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In the clandestine world of shadow ops, he's known as The Man From Orange. A master of surveillance, signals intelligence—and silent killing—special operative Drake Woolf has been groomed and trained by the old-guard intel community after his CIA father and mother were murdered in Tunisia. Now he works for Task Force Orange, handling cases the government doesn't want its fingerprints on. Woolf can always be relied on to carry out an assignment with surgical precision—and exterminate a threat with extreme prejudice. But his latest mission is different. Woolf knows the targets personally. He trained them in Iraq to be the perfect killing machines. Known as the “Mohawks,” these Iraqi rebels know our secrets, our strengths, and our weaknesses. And they're using this knowledge to launch the deadliest attack the world has ever seen—on American soil . . .

Buried in Black Details

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Aiden Bailey says

Espionage Thriller from a Writer on the Inside

J.T. Patten's *Buried in Black* is a very cool espionage thriller starting in the Middle East following an off the book asset Drake Woolf as he dodges insurgents, drones and all manner of hostiles in this fast paced and twisting thriller.

The author is the real-deal, CIA, and his terminology keeps taking me into aspects of real world espionage and special ops I wasn't aware of. He might have changed details because of security clearances, but it all seemed very real to me.

Thoroughly enjoyable.

Nick Brett says

I enjoyed this. Superficially a typical black ops agent tracking down the bad guys, this actually has a lot going for it. Our black ops guy is operating very much in the dark and for all his skills, he has also been damaged by his past and upbringing. An attack on US soil has links back to those who once worked with US forces and our operative and a very small team might be all that can stop them. At the same time the FBI with a somewhat unique agent is on their trail, not sure if they are good guys or not.

Good character interaction, plenty of action and some thoughtful plotting. This is very good stuff and closes in a way that really leaves you wanting more.

Slaven Tomasi says

Former Intelligence advisor, J.T. Patten is back with a new series, a Task Force Orange Novel which exists in the same universe as his highly acclaimed *Safe Haven* series. His hero in those books, Sean Havens is also back but acts more as back-up and a mentor for his new protagonist, Warren Drake Woolf, aka "Birddog." Known as The Man From Orange working for a government organization called Task Force Orange. An off the books and one of the most secretive military elements in existence.

Starting off with Sean Havens. I mentioned he is in a support role, but don't let that sway your judgement thinking Sean was downgraded to some type of desk job riding an office chair, getting fat and lazy. He is still one of the most dangerous operators in the world and provides some much needed back up with his Heckler & Koch 45 as well as his sniper rifle. He always shows up at the right time and right spot to save the day. Once Drake tells him, "Thank you, but for what it's worth, I had this." In regard to a hairy situation that we found our main protagonist in. In that same scene, you get to see how formidable Drake is, he didn't get to take care of the bad guys, but he got the drop on Sean.

The bad guys, the "Mohawks." A group of pissed off Iraqi rebels whom were trained by Drake, Sean and some other elite operators which in return has made them very formidable. Good ol' Uncle Sam recruited these warriors to attack their own countrymen with promises of freedom within the borders of USA. However, the politicians in Washington went against their word and turned their backs on these rebels and

they were left to fend for themselves. Many of them were killed and those who got away, their families were slaughtered. Therefore, they used their training and some help from scared desk warriors in Washington to target US Special Forces who trained them, including Drake. Big mistake on their part.

Now onto Warren Drake Woolf, aka "Birddog." Imagine Mitch Rapp and Marcus Dumond or Scot Harvath and The Troll rolled into one person. He's one of the best warriors in the world, but he's also very technologically savvy. The best of both worlds maybe. He's a warrior on a personal mission while all other missions, such as the ones we actually read about get in the way of his personal mission, which also act as his demons. Constantly haunting him, even driving him to the brink of insanity while still kicking ass and taking names. A very formidable opponent I wouldn't want to cross on my best day. A very funny moment in the book when someone is describing Drake, they mention how one time an operator called Birddog "support" and he punched them in the face. For my civilian readers, in the military and the intelligence community, you have your door kickers, the bad asses and then you have everything else, such as Motor T (Motor transport), your communications guy, or (comm bubba), even a chow guy. Admin or administrations to make sure their pay is in order and logistics, supply. etc. And many more "support" type of jobs. I'm explaining this just to ensure from a military perspective why someone like Drake would be so offended that he would punch another operator in the face when he called him "support." There's a big difference between the shooters and everyone else.

Buried in Black takes you into the blacker than black world of espionage, kill teams, and black ops like rarely seen from other authors because most authors work from fantasy or research. Patten is clearly one of those who has "been there and done that." As a former Marine myself, reading along and nodding in excitement and approval due to his authenticity and realism is something I very much appreciate, and I must give credit to where credit is due. This military thriller goes on sale November 20th, 2018. I urge you to Pre-Order your copy now and stand by to be impressed with Buried in Black, a Task Force Orange Novel featuring Drake Woolf. I look forward to the follow up, J.T. Patten leaves you wanting more, and more you shall get, this is number one in a three book deal J.T. Patten has signed with Kensington Publishing Corp. "America's Independent Publisher".

