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The heart-pounding thriller of a series continues as FBI Special Agent Meg Jennings and her search-and-rescue K-9 companion confront the fury of nature—and the more dangerous nature of man . . .

In the wake of a devastating hurricane, Special Agent Meg Jennings and her Labrador, Hawk—invaluable members of the FBI's Human Scent Evidence Team—have been deployed to Virginia Beach. They have their work cut out for them. Amid graveyards of debris, and the buried cries for help, the search and rescue operation begins. The most alarming discovery is yet to come—a teenage girl hiding in the Great Dismal Swamp. Shaken by the storm, she has reason to be scared. But this young survivor is terrified of so much more.

Her name is Emma—a disheveled runaway lost to the sordid underbelly of a Virginia sex-trafficking ring. Its leader has disappeared in the chaos—along with other victims. With so much evidence, and so many witnesses, seemingly washed away, Meg joins forces with Special Agent Walter Van Cleave to ensure no further harm comes to their vulnerable charge. They soon discover that this is no small-time localized syndicate. Its branches are rooted in some of the most influential powers in Virginia. Now as Meg's investigation digs deeper, she's making some very dangerous enemies. And one by one, they're coming out of the storm to stop her.

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Elvan says

[old couple found dead holding hands in bed because wife had terminal cancer and husband would not leave her side. One thing to visualize in a ship that's sinking, far-fetched in a 45 ft tidal swell that t

Maranda says

Being a part of the BABY BOOMER TV ERA and specifically Lassie; makes these K-9 adventure so enjoyable. In the current news about Hurricane Michael; reading this story of the FBI rescue unit made it even more vivid. I have read all three in this series and I appreciate the Driscoll talent of REAL feeling characters along with fast moving plot. This would stand alone as a read even though I am glad I have kept up with the series in its entirety. "A copy of this book was provided by Kensington Books via Netgalley with no requirements for a review. Comments here are my honest opinion." ANXIOUSLY AWAIT BOOK 4!

Jeanie says

This is the thrilling third in the FBI K-9 series, and the best in series so far! It is compelling reading, and I was happy to read it far into the night. It is a stunning novel that tells the reader a bit of what it is like to be a first responder after a natural disaster, trying to find and rescue survivors from a hurricane on the east coast. The characters are well-defined, and the mystery of finding the bad guys keeps one's attention even through the horrors of the crimes.

As Special Agent Meg Jennings and her boyfriend, firefighter and paramedic Todd, and her soul mate K-9 partner, Hawk, find a van lying in a river on its side. They went to see if anyone was alive inside, but only found the remains of two young girls strapped into what appears to have been a sex trafficker's van. It also appears that at least one person was able to break out of the straps to escape. Meg and Hawk are hot on the scent of a survivor to finally find a young woman seriously injured, hiding under the bleachers at a local school. As they waited for first responders, the 14-year-old tells about Emma, the girl that helped her get that far. Megan and Hawk follow a scent trail into the Great Dismal Swamp, and finally find Emma, now an adult, who was with the same trafficker for several years. Meg works with a Special Agent in Charge, Walter Van Cleave, who has worked human trafficking for nearly 20 years. They painstakingly gain Emma's trust so that she tells them about her life; Meg learns more than she wanted to believe was true about the depravity of the business victimizing young girls and boys, many immigrants. Their job is to find the top of the food chain to topple the organization rather than get just one or two little guys along the way. Todd brought assistance to the team, and Megan's friend Clay McCord of the Washington Post has many connections to expedite closure of the case.

These folks work together well, having been together with a couple other mysteries. I appreciate how the author reminds us that FBI agents are human with feelings that must be tamped down during their on-duty hours. Meg is sometimes driven by emotions, such as the anger at the tower of men who victimize those who are unable to defend themselves that helps her focus on getting the bad guys. Meg, her sister Cara, Todd, and Clay have become a close-knit group of friends who when working together, are capable of figuring out how

to find any bad guy. I love how close each one is to their dogs, whether or not they are working dogs.

