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They dive so humanity survives. Now they take to the sea.

In the fourth installment of the award-winning and USA Today bestselling Hell Divers series, the Sea Wolf sets out to search for the Metal Islands. Leading the expedition is legendary Hell Diver Xavier Rodriguez. After enduring for a decade on the poisoned surface, his survival skills will be put to the test on the dangerous open seas. But storms, sea monsters, and the cannibalistic Cazadores aren't the only threat to X and his small crew. Their mission will uncover hard truths about the history of the war that left humankind stranded in the air for centuries. And the fate of those still living on the airships might very well rest on this fragile and perilous journey to find a new home.

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From Reader Review Wolves for online ebook

Šimon Tóth says

I miss the excitement of the previous books.

Nikki "The Crazie Betty" V. says

NOOOOO!!! I can't believe the book is over already!! Is book # 5 out yet? No? Please! I can't wait another year!

Koeur says

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Publisher's Description: Sea Wolf sets out to search for the Metal Islands. Leading the expedition is legendary Hell Diver Xavier Rodriguez. After enduring for a decade on the poisoned surface, his survival skills will be put to the test on the dangerous open seas.

Review: If you have a hard time suspending your disbelief in lieu of a factual story line....forget reading this series. But....if you like a Doc Savage-esque modern rendition of over-the-top action and unbelievable scenarios then hop on board the Silly Train.

X (Xavier Rodriguez) is a manly mans-man with manly mannerisms steeped in vitriol. He has a penchant for revenge laced violence while sacrificing self in order to save the ones he loves..... or kinda likes. He is constantly wounded yet battles through the pain to overcome all manner of beasties including teeth clacking cannibals.

So while I was picking the corn out my shjt I noticed a few firearm fails and the impossibility of new species born of the nuclear holocaust after only 200 years. Godzilla could not be reached for comment so grain of salt and all that.

Giving this novel a good review rating is like admitting you like disco music. But dammit, whats not to like about giant mutant octopi, armored hog/wolves, crazed laser shooting robots and man-sized predacious vultures?

You can get all of my reviews [HERE](#).

Ronie says

This series is amazing. Both my husband and I read it and thoroughly enjoy it. This had a massive cliffhanger that both of us were quite frustrated with--but only because it meant we had to wait to see what happens. Cannot wait for 5.

Andrew Tucker says

Another great chapter in the series, they just keep getting better!

Do they always have to end on such grand cliffhangers though? I'm already jonesing for chapter V!!!!

Cheryl says

"Accept your past without regrets. Handle your present with confidence. Face your future without fear."

First of all, if you haven't read the first three books in this series, you really should. NOTE: There might be minor plot spoilers in this review.

This was another excellent addition to the continuing saga of the Hell Divers and surviving humanity.

It is 260+ years in the future after the catastrophic World War III. Xavier "X", Miles the husky dog, and Mags set sail following up on the rumors of the Metal Islands. Mags is still mourning the loss of Rodger "Dodger" in book three.

Both the HIVE and the DELIVERANCE airships are now being used as homes for surviving humanity and are now led by Katrina, the new Captain.

The story continues with excitement leading the way through the pages of the story. Humanity now has some hope for better days in the future but the hope doesn't come without loss.

I loved this installment as much as previous books. Author Smith has a very real talent for drawing readers into his stories. Excitement, battles, Hell Divers, horrific foes, and even surprises are in this book.

I received an advanced reading copy of this book from Blackstone Publishing in the hopes that I would read it and leave an unbiased review. I also have pre-ordered the book (as always) because this is an author I definitely want to support.

Aristotle says

Terminus

"Sanctuary for all. Community for all. Those who arrive survive."
It's a trap! Run! Cannibals!

This was an episode of The Walking Dead. Xavier Rodriguez is Rick Grimes. The Walking Dead has gone on too long. Find the cure and end the show. One of the problems with TWD is i feel little for the 2nd generation of survivors. That's how i feel about book 4 of Hell Divers. Who are Les, Layla, Edgar, Vish, Sandy, and the others? X, Mags, Miles, and Pepper's story was interesting but the second group uhm i forgot their names not so much.

