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When Marine Lieutenant Michael Neill is ordered to the former Soviet Union, his assignment is to verify nuclear disarmament. But before his mission begins, an American reconnaissance plane is attacked by a Russian fighter, and a Navy pilot is killed. After the incident, Neill's mission changes.

Willis Avery, the President's National Security Advisor, wants Lieutenant Neill to investigate Russian stealth technology, in addition to his original assignment. Photographic evidence - and the lack of radar images of the attacking aircraft - lead the American intelligence community to conclude that something new has been developed in the skies over Russia. Avery believes that Neill's friendship with a high-ranking officer in the Ukrainian Air Force is the key to establishing Red Sky at Morning - the existence of new aviation technology that could upset the balance of power between East and West.

However, ultra-nationalist forces are at work. After arriving in Eastern Europe, Neill quickly uncovers a conspiracy of terrorism secretly instigated by the Kremlin. Government leaders in Moscow will stop at nothing to rebuild the Soviet Union as they try to force the breakaway republics back into the fold. Neill discovers that the terrorism has extended to the weapons facility he is charged with inspecting. Communist agents have gone far beyond their original orders, and it's a race against time as the Marine - with the help of a beautiful Ukrainian journalist - tries to stop them - and come up with a plan to bring down the corrupt government officials in Moscow.

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Debbie says

My Review:“Red Sky at Morning” by Steve Wilson is a five star book. It is the first in the Michael Neill series. I am eagerly awaiting the next novel in this series!

I have to be honest and tell you that at first I was having a hard time getting into the story line but after a couple of chapters I couldn't stop reading! I am just not into war talk and airplanes but once I got past the intro (so to speak) I loved the story!

The story starts out with an unarmed American plane flying through Chinese/Russian skies.. The Russians then attack the plane without warning. Then Michael,a Ukrainian speaking US marine is sent to the Ukraine to investigate not only the shooting, but also the facility that is disarming old Russian warheads. This story has history,(not too much just enough to explain the story).

There are secrets that are ready to be discovered and once they are should they be revealed to the public,(both the Ukrainian and the American).

The characters feelings and actions are explained really well and after reading this book, you think they sound like real people not just characters in a book. I don't know anyone like Michael or the (yes they are)terrorists in this book but the story is so well written that you found yourself hoping all goes well. And when one of the terrorists and Michael' friends was killed, I felt such sorrow like these characters were actually a real human being.

Michael's faith is definitely strong and is showed without a lot of preaching like some novels do and I only added this sentence in this review because I think everyone, Christian or not that likes war/spies/mysteries stories will really get caught up in the race to find the missing item! You know I cannot tell you what that item is! But if you want to know read the book! This story has just enough details to keep you reading and not get bored.

Michael helps others, in particularly a retired school teacher, I am so glad he helped her!

ACS Book-finder says

Red Sky at Morning by Steve Wilson is a great read. The story is compelling and exciting. The characters are well developed and interesting to become involved with. The writing style is easy and fluid making the book hard to put down as you begin to be drawn in by the drama. There is a good mix of romantic interest as well as lots of excitement and intrigue as the characters evolve and the story line unwinds.

I enjoyed the many different connections between the characters. There is a slight reference to Christian living that I found to be a nice addition to the story. The events, although fictional, contain a strong link to realistic events that could possibly happen. I would highly recommend this book to readers looking for intrigue and excitement.

R.w. says

What a great story! I was drawn in from the start. The author did a magnificent job of raising the suspense, fleshing out the characters, keeping the plot moving forward, but yet giving the reader a chance to take a breath.

I was surprised that this was the author's first novel. I'm definitely looking forward to more!

Skip Coryell says

"Red Sky at Morning" was a great political thriller that really kept me glued to the pages. Good plot that twisted and turned through exotic places around the world. As an added bonus, the book was morally clean without being preachy. This is good, family reading.

Patricia Reding says

Reviewed for Readers' Favorite.

