a fire fight they discover the connection between Zaman, Rafiq, and the white slave trade circle. They are able to save some young woman and find out more about where Zaman is. Together with his team Crocker pieces together what's going on and faces a court martial to find Malie and track down Zaman once and for all.

The ending is just as explosive as the beginning and a happy ending to boot. This amazing introduction to Tom Crocker and his team is well worth the read. I can picture this a movie. First published in 2012 it has three books to follow so far the newest coming out this month.

Geoff says

I liked the military segments, but the long section in the middle that covered the author's obvious love of mountain climbing had nothing to do with the story. A good editor would have culled it.

Dianne says

Unless you have had the horror of experiencing war, never being able to really feel safe and coming home with those nightmares haunting you, one can never really understand what one human can do to another.

Hunt the Wolf by Don Mann is raw, horrific and brutal, a fictional account of the realities of war and how honor, duty and the will to survive are tested far beyond their breaking points for a well-trained SEAL team. By accidentally uncovering an international human trafficking ring, this SEAL team is thrown headlong into a world where life has little value, unless it can be sold for a price.

Don Mann isn't out to create fictional heroes that are larger than life; he is telling what the REAL heroes in life must face. His writing is intense, the action finely detailed, sometimes to a tee, but never once did anything sound unreal. His characters are soldiers, trained to be the best and go where no one else will go, putting their lives and very sanity on the line. From the torturous details of the victims of slave trafficking to the man behind it all, there isn't one moment that will let you down. Every detail is needed, as dark as they are, to fully appreciate Mr. Mann's tale of some of the unsung heroes who went through hell to save strangers.

I was caught like a deer in the headlights, my stomach churned, but I had to read this through to the end.

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Kurt Weber says

Reads like an action film

Chris says

I received a free ebook of this novel from NetGalley.

Now this was a nice break from everything. An espionage/action/adventure that was quickly paced and well developed. The writing itself wasn't spectacular, but it was solid. The characters are interesting, though I'd like to see them drawn out a bit more. Perhaps in future books in the series.

It was a bit pro-military-rah-rah, but that's to be expected when one of the co-authors was a SEAL himself. And that's fine; it was appropriate here. I'm ex-military myself, so it's refreshing to see that patriotism and pride in service still exists out there.

I do think this would make for a cool TV series, if done right. I'm certainly interested in reading more of the books.

Eric says

Just not in the mood for this one. Seemed like a pretty formula based book. The characters were uninspiring. Maybe another time.

Kristin Tormey says

Eh. Wasn't my favorite read. Good story, but felt like there was no real purpose until the very end. LOVE that the author was a member of ST6 so I felt as if the details of the op were close to that of a real op.