Giant octopuses, armored hogs, and man sized birds not to mention cannibals. Hey what's not to like about this book but feels that this would have worked better as a trilogy instead of a pentalogy.

C-3PO is a killer?

So how do they know how to pilot the USS Zion a Navy ship? Was the key left in the ignition? The radio and satellites work after sitting idol for over two centuries? Anyway lets get back to C-3PO and his laser gun.

Brian's Book Blog says

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HD4 Entralled Me From Beginning To End

I'm not sure whether to call this book Hell Divers IV or Wolves so I might go back and forth (and I'll definitely throw in an HD4 for simplicity) – so please stick with me.

First and foremost. Good lord was this book fantastic. It opens with an epic fight against one sea creature. And within a few minutes, they are attacked by another one. I'm a big fan of "deep sea thrillers" and Wolves took some of my favorite elements from these books and threw them into a world decimated by bombs and left to thrive and evolve on its own after humans were basically wiped off the face of it. I also wasn't sure why NSS called it wolves until a while into the book (and I won't ruin it for you). I literally went "ohhh" out loud when he revealed it.

There are some main points that I want to cover because this book had a lot going on in it. One is that NSS is able to write an entire series without ever diving into politics. I wasn't sure at one point of Wolves if he was going to go a little into it, but right when he could have finger-pointed and gone completely political he about-faced and threw me for a complete freaking loop. Seriously, I'm pretty good at guessing plot points and major "fake outs" but I did not see the major and massive plotline Smith wrote in HD4. It's even harder because I can't go into what happened that shocked me so much since it's a pretty major spoiler, but know that for the first time in four books we have an idea of what the heck happened to cause the surface of Earth to become hell reincarnate.

(This point will contain spoilers from the other three books). Another point that I wanted to dive into (ahhh get it?) is the way that Smith is able to write a character who was a loner, then wasn't (because of Tin), then

was left to die so became a loner again. He found a dog and realized he didn't want to be alone anymore. He's finally found by his ship and doesn't want to go back, and then is forced to go back and forth with this all during book 4. It's amazing to watch the back and forth growth of X and the situational-specific feelings he was able to have. It's something you rarely get since character arcs don't look like waves they usually look like a rainbow or a diagonal line.

Hell Divers IV is one of those books that makes you feel – numerous times about a number of things. You feel for X, you feel for Miles, and for Tin. You feel for the people around him, for the people in the Hive, and for many others. Smith is able to write characters that feel real. X feels like a real person. The things that he thinks and says out loud feel real. I've never had characters jump off the page more than when I was reading the Hell Divers series and Wolves was no different. A few times I had to actually pause the audiobook just so that I could gather myself. One of those times was dealing with X's dog, Miles, and I was damn near hyperventilating because of it.

The final point I wanted to make is that Smith is also able to write about human experiences in such a way that even though he's writing speculative fiction about the future – it could be re-written as a narrative of things going on today. I love that and loved Hell Divers IV: Wolves more for it.

On top of all of this, throw in the master R.C. Bray's performance and you have what could be one of my top 3 books of 2018. I know that I won't forget this book for a long time. Bray's performance of X specifically just seals the deal. It feels like it's just an extension of Bray's voice. I know if I chose to read vs listen to another HD book I would hear X's voice as Bray.

I believe I've mentioned this in other reviews, but easily one of the best parts of the audiobook is when Bray has to say a place name different than how we know it (Florida as "Floor-id-a" for example). In an older book, it was Miami as "my-ah-my". In Wolves, the one that got me was Chicago as "Chick-ah-go". I know that saying these places had to be tough for Bray and I picture him saying it as a normal American would and then realizing it and having to go re-record it at least once.

If you're looking for a new post-apocalyptic series to read, especially one that isn't political (at all) but still has all the feeling then Hell Divers is for you. If you've read HD 1-3 and aren't sure about 4, what's wrong with you? I know that HD4 will stick with me until HD5 comes out (hopefully in 2019).