First Lt. Michael Neill, born of American parents living in the Ukraine back in the days of the Soviets, is the protagonist to whom Steve Wilson introduces readers in *Red Sky at Morning*. Neill is uniquely situated for a mission in the Ukraine, to uncover information about a new Russian aircraft responsible for taking down a U.S. military aircraft that had flown off-course during a storm in the vicinity of the China-Russia borders. The story captures Neill's faith and the significance it plays when he works with a former family Ukrainian friend and fellow believer, Colonel Andrei Ulyanov. Together, Neill and Ulyanov discover the plans of two terrorists, originally commissioned by some from among the highest ranking in the Russian government, who have stolen a nuclear warhead and intend to use it to bring chaos to the former Soviet satellite country. But things go terribly awry when one of the terrorists pre-programs the warhead to detonate, using a code that goes with him to his grave. Will Neill and Ulyanov succeed in capturing the last living terrorist and in shutting down the warhead before its countdown is complete?

Steve Wilson brings with *Red Sky at Morning*, a story that emphasizes the significance of faith and that demonstrates the power of prayer. Neill is presented as a caring Christian who remembers, even in the most dire of times, those less fortunate. He is a man of honor who, though intrigued by the beautiful Viktoriya Gavrilenko, a Ukrainian journalist digging for a story, puts duty first. Readers will be encouraged as they follow the efforts of those who exercise their power by remembering first their principles.

Also posted at www.Oathtaker.com and on BookLikes, added to two review groups on Google + and Facebook. Review tweeted and cover pinned.

Mike Gabor says

I won this book on Goodreads.

I found this book to be one of the better thrillers I've read as of late. It's premise is quite believable, the characters are well fleshed out and the dialogue was crisp. I will definitely read any sequels.

Pick this book up for yourself, you won't be disappointed.

Harry Fox says

Enjoyable book. The themes were interesting. The writing was well done. Characterization was believable with realistic dialogue. Great book for summer vacation.

Hilola says

Although I am an anti-cold-weather type of person, the first chapter of the book made me miss winter and curling up by the window with a mug of hot coffee... ahh that must have been so long ago.

The book is very interesting and cleverly written. The main character Michael (or Misha:) is just yummy! :) Michael did really good at revealing the terrorist plot. He accomplished mission given to him by security advisor a bit too easily though. The secrets which I presume were supposed to be Ukraine's government secrets continued uncovering for him on their own. His friendship with high ranking official was not a reason enough. Apparently pro USA countries like Ukraine really do not keep secrets from Uncle Sam, as author puts it "... hoping that America could export true democracy here.." ;) Anyway, I quite enjoyed reading it.

I got Red Sky at Morning through Goodreads First Reads. Thanks to the author for having a giveaway.

Beckie says

"Red Sky at Morning" is a military thriller written by veteran, Steve Wilson. The book begins with an unarmed American plane flying through Chinese/Russian skies. The Russians then attack the plane without warning. (which was weird, cuz the next day I read in the news that the Chinese had shot at an unarmed American plane) The reader then follows the main character, a Ukrainian speaking US marine to the Ukraine to investigate not only the shooting, but also the facility that is disarming old Russian warheads. This novel is full of old Soviet Union gossip, history, and secrecy.

The book is a little difficult to get into at first. The military jargon was a little hard to read, but once the reader gets into the flow, it is no problem. The main character, Neill is easy to like; the rest of the characters are well described. It doesn't get too into the whole Russian spy thing to become unbelievable. I liked it and will be reading the next in the series.

I received this book from the author through the goodreads website.

Emilie Hendryx says

Marine Lieutenant Michael Neill cuts a striking figure in Red Sky At Morning by Steve Wilson. He's a man

of character, integrity, and intelligence - not to mention a handsome face that the women in his life can't seem to ignore.

His mission starts off simply enough: travel to the Soviet Union and verify nuclear disarmament. All is going well until a Russian fighter shoots down an American reconnaissance plane changing Michael's mission to one of covert investigation into Russian stealth technology.

I enjoyed *Red Sky At Morning*, though found the writing to be at times more cut-and-dried than I'd prefer. I enjoyed the meticulous details and the obvious knowledge that Wilson has, though would have loved to see more emotion to round out the book. Some of the relationships appeared flat due to the lack of feeling.

The only part of the book that I had a hard time with was the view points. Wilson often "jumps heads" in his writing, speaking from one characters view point and abruptly changing to another only paragraphs later. Despite the confusion this sometimes caused, I did appreciate his attempt to make these transitions as smooth as possible. I think I would have connected better with Neill had we been "in his head" more solidly.

With that said, I would still definitely recommend this book. Wilson obviously did his research extensively and the plot is entertaining and intriguing. If you enjoy military thrillers and like a book with more thinking than feeling, this is the book for you!

