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From USA Today best-selling author Brett Battles comes the second book in a spinoff series from his award-winning Jonathan Quinn thrillers.

Something's happening in the small town of Bradbury. Something more sinister than the disappearance of the woman the Excoms have been sent to find.

Something only they can stop.

Ananke, Rosario, Dylan, Liesel, and Ricky have reassembled to undertake their second mission. Seems easy enough: locate the missing woman and be on their way. But not even the mysterious Administrator who called them together could have predicted what the team would encounter.

Inhumanity comes in many forms. The Excoms despise them all.

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Trish R. says

Ananka, Rosario, Liesel, Dylan and Ricky have a new assignment and this one was even better than the last. It was about finding human traffickers, who really did more than traffic humans but you'll have to read this book to find out.

I will say that they talked a little bit more like adults in this story but not much. And this was funnier than the last, too. Our heroes had some really great lines. Especially Ananke, she said the sweetest things just before she shot someone or knocked someone unconscious.

They were all such a variety of heroes, too. Ananke is black, Rosario is Spanish, Liesel is German, Dylan is Irish and Ricky was... Well, Ricky was just the hunter the Administrator got out of a 10 year stretch in prison. Great group. This series does get better with each book.

As to the narration: Actually, Allyson Johnson didn't do as good on the men's voices in this book BUT her emotions were outstanding. She laughed, cried, whispered, screamed in pain, she did it all. Wonderful narration, even with the men not sounding all that great, it was mostly close enough.

Jay Clement says

12-2018. I need to slow down my reading a bit. Anyway, this is the second in this new Battles series. I have a good time with these folks, as they do justice where others can't. Good story and bad guys.

Sytse Algera says

Excellent follow up to a great new series

This book was a great read. Could not put the book away due to a great story, well crafted characters and great action sequences. Looking forward to read more about this team of problem solvers brought together by a group, of powerfull people to help the world.

Loy says

Now this was a good book. It is the second in the series and really took off. The first one was good but there was a lot of build up which is necessary in a new series. I read it in one day.

this is a spin off from the Quinn series. this one stood on its own.
the group of excoms do another mission for the Administrator.

Lots of action ! Each one of the group brought their special talents to the story. Great story. looking forward to the next one

Maz Tucker says

I was lucky enough to receive a copy of this for free, in exchange for an unbiased review.
I really love these characters, they name a great team and could see this series lasting a long time. The modern day A-Team. Brett has a great way of slowly unwinding the story and pulling you in.
I could really see this as a great movie spin off.

Bob Meyer says

Brett Battles never disappoints. In this sequel to the ExComs, he continues the story of his ragtag group of kidnapped specialists. While not as intricately plotted as his Quinn novels, this is still a very enjoyable fast paced read. Recommended to anyone who likes a good thriller.

Estrella says

The minute I started reading this book I could not put it down! Brett Battles delivers another amazing page-turner (or finger swiper - as I read it on kindle app). Just another confirmation on why Battles is my favorite author. Interesting characters, bad-ass women, leaves you breathless at times, wanting to see how it ends, but not wanting to finish the book. Thank you, Brett, for another amazing story. Such a unique voice you have.

Jenni says

Town at the Edge of Darkness is fast-paced and kept me on the edge of my seat. I enjoyed the first novel in this series, The Excoms, which is a spin-off from the Jonathan Quinn series. In this second novel in the series, the gang is back, put to work by their mysterious Administrator to search for a woman who has gone missing in a small town in Eastern Washington State. The setting is a town filled with high tech companies, and a dark legacy to be discovered. Good storyline, great characters, and relevant themes with a nefarious plot that could have been ripped from today's headlines.

I read this in less than two days because I couldn't put it down.

I received an ARC copy of this novel from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Charles Levenstein says

Intriguing fast read

The heroine and her crew are interesting and very capable. The bad guys are really despicable. A progressive venture into small town racist corruption. Not bad at All!!

Buzz says

A roller coaster of a story!

I am such a fan of Brett's writing, and his stories have a way of captivating you right from the start. I won't give away the story, but I will say that I got a bit confused with all of the chasing and hunting towards the end, and had a difficult time figuring out what was taking place. Fun story, great characters and snappy dialog kept this action book moving along nicely.

Leo says

No summary of the book in this review, plenty others have already provided that on Goodreads.

This book, like most other Brett Battles books I read to date, was entertaining, fantastical (at times), fast paced, and quite vivid thanks to Battles not skimping on the details. Looking over the last few Jonathan Quinn books, I can see where the idea of the Excoms came from, as Quinn's story became more complex and introduced to a whole world of secret agents and the companies that higher them. That being said, I like the altruistic approach he took with *The Comity*. Doing this gave him the hook to write a thriller that was lighter in tone and ultimately positive in nature compared to some of the Quinn books or and Project Eden series.

Without saying too much, how in the heck is Ricky on of the best *hunters* in the world? I understand the character is book to release some of the tension in the scene and provide a little (or a lot) levity in the story, but this doesn't explain how he's functions as a great hunter in this universe. In the two books so far, he's done nothing to warrant this praise, even going so far as to stating that he captured on of his targets by sheer dumb luck (perp sneezed). He's also written as being a person who takes orders from his superiors as more of a suggestion instead of an actual directive. His character and mannerism doesn't seem to fit with this group, let alone within the spy world he suppose worked in. Ricky is basically the Murdock of this Ex-Team.

Bill says

Really more like 3 and a half stars. Definitely better than the first book in this series, but not quite at the level of most in the Quinn series. Maybe it's just the nature of a series about a team who do not usually work together on the same aspect of the situation at the same time. The formula seems to be to separate team

members, often by two's, until they all meet up for a happy ending. Not that there's anything wrong with a happy ending, but this also means not being able to devote as much attention to each person. Now that I write this I realize that's what I dislike about the direction the Quinn series is going, but that belongs somewhere else.

Tracy T. says

Great Series. Narration needs work. (audible review)

This is a great series. I am really enjoying the concept of this elite group.

There is murder, mystery, kidnapping, human trafficking, bad guys, good guys and a lot of action.

I like all the characters, Ananke, Rosario, Dylan, Liesel, and Ricky. They never knew each other until the Administrator put them together, now they are an elite team and work well together.

I totally recommend this series. The first book is The Excoms.

As for the narration, it could be better. Allyson Johnson needs to work on her male voices. otherwise it's good. Not the worst narration but not the best either.

Rick says

I wasn't sure at first how I would like this series but I gave it a chance and I'm glad I did. The first book was good, but the second has made this my favorite new series. This story picks up right where the first left off and brings the team into their next job. The character development benefits from no gap between the stories and we see their personalities expand as the book progresses.

I was worried where the story would go once I caught on to the premise but I shouldn't have been. Battles pulled off a tough story where many others would have failed. By the end I was believing this could actually happen in today's world. There were no shortcuts in his writing and no gaps to the story. Every piece flowed to the next naturally and I love how he consistently takes the time to build out the little details to where you easily picture it in your head.

It was worth every minute invested in reading and I loved the ending. I hated to reach the last page and am anxiously awaiting the next book. What more could I ask of a book?

Gillian says

Dark plot with capable characters

I like this group. Ricky improves over the last book and appears more capable and a little less comic relief.

Action, well stepped out story with some twists to keep the reader engaged. Only disappointment was Ananke being what seemed to me out of character when she ignored her phone at critical junctures. It just didn't fit with her meticulous personality.