Mari (Smut Duchess) says

3.0 - 3.5 ***

I skimmed through this book. It was more of the same. Non stop action. Mostly took place with X and Mags on a boat. This one ended on a cliffhanger. I'm glad I skimmed the series but I'm not crazy about the direction of the story so I may pass on the next book when it comes out Spring '19.

Kristen Burns says

4 Stars

Review:

I received an ecopy of this book via NetGalley. This has not influenced my review.

These books are so intense, every single one of them! It doesn't matter if the characters are in the air, on land, or at sea—the author still writes a gripping, nail-biting story.

This was another great book in the series with the same great things as the others. The world was complex and horrifying, yet believable. The characters were complex and flawed and gruff and realistic but still likeable for their good qualities and their good intentions. The Hell Divers especially deserve some recognition, not just for the way they risked their lives going to the surface but for the way they constantly risked their lives for each other, never willing to leave someone behind if they could help it. The relationships between characters were also imperfect and complex. The scenes that took place on the surface and at sea were full of danger and action and monstrous creatures.

The next three paragraphs of this review may contain SPOILERS for previous books in the series.

Much like previous books, this one had multiple POVs and multiple groups of characters doing different things, but it's a format that works because there's always a lot going on, and all of it is important.

X, Magnolia, and Miles (X's dog) were off in a boat trying to find the fabled Metal Islands. Being at sea brought some slightly different dangers, and there was just as much detail and immersion and realism in regards to the sailing as there's been for weapons, airships, and everything else in this series. (At least, I assume so since I don't actually know anything about any of these things.) But the characters were still the most interesting part, especially X. He was still the same person, but he was also a little different than he was before his ten years on the surface, which makes sense. He was even more gruff, he had little patience for other people, and he seemed to have some problems with anger, but he still had a good heart and, more than anything, wanted to keep his friends and loved ones safe. Plus, he's one badass old man! Ok, he's not actually *old*, but he's not young either, and "badass middle-aged man" doesn't have the same ring to it ;-) Not to mention that life has not exactly been kind to him. I think he manages to pull things off through sheer determination sometimes.

Meanwhile, Katrina and all the old and new Hell Divers undocked the Deliverance and left for a mission. Like the captains before her, Katrina had to make some hard decisions, while Michael, Layla, Les, and Erin ended up back on the surface facing dangers of their own, including some new monsters. The Raptors are a great team though; they really look out for each other, and I love that.

END SPOILERS

This book had a few surprises, some good, some bad. And although there were consequences and things are still bleak for many of the characters, there's hope too, and I can't wait to see what's going to happen next!

Recommended For:

Fans of Books 1-3 in Nicholas Sanbury Smith's Hell Divers Series. Anyone looking for a crazy, intense, gritty, gripping, unique post-apocalyptic story and gruff, flawed, but still likeable characters.

Original Review @ Metaphors and Moonlight

Faith says

When I started reading this series I didn't realize that it was going to have so many books. Fortunately they have managed to hold my interest, and the end is in sight. I don't usually read series, and when I do I tend to skip around, but you really need to read this series in order from the beginning. Characters introduced in the first book are still around, and still looking for a permanent home on Earth for the survivors of the mysterious events that forced all remaining humans to take to the sky in airships. I like the characters, and the author has a way with exciting action sequences. He is also good at creating new monsters to battle, including a giant octopus and killer robots. In case you are sensitive to this, you should be aware that a dog is repeatedly endangered and injured in this book. The book ends with a cliffhanger. One more book to go. I received a free copy of this book from the publisher.

Michael Hicks says

In the final moments of the third *Hell Divers* novel, *Deliverance*, Nicholas Sansbury Smith promised to change up the formula a bit and deliver a fourth novel covering some terrain we hadn't seen too much of in this sky- and radioactive wastelands-focused series. Smith immediately delivers on that promise in the opening chapter of *Wolves*, shifting the focus of his series from the deadly skies to the equally terrifying seas.

As a fan of aquatic horror and survival at sea stories, this is very much a welcome expansion to the *Hell Divers* canon, but it's not all smooth sailing for the book's characters. Xavier "X" Rodriguez and his partner Magnolia Katib has hit the high seas on a mission of revenge, aiming to track down the Cazadores, a cannibalistic cult of killers, and lead the small remnants of humanity of the Metal Islands, possibly the closest thing left to paradise on Earth.