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Kathleen Foley says

Let me first begin by saying that I was slightly irritated with Steve Wilson after I finished reading *Red Sky at Morning*. He did not do anything wrong. On the contrary- his book was so well written that it immediately became clear to me that I was going to have to re-configure my entire rating system to account for how magnificently written this book was.

Let me then say, before I go any further into my review, that I may be somewhat biased as this is exactly my favorite writing style, genre, subgenre... everything about this book struck me as EXACTLY what I love about a book.

Red Sky at Morning was, without a doubt, nicely descriptive. It didn't waste time describing things in a way that some books do, where they go on and on and on describing that one blade of grass that grows next to that peach tree with the caterpillar on the leaf near the top that holds no significant value in the storyline. Wilson spent the perfect amount of time describing just the right things to keep the reader imagining what was in front of him without boring him to death. This is one of those abilities that often remain under appreciated, and it is difficult to master. Some authors actually shy away from description for fear that they'll

go overboard and lose the reader, and some authors completely kill their own story by describing their hero's blonde hair in twenty seven different ways. Wilson walks that fine line like a pro.

Let's discuss the plot. I won't give anything away, but I will say this: I am extremely jealous that I didn't come up with the story line to *Red Sky at Morning*. Wilson shows an above competent grasp of both politics and the inner workings of the military as he effortlessly winds his way through the story; the lack of complicated explanations makes the plot oh-so-believable and that much more attractive to a fan of this type of fiction.

The writing. Well- think Tom Clancy in the military/espionage/thrill category. Think John Grisham in the plotting/planning category. And then make their characters Christian. Not the flamboyant type where every other word out of their mouths is about their faith, but the real type. The kind of Christian that is a real life person, maybe the guy in line in front of you buying coffee or the guy across the lot pumping gas. His character, Michael, is a normal guy who has morals and a conscience and is also a Marine and fluent in another language and just happens to really kick arse. Like, blow up a dirty bomb with a missile kind of kick arse.

My personal take on both *Red Sky at Morning* and on Steve Wilson as an author is that I need more. I'm like a junkie in the middle of the night looking for more, for one more hit. Seriously, I can't wait to read the next book in The Michael Neill Adventures series: *Tempest of Fire*.

Sue says

I won this in a Goodreads giveaway and am glad I did.

This is a well-written military thriller with a Christian slant which I really didn't expect. I thought it worked really well. The plot and characters were well thought out, and at the end I found myself wanting to know more about several of them.

Jane says

I just finished reading *Red Sky at Morning*.

First: I was genuinely impressed with the author's descriptions and knowledge of locations. If I were a betting woman, I'd say he had either been stationed there or had some other first-hand experience. I actually felt like I gained a basic second-hand knowledge of Russia and Ukraine.

Second: I really enjoyed the character development and vast differences of each. From the names to their descriptions, this author provided me with such vivid images that I feel as though I could easily assign actors to each role. That's a difficult task to accomplish when writing.

Third: As others have commented, the cold weather depicted made me forget it has been in the 90's this week where I live. I'd prefer to live in a cold climate but my home is here...I digress.

Fourth: As the author asked me to give a sincere and thoughtful review of this book upon allowing me to read it, I am addressing the 4 stars I gave. I don't want there to be any confusion--this book was very well-written as I've stated above. It was very obvious once I started reading that this book was written by a man. That's not a bad thing, at all. There were a few places where the text became a tad dry and difficult to understand. However, these brief excerpts did not last long, and the story picked back up. My last comment is regarding the female characters which could benefit from a woman's advice. They seemed a bit too "moon-faced over the leading man". I'm not even close to being a feminist--quite the opposite in fact--but the manner of fawning was a bit over-arching.

Again, I want to restate that the author asked me to be sincere and thoughtful. I truly hope I accomplished that endeavor. I highly recommend this in-depth look at military operations. It was fascinating and opened my eyes to a brotherhood I will unfortunately never experience.

Jane

Randy says

This is a great military/suspense thriller that keeps you reading and wondering what's next? It has a moral base that makes for a "not for adults only" that many can enjoy! I highly recommend this book to readers!

Susan Cronk says

This is an excellent book. I can't wait to get started on the next one. You can read my review of this book at either of my blog pages, <http://show-me-reviews.blogspot.com> or <http://www.idyllbooks.com> . I hope you enjoy it as much as I have.