T.W. Barton says

This book wouldn't be out of place in a Shakespearian tragedy if that tragedy included drone strikes, automatic weapons, an FBI bulldog, and the Terminator disguised as a special ops soldier. Drake can't be reasoned with, he can't be bargained with, he doesn't feel fear, and he absolutely will not stop.

There's family that doesn't have your best interest in mind and family that will literally kill for you. There are people called family that can turn on you and people called strangers that become more than family.

Drake suffers an unbelievable tragedy, thank God, his brother wasn't around. Put a pin in that as it's an important part of the story. Years later he suffers a betrayal that sets him on another path no less important but causes major internal struggles because it's not the path he wants to follow.

When a book manages to make you so angry that you have to stop reading before you do something drastic like throwing your Kindle across the room or has you talking to the book, making you thankful that no one can see you acting like a loon then, you know you've found something wonderful.

I've been waiting for a new book from the author but what I didn't expect was a new series or a new cast of characters. Don't worry, Sean and Lars are heavily featured in this book so fans won't be upset that this isn't the next Safe Havens book.

There are books you read that just ring true like the author knows the subject they're writing about but there's another level to his books and reading his bio, he's lived it.

There's no shortage of action in this book and to prove that point you can't even get through the prelude before you learn some very important information about Drake. You learn what makes him unique, what drives him, and the events that will forever change and shape his life. As a human, it's a difficult part to read but as a fan, you know you're in for a ride.

Marissa says

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In a world of Special Ops, we are thrown into world where undercover duties take you into situations where your government denies your existence. Acquaintances can be your enemy and one wrong move can be your last.

A thriller that will keep you glue to the end.

Abibliofof says

First of all I have to thank the author for giving me the opportunity to read this.

This is by far the best thriller I've read in years with a surprising twist at the end.

I am really looking forward to the next one in this series.

I didn't know when I started this that one of the characters, Sean Havens had his own series so now I've got the first one of those read and the second in my TBR pile.

I will not write about the content because there are so many places to read that, but I will say this if you like thrillers. Read this one.

Ross Sidor says

JT Patten's new novel is a unique and well written addition to the military/spy thriller genre. Drake Woolf, his new protagonist isn't the typical Mitch Rapp clone, and Patten's portrayal of the world of espionage and covert operations isn't glamorous or black and white, instead existing within a morally grey area populated with complex characters who possess dubious intentions, motivations, and loyalties. Each character has their own distinctive voice and personality, and Patten's dialogue is sharp, authentic, and flows well. Although the plot has plenty of action and twists, this is also very much a character-focused story.

Drake Woolf is a soldier from the Intelligence Support Activity, specializing in implementing high tech SIGINT techniques to gather intelligence. He's also troubled and heavily influenced by a childhood incident in which he witnessed the murder of his parents, who were CIA operatives in Tunisia. An early sequence in the book highlights Woolf's skills with both SIGINT and direct action as he tracks a terrorist target in Lebanon. Here he's also introduced to Sean Havens, the protagonist from the author's past self-published novels. From there, the plot shifts to a terrorist bombing outside the Pentagon, and we are introduced to the Mohawks, a group of JSOC-trained Iraqi special ops soldiers who, with the support of an Iranian general, are

personally motivated to launch a campaign of terrorism and assassination against the Americans they believe betrayed them and their families. The hunt begins for the Mohawks, and the plot soon becomes increasingly more complex and personal for Drake.

“Buried in Black” will appeal to anyone who prefers the darker, grittier, and more authentic side of the genre where authors like Dalton Fury, Jack Murphy, Joshua Hood or Sean McFate reside, and the ending suggests Drake's story will continue.

Clif Bradley says

Black ops. Those two words get used so much, we've become numb to them and forget what that actually means. 'Buried in Black' changes that. This is one of the best books I've read this year. I don't recap story's since the basis is outlined in liner notes. Instead I will tell you what I like in a book, which is what most military fiction fans look for in this genre. So on to that: Buried in Black is filled with an insider's perspective on how certain units, like the ISA or Activity, function. While there are obviously parts of the book that skip sensitive parts about intelligence collection, there is more than enough in there to let you know that J.T. Patten is well versed in the 'finding, fixing and finishing' the enemy using all the tools and tricks of today's top intelligence agencies and tier one units. Abundant in technical details, weapons used and tactics, this book really delivers as a top notch techno thriller, a military thriller and a good old fashioned spy book in one story. You will come away smarter about how JSOC units and intelligence agencies gather intel used for direct action kinetic ops. In a way though this is kind of bad, because once you read other writer's work, you realize just how much they don't know and make it up as they go.

The only drawback to this book is there was a section in the beginning that was filled with quite a few grammar errors and punctuation mistakes. Hopefully this is fixed in the final drafts, but even if not, it doesn't distract too much from the story. (I have been told they are, so really then I have nothing negative about this book.)

J.T.Patten was obviously so far into the black side of things that the book title could be about him as well. 'Buried in Black' is the real deal and a real page turner with no dull spots, lengthy hero aggrandizing, convoluted non-sensical plots, a recommended wine list or custom gun shop. It also shows just how dangerous a team trained by us could come back and inflict some serious payback to our country and black ops operators. One of the best books this year and I personally can't wait for the second and many more books.

