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The skies will never be the same...

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Just as Troy Loensch comes into his own as a pilot with the United States Air Force, a private military contractor called Firehawk takes over. Troy isn't happy with the arrangement-and neither is the CIA. And when they ask Troy for help investigating Firehawk, he accepts-with explosive consequences...

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From Reader Review Tom Clancy's H.A.W.X. for online ebook

Marcus says

I find the idea of PMC's (Private Military Corporations) to be very interesting topic and did enjoy that aspect of the story. I was left wanting action thought despite several dogfights but they seemed very short and uninspired. Plus the story feels very disjointed due to the fact at several intense moments it stops abruptly and continues on past the incident, then informs what happened with flashbacks. Made me feel like the story was very choppy. Just my 0.02\$

Hayden Remer says

I thought this book would be a top gun style story with awesome jet fighting scenes and a Tom Cruise/Val Kilmer romance. But all we got was a boring story not that exiting fighting scenes a plot that has been done a lot and a forced romance.

Jeffrey says

This book is exciting and full of action and will be a great book for aviation buffs. It is about how a man struggles to prevent America's military to be takeover by private millitary corporation. There are dogfights in F-16s and fictional stealth aircrafts.

Joyce McKune says

This should be mandatory reading for all military and elected officials before they take the oath! It's too close to something that could happen! I couldn't put it down and want the sequel right away. Will there be one? It left off with a real cliff hanger.

Wesley says

This book in an enigma to me. Firstly, it was beyond poorly written. The dialogue and descriptions were so bad I was almost embarrassed to call it an adult book. With that said, I loved the plot. It was quite interesting, the character dynamic and the PRC's way of doing business could really have kept you up at night thinking of the implications if they were fleshed out correctly and written well.

I think they should make this into a movie, it's been a while since we had a good Jet movie...if they do watch that instead. You won't get any extra insight from the book.

Bob says

Light Action/Adventure/military tale following a trio of Air Force fighter pilots while on a mission in Somalia and afterwards when they are Rift in a downsizing as they go their separate ways but re-connect as hires by a large private security company (think Blackwater and its ilk.) headed by their old Commanding Officer. Troy Loensch is the main character of the trio and starts to have suspicion about his CO and his eventual intentions as the Government relinquishes more and more of its control to private sector contractors. Having a weak ineffectual president does not help either.

Ed Kltas says

The book it seems is written by an author who isn't experienced in writing books, rather, he is experienced in telling stories. The information regarding planes, missions, and the air force in general are excellent. The book is very enjoyable but you feel as if you are reading a story written by somebody with a high school education.

John says

Much better than one would expect from a video game tie-in novel written under a pen name shared by several different authors. Sure, it's Tom Clancy Lite, but, if you're a fan of the movie TOP GUN, you owe it to yourself to check it out. I guarantee you'll be humming "Highway to the Danger Zone" the entire way through.

This could have easily been a four-star read, were it not for some very poor writing and the fact that all the characters felt bland: generic action hero man (an ex-football star, of course); elegant-but-tough romantic interest girl (raised in the country, always substitutes "y'all" for "you," even when talking to another individual); Stable-but-boring boyfriend of romantic interest girl; egomaniacal arch-villain; etc. None of the characters feel unique, none are particularly interesting.

Author Grant Blackwood (the man behind the pseudonym) excels at describing dogfights and getting all the military- and aviation-related details right, but his prose is often fumbling. Sometimes, even laughably bad. "She relished the feel of his wide receiver arms as he wide-received her" is without a doubt the worst line I've read all year.

The way that relationships work in this novel is a little disturbing. Girl A cheats on Guy A with Guy B, so Guy A decides to sleep with Girl A's co-worker, Girl B, until he can finally sleep with the girl he really wants, Girl C, who is using Guy A to cheat on Guy C, who is close buddies with Guy A. Girl C actually prefers Guy C, but she just can't resist Guy A because he's got SUCH A HOT BODY and is SO DAMN GOOD IN BED. But it's all good, because, you know, women's lib.

I'm sure Tom Clancy would've written it differently.

The plot of HAWX is a bit meandering; although, personally, I thought the long set-up ultimately served to make the rest of the story more meaningful and more believable. So, I was totally OK with it. Things do get pretty far-fetched and comic-bookish toward the end, but at no point does the book ever cease to be fun and attention-grabbing. As long as you don't compare it to vintage Tom Clancy novels written by the man himself, you're bound to have a good time.

Corey says

A good read, with plenty of action, I hope they write a sequel to this book. The book follows ex-football player Troy Loensch who is kicked of the team after injuring another teammate, now with nowhere else to turn he joins the United States Air Force. While Troy trains to become a pilot, a military company known as Firehawk starts to take over the Air Force operations.

The CIA asks for Troy's help to investigate Firehawk.

Nicolas says

I have a real soft spot for these light, action/adventure stories. Hawx covered a lot of ground in a hurry and didn't really develop the characters enough, but that wasn't really the point. It was an interesting, fast paced action story that was just the thing to help you relax during a stressful summer. I felt like they were setting up a sequel, and I hope it shows up at Wal-Mart someday because this was a lot of fun to read.

Greg Dill says

Overall this was a decent book. Not the best, but good enough to keep my interest engaged. However, all of the characters in this story are very shallow. Relationships are seemingly focused only on lust and sex. And the time in between many of the scenes in this book jump ahead suddenly and unexpectedly. The best thing about the story were the detailed dogfights that take place up in the air between advanced aviation aircraft. I envisioned the flight scenes from the movie, "Top Gun" throughout this storyline as good pilot takes on bad pilot.

If you like a book with a fast read, shallow characters, and lots of adventure, then this book is good for you. Otherwise, save your money and stick with a real Tom Clancy novel instead.

Mark Kloha says

This book is well written. Lots of action. Fast paced. However, the second half of the book, I couldn't buy into the premise of what was actually happening. To be fair - I have not played any of the video games that this is related to. Perhaps the video games would shed more light on what was happening in this book.

Justin Sylvia says

When I first noticed this book, the first thing I noticed was the "cool" looking cover of a fighter pilot flying through what appears to be a cityscape with a fireball behind him. The fact that it was written by by acclaimed author Tom Clancy (R.I.P) was definitely a bonus. I had high hopes for this book and to a certain extent they were met. One of the things that kind of threw me was the millitary lingo/jargon that was in there at certain points. The storyline itself isn't bad in my honest opinion. I did enjoy the overall feel of the book

and certain aspects even peaked my interest ie) the training that hal and troy were going through & and the relationship between Troy and Jenna. The one thing I wasn't too keen on was the whole overtaking of the government by a PMC. I for one really hope and pray that this never actually happens, seeing as how the guys who ran the PMC weren't exactly the best intentioned people. Overall I enjoyed this book & maybe someday I'll go back and read the rest of Mr. Clancy's books

Jim says

Author needs a course in the operational characteristics differences radar guided and IR guided missiles; needs to learn that “y’all” is plural, not singular; needs to make sure not to change missile types loaded on an aircraft from one sentence to the next.

Must be what can happen when a book is written by committee.

I would add another star if the book had a better editor and/or proof reader.

David says

great book