The author shows some of the devastation of trafficking in such a manner that doesn't go overboard on the details. Even so, learning how high some of the organizations go and the depth of depravity the young women and men are treated with is hard to read about. It is through some of the descriptions that this reader learned more about both slave and sex trafficked people, and how great it has a place on the east coast, not just in the southern border regions. The author shows the FBI and its work in a positive light. The end is surprising with a stunning resolution to the mystery. I highly recommend this *Storm Rising* as well as the earlier two books in the series. Great reading!

Darcy says

At first this one seemed pretty straight forward, a hurricane coming, people not leaving, the powers that be need to make sure everyone is all right in the aftermath, search and rescue dogs being a vital part of things. Easy, right? Sure, until a van is found with dead girls, young girls, chained into it. The first and only thought is sex trafficking, but also, what about those that got away.

The discovering of the van lead Meg and Hawk on a wild goose chase, one where they are able to save a couple girls, then get sucked into the investigation due to a connection to one of the girls. As the investigation digs deeper the ring of bad guys is expanded, going in place none of them thought. I did love how a couple of the bad guys were arrested at the end, right in the middle of their work place, a big interruption.

The ending had me smiling, loved how one of the girls is getting a new start, she couldn't be in a better spot!

Pamela says

*Once again, a big shout-out and thank you to Sara Driscoll (seriously, many thanks) for advancing me a copy of her latest novel in the FBI K-9 series, **Storm Rising**, in exchange for my honest review.*

Please note that I'm not going to write about the synopsis as you can read it online and/or from the other reviewers.

Having read the first two books in the FBI K-9 series, ***Lone Wolf*** and ***Before it's Too Late***, both of which are terrific and an absolute a must read, and having read the author's other series, ***Abbott and Lowell Forensic Mysteries*** (which I absolutely love, love, love - seriously, you have to read it), I knew, without a doubt that ***Storm Rising*** was not going to disappoint and I was right, it didn't. Talk about a book full of intrigue and suspense as there's so much going on. Like the first two, ***Storm Rising*** is a well written and engaging story about Hurricane Cole and the sex-trade, topics that are both so horrible and destructive in their own right.

Reading these books, you can see how much time and effort the author has put in to ensure all the details makes sense and reads smoothly giving her readers some inside knowledge. Granted, some readers like myself really don't like when there are too many details; however, Ms. Driscoll makes it work. I didn't find it boring, tedious or irritating. It made me want to read each and every word.

Not being a dog lover (see my review of *Lone Wolf*), I was once again surprised at how much I loved Hawk, not to mention impressed. The relationship between Meg and Hawk - the best way for me to describe it is respect and love they share (I hope this makes sense) as you can feel it throughout the entire series. It's something I've witnessed but never experienced.

I highly recommend *Storm Rising*. Like always, the author does not fail in giving her readers a novel that's full of suspense and mystery as well as action. One last thing, I love when a book has a great ending and this one, thank you Ms. Driscoll, has a very satisfying ending.

Sara Driscoll is one of my favourite authors and both her series are a must-read. *Storm Rising* is actually my favourite of the series and deserves the five-star rating I give it. I can't wait to see what Meg and Hawk are up to next. By the way, I had to force myself to put down the book around midnight or so because of work (don't you hate when work interferes with your reading?).

Cathy Geha says

Storm Rising by Sara Driscoll
An FBI K-9 Novel #3

Exciting read from beginning to end! Thoroughly enjoyed this book and can't wait to read more in this series!!!

Meg Jennings has been called out after a hurricane to locate survivors. Taking her canine partner with her she and Hawk have some exceptionally harrowing finds before the main story even begins. When Todd Webb, firefighter and paramedic, sees a van tipped over in water along the road he has Meg pull over to see what is what. Finding two young girls dead in the van they soon realize there is more to this than an accident related to a hurricane. Meg and Hawk head out to find a trail that may lead to others that were in the van hoping to find one or more alive. That stop by the road leads to a HUGE investigation into a human trafficking ring dealing in young women with fingers in a variety of other revenue sources.

Following the threads to a satisfactory ending in which the bad guys are caught is the frosting on the cake. What is the cake? The main characters that have become the core of this series. Meg and Hawk are a team that is difficult to beat. The people she works with seem stellar. Her sister Cara and Washington Post reporter McCord (the man Cara is dating) add so much to each book. Her parents are there to round out the group. And, in this book we met Van Cleave – an FBI agent working in human trafficking that is THE person you would want on your team both as a friend and a professional.