Although X's adventures by boat are a large part of *Wolves*'s focus, Smith hasn't forgotten about the airships and their crew. The addition of the airship *Deliverance* has helped make life more comfortable for those aboard the *Hive*, but they can't get too cozy just yet. After all, it wouldn't be a very exciting story if half the book's characters were able to just lounge about sipping tea. There's still plenty of action left for those characters in the skies, and the fresh squadron of Hell Divers manage to find themselves in way over their heads in short order.

Smith keeps this book running right from the opening pages, with the pace cranked all the way up to frenetic, juggling some big action set pieces between both the A- and B-plots. *Wolves* is a fast, energetic read, and it's easy to sink into the narrative. The climax is exciting as hell with its *Mad Max*-at-sea action - a welcome source of post-apocalyptic inspiration, and one I hope Smith elaborates on further in the next book.

However, with a fifth *Hell Divers* title on the way in the first half of 2019, a lot of *Wolves* feels like prelude, giving it a middle-child vibe a lot of series suffer from. *Wolves* cannot resolve all of its plot elements, and much of what's here is set-up for *Captives*, purportedly the series finale, to resolve. That said, Smith certainly packs *Wolves* full of new material, expanding on the historical record of his series and introducing some new and highly durable threats that I hope to see more of soon.

Between the change of scenery and a few new enemies for X and his fellow Hell Divers to confront, Smith has injected a welcome bit of freshness into the end-game of his series. *Wolves* sets the stage for the grand

finale, but as the *Hell Divers* series as a whole has shown, for Smith, the sky *isn't* the limit - it's just a good place to start.

[Note: I received an advanced reading copy of this title from the author.]

BookLoversLife says

Book 4 sees a change of pace for all involved.... Ha, only kidding, this is a Smith book after all!! The book starts with an absolute bang and doesn't let up. I devoured this as fast as I could and forwent sleep to finish!!

Literally within the few pages the ship that X, Magnolia and Miles are on is attacked by a giant monster! They have their hands full and things are extremely tense. The author makes it such a way that you can't see what's coming. My heart was in my mouth because I didn't know what was going to happen. In fact, through out the whole book, I was kept on tenderhooks because I had no clue where the plot was going!! There are so many twists and turns that it was impossible to tell.

Then we have the characters that are on the airships. At the end of the last book, they had managed to get another airship, Deliverance, and with that, life upon the ships have gotten better for all. Yet the Hell Divers are still needed and their latest dive is going to test even the hardest one! Certain things come to light when the Divers land on an island that will shake them to the core.

There is so much I want to say about the plot and what is revealed, and what happens to certain characters and what happens to other characters, but I can't!!!! I truly believe that this is Smith's best work to date. The pacing never lets up and the characters will squeeze your heart. So much is revealed and so much is set in place for the next in the series! You can just tell that everything the author does here is a set up for what's sure to be an explosive end!

This author has never failed to deliver an amazing read, and this one is no different. Its everything you could want in a book!! Jam packed with action, adventure, edge of your seat pacing, characters that will captivate you and a story you will fall in love with. Absolutely epic installment in one of my favourite series! Highly, Highly recommend.

Empress Reece (Hooked on Books) says

I was ready for a change of pace with this series and Sansbury-Smith delivered it with *Wolves*. He takes us from sky to sea in this story as X & Magnolia search via boat for the Metal Islands, a place they hope that all the people on the Hive & Deliverance can call home one day. Of course, they're met with tons of obstacles like an oversized octopus, cannibalistic Calzadores and murderous AI's, just to name a few.

This book was basically a segway into the last book, *Captives*, and final showdown with the Cazadores. I'm looking forward to its release to see how that all plays out.

Steve says

Somehow these books just keep getting better. Impressive writing, amazing plotting, and characters that keep things compelling. I didn't think the early books had the steam to keep things running this long. I was very wrong. The way book #4 ends, #5 is likely to be just as good.
