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KILL ZONE (The Specialist Book 1)



Synopsis

There's only one answer for those who profit from bloodshed and terror: black ops expert Matt Thorn. Book 1 in a hard-hitting action series.

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Customer Reviews

Remember back in the '80s when noble one-man-armies like The Executioner rampaged against the evildoers, killing them mercilessly? Yeah, so does Zeke Mitchell and he expertly captures the vibe of those old action-adventure series, writing in that same "kill 'em all and let God sort 'em out" zone that made those books such (not) guilty pleasures. The plot is minimal, just enough to hang a series of nonstop action sequences on, and seriously, our stone-cold yet honorable protagonist wastes more villains in this book than all the Rambo movies combined (OK, maybe a slight exaggeration ... but just a slight one). Everywhere Matt Thorn turned, there were bad guys popping out of the wood work waiting to waste him ... only to get wasted themselves instead. Sure, the thugs were horrible shots while the hero rarely missed, but that's all part of the genre as far as I'm

concerned. I just kept on grinning as I watched (read) one enemy gunman after another get chopped to bits by autofire. And I greatly appreciated the level of graphic violence; this ain't no PG-13, watered down, sissified action. Heads explode, eyes pop out, blood gushes, and body parts fly. Bottom line, "Kill Zone" is a great kickoff to what should be a killer action series. It's all guns 'n' guts and I could not have been more entertained.

Kill Zone is a non-stop action fest that will have you flipping pages obsessively until it is over. You won't be able to put this book down. Zeke Mitchell is a man of terse, direct, action-oriented words. He wastes no time getting straight into the thick of it from chapter one. If you're looking for some sort of literary thinkpiece, stop looking. It's gone. Matt Thorn just shot it to pieces with a machine gun. Thorn doesn't have time to chat. He doesn't have time for annoying flashbacks, or half-assed secondary love stories like some other pulp novels. Matt Thorn only has time to blow stuff up, and with Kill Zone that's what you'll get.

ZM has written a novel of non stop action. Special Operations is issued a License to Kill when organized crime interfere with the mission. In this novel the Operator is highly trained in the use of all combat weapons and has received instructions to terminate because they interfered in a special Operations Mission where the Operator was KIA. This is an excellent read for the genre..... ER

This book is basically a non-stop action , "shoot 'em up," read. You won't find a deep or plausible plot, a love interest, deep character development, background information, or a lot of realistic technical detail. The plot is basically here is a very bloody one-man commando raid on a crime syndicate. However, Zeke Mitchell does a really good job with pacing his story, providing life threatening drama, staying action-oriented, staying in the moment, and describing gun battles in a straight forward way. Any writer struggling for the right words to get a novel to publication will appreciate what Zeke has done. I'm giving this book a 4-star rating with the understanding that it is just basically just action-oriented pulp fiction. If you are looking for the technical depth of a Tom Clancy novel, the worldly panache of Ian Fleming, or the subtlety of John Le Carre, this book isn't for you. If you are looking for that kind of complete novel, this one is a one or two star read. This novel is probably much like "The Executioner" series of novels from the 60's and 70's. Enjoy it for what it is!

Okay, I get the character and the premise, but all it was, is endless pages of one killing after another

using every weapon in the international arsenal. And not even accurate in some areas. The problem is, THE GUY ZEKE MITCHELL CAN ACTUALLY WRITE A LITTLE, so I wish he would include some plot and story. The character must have killed about 100 men, in a short space, but that's ALL he did. A little story or plot would be nice, and cut back on the killing. None of it was very realistic for me. The character needs a background and some relevant ideas or thoughts. Zeke CAN write, so I wish I had given it a higher rating. ** This is for your own good, Zeke...change your ways, old vato.... Let me know if you want me to delete this Review" and I will do it.

Mitchell's style is terse and tough. There's high-voltage action that's sure to satisfy the most bloodthirsty readers. A great read for 'one man army' action fans.

I don't know if this is the authors first book, but it certainly feels like it. I enjoy the premise. I grew up on the old Executioner style books, and while they were not works of art, this is something less than that. First, it's just....I don't know...and underdeveloped writing style? Perfect example. One paragraph in the book had 6 sentences. Five of those began with "He ". The 6th one began with "His". And then the entire novel felt like one big ass advertisement. Every few lines, there was a mention to the type of bullet. We get it. You only need to describe the rounds one time. And then, when your character switched magazines, say he switched to that particular magazine. Even the brand of the watch was mentioned....really? And I get it, again, just feels like a writing style that's not yet developed, but it makes it sound more of a Military fan boy than anything of real clout. The shortness left something to desire with it too. No big surprise to find out who the traitor was there. That being said....I wouldn't mind for someone to pick this up for a movie or something.

A page turner of a mission. Fast paced. Lots of action. Glued to action and character buildup. Too short of a read wanted more.

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