The writing was superb and kept me entertained and on the edge of my seat waiting to see how the story would unfold. I loved the educational tidbits at the beginning of each chapter and found them something I looked forward to reading and learning from.

Thank you to NetGalley and Kensington Books for the ARC – This is my honest review.

5 Stars

Caitlyn Lynch says

Third in the series about an FBI agent and her K-9 partner, I wouldn't recommend starting with Storm Rising if you haven't read the other two. On the other hand, if you have read the other two, the first couple of chapters of this one are going to come across as pure infodump of stuff you already know, which may annoy you.

After the first couple of chapters is when stuff starts to get interesting, though I have to say the plot still takes too long to get going. Driscoll spends too much time setting up her protagonist getting into the situation to uncover a human trafficking ring, and there aren't too many points where Meg herself is in any peril (apart from a rather bizarre scene with an alligator) which makes it hard for the reader to really feel any suspense in the story.

There were parts of the story I really enjoyed, and it's obvious the author really knows her stuff when it comes to both disaster management scenarios and K-9 handling. Unfortunately, the book overall kind of falls in between two genres while not fitting into either; there's not enough romance for it to be a romantic suspense, and there's not enough 'thrill' for it to be a thriller. Meg doesn't seem to be personally engaged in any way apart from her righteous outrage as a law enforcement officer investigating a heinous crime, in fact she actively tries to get out of being involved and is basically pressured into it by a senior officer.

This is a hard one to rate because it had good parts and yet there were a fair few issues; at the end of the day I'd probably read other books by this author but I'd hope for them to be better than this one. Three stars.

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book for review through NetGalley.

Joyce says

4 stars

FBI Special Agent Meg Jennings and her scent/search & rescue dog Hawk are called out to a hurricane search & rescue for the Carolinas and Virginia. Pleased that she will be traveling with her boyfriend Todd Webb a firefighter and paramedic. Her sister Cara lives with Meg and her boyfriend is reporter Clay McCord. Clay happens to be in the area reporting on the storm as well.

Meg and Hawk begin the heartbreaking yet rewarding (sometimes), task of looking for survivors and those who did not make it. The people are those who ignored the evacuation orders, for they didn't want to leave their homes open to the looters that unfortunately follow every disaster.

They make several rescues and then when driving to a new area, Todd notices a van overturned in the river. Inside, they find two bodies of very young girls dressed totally inappropriately. It is clear that they are being sold in the sex trade. There are a couple of places where it looks like some of the girls might have gotten away.

Hawk and Meg follow the scents and find one young girl under some bleachers. Wary at first, they convince her to let them take her to the hospital. She has a compound fracture of her leg which is why she couldn't go any farther. She had another girl with her named Emma. Hawk and Meg set out to find Emma. Her trail leads

through the Great Dismal Swamp – perfect name for the place, by the way. They locate her being attacked by an alligator.

Meg hooks up with SAC Walter “Van” Van Cleave and together they convince Emma that she can trust them – especially Hawk. Emma has formed quite an attachment to Hawk.

What follows is an investigation in which Meg, Hawk, Todd, Van and Clay join together to nab a sex-trafficking ring. Some of the leaders are very high level. But the raids go off beautifully.

This is a very well written and plotted novel. I like very much the relationship between Meg and her partner Hawk. He is a wonderful dog who has an absolutely great and compassionate handler. The book is filled with tense moments and action as the search for the girls and later the apprehension of the bad guys is carried out.

I want to thank NetGalley and Kensington Books/Kensington for forwarding to me a copy of this wonderful book for me to read, enjoy and review.

Margie says

Hurricane Cole is about to hit Virginia and the Carolinas. FBI K-9 Handler Meg Jennings and her Labrador Retriever partner Hawk, along with the rest of her fellow team members from the FBI Human Scent Evidence Team are being sent to Virginia Beach for search and rescue duty. Meg's boyfriend, Lt. Todd Webb of DC Fire and Emergency Services is called out too. They decide to travel together. The destruction is devastating. Meg and her fellow search and rescue team are hard pressed to find survivors in the wreckage. While traveling to another search area Meg and Todd stop when they find a wrecked white van off the side of the highway. What they find inside is horrifying. Two young girls are dead but the disturbing part of their find is that the young girls were dressed very provocatively and also were restrained. It looks like sex trafficking. There is evidence at least one girl managed to escape from the wreck. Meg and Hawk set out to try to find whoever managed to escape. Now Meg and Hawk are assigned to the FBI team that is tasked with finding those running the sex-trafficking ring.

Storm Rising is the third book in author Sara Driscoll's F.B.I. K-9 series. The first two books in the series, Lone Wolf and Before It's Too Late introduce the main characters and set up their relationships. Both of these books are excellent reads! Storm Rising continues Sara Driscoll's exciting and action-packed adventures and cases with Meg Jennings, Hawk and her friends and family. These books are fascinating to read. Lots of research goes into each story which makes for a very realistic read. Search and rescue following a powerful hurricane and tracking down sex-trafficking criminals are both intense subjects and this author presents the ups and downs of both quite well. I can't praise this author's creativity and writing style enough. Find out for yourself what great stories she writes. Storm Rising is not to be missed!

Noelle says

Woohoo! Set in Virginia Beach, the reader is thrust on a wild ride facing loss, a search for the truth, relationships, survival, child exploitation/trafficking and a need for justice.

Wow! Wow! Wow! This is the third book in the series – I have read and loved both the previous books *Lone Wolf* and *Before It's Too Late* so I jumped at the chance to read this #badboy! A slow build up, adds to the suspense of this novel as you just have no clue what will be happening. Poor Meg and Hawk are sent on a rescue mission to deal with the fall-out of Hurricane Cole but they stumble upon two bodies of young girls which opens a Pandora's box into the seedy underworld of child exploitation/trafficking. In a race against time and the elements, Meg works with Van Cleave to find a missing girl and bring their captor to justice. I loved the plot of this story – and the authors really do know their stuff when it comes to K9 search & rescue as well as everything else! I personally enjoyed the opening of each chapter which explained certain techniques or rules – I am a knowledge seeker and this just made me squeal with delight!

Character-wise, I have to say the mention of Deuce did choke me up a bit as we know how much Meg LOVED Deuce. Those who haven't read the series, may not understand this fully, but you definitely feel the emotion whenever Deuce is mentioned and credit to the authors for giving readers just enough information to catch up on the previous stories without leaving those who have read the books overwhelmed. It had been awhile, so the refresher worked perfectly for me. In fact, I loved every character in this novel- I was thrilled that Cara and McCord had their part – I have a soft spot for McCord and had originally hoped he and Meg would hit it off (ha ha) but equally glad that her sister has found her match. Love, Love, Love Clay and we see things develop further on this front too. And Van Cleave was the typical G-man – in it to catch the bad guy, down-to-earth and determined – I had wavered when we first met him, but glad it was just me! And I have to mention Emma – strong-willed and vulnerable, she has been through hell and back – I just wanted to wrap her up. So well written!

In a nutshell, would I recommend this book? Oh that would be an absolute HELL YEAH from me. I simply adore this series! BOOM! – Thrilling, fascinating and absolutely unputdownable – I raced through the pages of this superb read! #GottaLoveHawk – he is one of my favourite characters as the authors bring him to life with such a realism, every time something places him at risk, my heart leaps into my throat! Can't wait to see what happens next!

Jacqui says

In Sara Driscoll's *Storm Rising* (Penguin Random House 2018), Meg Jennings and her working dog, Hawk, partners on the FBI's Human Scent Evidence Team, are sent on search and rescue after a hurricane devastates Virginia Beach Virginia and surrounding areas. One of the rescues is a teenager who has been forced into the sex trade, now free only because the van her pimp was driving crashed during the storm, almost drowning all of the girls. But not him--he escapes, leaving his 'property' to certain death. Though several do die, Meg and Hawk rescue one of the girls and her friend and through Hawk, becomes the one person these youngsters feel they can trust. With their help, Meg and the FBI team hope to cut off the head of this sex trade food chain. But they must move fast because several girls are still out there and if the ringleaders find out the Feds are on to them, they will flee.

The story is filled with authentic information and protocols about the part K9s play in search and rescue. I came away feeling like I understood the process much better than before reading the story. Here's an example:

"Do not enter a structure you feel is unstable. X-code any structure you search. If you need assistance from another team or from first responders, call it in, and I'll make sure they get to you. Now, get out there. Sunset is 20:18 tonight"

Driscoll is a talented storyteller, on a par with Mizushima's working dog stories, with a more modulated pace

and a set of characters who are able to maintain a positive frame of mind and a tight circle of committed family and friends despite the work they must do and the hours they must keep.

I love dog stories and picked this from Netgalley because one of the co-stars is a dog. Driscoll does a great job characterizing Hawk and treating him with all the respect that members of the canine species deserve. Here are a few of my favorite Hawk lines:

"...his entire back end undulating with his enthusiastic tail wags."

"Hawk stood up and stretched after his nap, and then wandered over to her. "Hi, buddy. How's my boy?" She stroked a hand down his glossy black"

"Hawk crossed his front paws and laid his head down on them with a gusty, patient sigh."

The ending is satisfying, making me eager to read the rest of this series. This is highly recommended for readers who like stories about working dogs, about natural disasters, and female protagonists.

--received a free copy from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

Liz says

Book three in the FBI K-9 series. This time, Meg and Hawk are sent to Virginia Beach to help after hurricane Clay has come through. Driscoll does a great job painting the chaos of a hurricane battered coast town. I felt like I was really there. But soon, the plot veers as Meg finds a victim of a sex trafficking ring.

Driscoll does a great job with her characters. I love that Meg is a mentally healthy female protagonist with a strong family support system. Quite the rarity these days.

The story is straight forward. There's plenty of action. I liked that the ending didn't involve some crazy "let's put the heroine at risk" kind of requirement. That just gets old so I applaud Driscoll for not falling into that trap. At times, the book can get a little didactic as it tries to instruct the reader about various subjects. But it didn't bother me, as I felt I was learning something and understood why the authors were doing it. But if that sort of thing bothers you, beware.

In addition to Hawk's involvement in the search and rescues, it turns out that like most labs, he's a natural as a therapy dog. I enjoy this series and hope book four is in the works.

My thanks to netgalley and Kensington Books for an advance copy of the book.

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Storm Rising
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Synopsis:

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Review:

There are not enough adjectives to describe how much I like this novel! It is 3rd in the FBI K-9 series, and the best to date. When Meg and Hawk are out on a search and rescue mission in the aftermath of a hurricane, they come upon a different kind of search and rescue. The change in Meg's duties makes this a fabulous, heart-rending, satisfying thriller, with a ripped-from-the-headlines feel for two overwhelming challenges in our country today.

FBI Special Agent Meg Jennings and her K-9 partner, Hawk, are deployed to Virginia Beach in the wake of Hurricane Cole's destruction on the Atlantic coast. While she and other members of her team hope this is truly a search and rescue mission, it turns into a part rescue, part recovery. Her firefighter and paramedic boyfriend Todd is deployed to help the short-handed paramedic crews. Her sister Cara is dating Washington Post investigative journalist Clay McCord; he is already in North Carolina following the hurricane. Cara remains at home, feeling as if she isn't contributing to the rescues, but she is caring for her dog and Todd's as well as helping owners train their dogs.

After navigating the wreckage that includes fires, homes washed away, and power outages, the team Meg is on is sent to Norfolk and Chesapeake. Todd is riding shotgun with her as he will aid the firefighters there. In route, Todd sees a van caught up in the Elizabeth River, tossed on its side and partially submerged. What she sees when she gets into the van begins the rage and horror that fuels her work for the next several days. It appears to have been a sex trafficker's van. Two young girls died, strapped in and unable to free themselves from wristbands to help each other. One wristband is broken, several others empty; Meg assumes that at least

one if not several girls are out on the run.

The girls that Hawk leads Meg to, and the horrifying stories Emma tells after rescue from the Great Dismal Swamp, lead her into a world that she wished didn't exist. But it does – and she is temporarily under the leadership of Special Agent in Charge Walter Van Cleave, who has worked human trafficking cases for nearly a decade without losing heart for those in need. Emma receives comfort from Hawk and builds a rapport with Meg. As a result, she will help the FBI take down the people in charge of the trafficking ring, but only if Meg and Hawk stay with her through interviews. Meg learns more than she wanted to know about trafficking, especially of pre-teens and young teens. She and Van Cleave find the assistance of Clay and his many contacts in this ugly quagmire invaluable if they give him an exclusive story when the case is brought to fruition, as he and Meg have worked before. Todd also proves to be a valuable member of the team that includes Hawk, Meg's second heart dog, and Cara, whose ability to solve complex puzzles is a priceless asset. The challenges they face includes a group of influential men in the area who just might not be who they seem, yet finding the top of the pyramid is a challenge they might not meet in time to prosecute the little guys on the way.

Meg is the most three-dimensional of the novel; I enjoy getting to know her more in each book. She is a strong, courageous woman who can feel the fury of injustices and have empathy for the victims she and Hawk find. When receiving accolades, she is humble enough to deflect them to Hawk as being the real hero. I think she has a winning match with Todd; while we continue to learn about him, his heart is evident throughout. Cara's appearances are few but mighty. Journalist Clay McCord is someone well-suited to Cara. Their love for dogs and his work with Meg on other cases brought Cara and Clay together, and I look forward to getting to see more of Cara in future novels. We learn a little about Emma throughout the novel, but she has many wounds from her family and the traffickers to heal from. I hope we get to learn more about her, also.

This is a breathtaking, fast-paced novel. The plot is tight and finely-executed with twists that frequently change the course of the investigation. I was invited in from the first page and my attention held throughout. I appreciate that Meg is not a character unaffected by her work; noting that she has a bit of PTSD when hearing and seeing a drone searching out survivors makes her more human. I also appreciate how much the story became so much more than working the aftermath of a hurricane. Not only does it show the many facets of rescue or recovery after a natural disaster, but it shows the needs of the first responders. We see how men, women, and children get trapped in sex and slave labor trafficking and how its perpetrators are in all levels of society. This is very well-written, and it is evident that the author has done extensive research. I highly recommend *Storm Rising* to everyone who has appreciated this series so far, those who find search and rescue K-9 officers/ agents interesting, and thrillers about the FBI and some of their specialized work. I can't wait for their next adventure!

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***Avonna says**

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STORM RISING (FBI K-9 Book #3) by Sara Driscoll is another exciting addition to the FBI K-9 series. This

book has Meg Jennings and her search and rescue Labrador retriever, Hawk once again embroiled in a fast-paced plot that starts as a search and rescue after a hurricane and turns into a crime thriller involving human trafficking and the underage sex-slave trade.

In the wake of Hurricane Cole, all hands are on deck for rescues around Virginia Beach. Meg, Hawk and all of her FBI team members are sent to help search for survivors. Lt. Todd Webb is sent to assist as a paramedic/firefighter so they ride down together. As they are out together, Webb spots an overturned van in a creek bed. They rush to check it out and find two young girls tied to their seats dead. Meg and Hawk take over and search for anyone who might have escaped the van.

Hawk finds Emma, a runaway entrapped in a sex-slave ring. The case is turned over to Special Agent Walter Van Cleave, but due to Emma's connection to Meg and Hawk, he asks for their help. Van and Meg join forces and soon realize that this case is much more complicated than a small-time syndicate. This case will take Van and Meg into the lives of powerful, influential people who all believe they are above the law.

Once again, this author had me completely engrossed in her plot and characters. Meg and Hawk make an amazing team. It is interesting to learn about the training and abilities of all the dogs on this FBI team. Meg, Cara, Webb and McCord are becoming quite the human team. Meg's family and friends all have roles to play after the hurricane and I love to see how they have become more fleshed out as the series has continued. I hope to see more of Emma in future stories, also.

This book can be read as a standalone, but the relationships of all the main characters continues to grow and you become more attached with each book so I recommend reading them in order.

Thank you very much to Kensington Books, Sara Driscoll and Net Galley for allowing me to read this eARC.

Kate~Bibliophile Book Club says

Loved this! Review to follow!