The Real Book Spy says

After signing a deal with Kensington, well-known self-published author J.T. Patten kicks off an all-new series taking readers deep inside the world of clandestine operations.

Continuing on the success of his Safe Havens franchise, Sean Havens, a former operator (and Patten's old protagonist) is now in a John Clark-like mentorship role to a new prized recruit, Drake Woolf, a man with both the physical skills and the personal motivation to hunt and kill terrorists at a breathtaking clip.

Known as The Man From Orange, Woolf is a highly-trained, well-rounded asset working for Task Force Orange, a newly-formed government agency tasked with handling the most sensitive and dangerous missions, which also require discretion. When the government needs something handled quickly, effectively, off-the-books, and far away from the endless cycle of 24-hour cable news coverage, it's Task Force Orange's

job to come through, and more often than not, Woolf is the one answering the call.

This time out, Drake is tasked with tracking, finding, and killing a group of Iraqi rebels known as the “Mohawks,” who’ve used their extensive training and resources to plan a large-scale attack on American soil. Complicating matters, though, is that the Mohawks’ extensive training and resources came at the hands of the United States, who trained them in Iraq to act as surrogate soldiers, fighting to protect themselves, their way of life, and American interests in the region. However, after the United States pulled out of Iraq, things went sideways, and now the Mowhawks—whom Woolf personally trained—have flipped sides and are close to striking a blow to the heart of America.

With the clock ticking, it’s up to Drake Woolf to . . .

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Kyle Robertson says

This is a top notch thriller about international espionage and warfare. This author writes in a realistic and engaging style, drawing you in deep and never letting go. The opening chapter of this exciting thriller is heartbreaking, describing how young Drake Woolf’s life was forever changed. Drake was raised by his aunt and uncle, the latter being Robert O’Toole, the Deputy Director of the Department of Defense. O’Toole pushes Drake to the limits and raised him to be a killing machine.

The Mohawks were a group of Iraqi insurgents that the US had trained in combat and counterintelligence. When the US does them wrong, these ghosts from Drake’s past begin to haunt him and others they were trained by. The Mohawks plan a revenge attack that will cripple the US intelligence infrastructure. Drake soon discovers that the threat is much closer to home than he or anyone ever realized.

When someone close to Drake is attacked at home, the situation becomes personal. Drake had been thinking about becoming “disappeared but not dead” after he survived an attack overseas, but now Drake has no choice but to resurface and plan a revenge mission against those responsible.

Drake is used to working alone. In fact, he prefers it. But in this operation he is forced to work with a small team. As their investigation continues, Drake and his team leave a trail of bodies in their wake. Little do they know, an unlikely FBI agent is hot on their trail. Drake and his team must be cautious of the Mohawks and the FBI, never quite knowing who they can fully trust.

All guilty parties are held accountable for their actions in the thrilling conclusion, but a window is left wide open in reference to the next installment in this exciting series. I will eagerly anticipate reading more about Drake and his associates.

I would recommend this book to fans of thrillers and espionage. I received this as a free ARC from Kensington Books, Lyrical Underground on NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

A Cup of Brave says

Buried in Black had me hooked in the first chapter! We are introduced to Drake Woolf, who is a phenomenal character that works in the Shadows. Woolf is tasked with bringing down a group of Iraqis, known as the

Mohawks and who just happen to have been trained by Woolf himself, who are planning a devastating attack on America.

Overall, I loved Buried in Black! It is a great story that is well written and has a great plot. I am a fan of Patten's previous work, Safe Havens and Primed Charged, and Buried in Black is his best yet. It is set in the same universe as his previous two novels and even features the protagonist, Sean Havens. I would highly recommend Buried in Black.

Thank you to Kensington Books and NetGalley for providing an ARC in return for an honest review.

Brent says

What a great start to a new series! I was able to read early thanks to Goodreads giveaway, Kindle edition.

Patten does a great job introducing us to his new character, Drake Woolf. Not your typical "thriller" protagonist, as he has many faults to go along with his talents. Woolf is part of a new taskforce, hunting down a group that was trained by the US Military. With a twist at the end, Patten created a fast-paced thriller and leaves the reader wanting more. I can't wait for Task Force Orange #2!

Brett says

Buried in Black by J.T. Patten did not fail to deliver the high level of quality realistic action I have come to expect from him. From the first page through the last I was hooked, it engages you and won't let you go. A few new high-speed heroes make their way into Patten's world, but most importantly, for me, Sean and Lars show up to help take care of some of those bad guys who need taking care of. One thing that really struck me while I was reading this book was the timeliness of current events interwoven into the fast-paced action of Buried in Black. Patten is spot on with the subject matter he addresses. In the news over the last few weeks and even today there are actually a few stories that seem as though they were taken right from the pages of Buried in Black. In short, I loved this book! I'm a huge fan of the series and the characters. If you liked Patten's past books (Shadow Masters and Primed Charge) and/or enjoy The Gray Man series by Mark Greaney, you need to get this book on your shelf or downloaded to your e-reader ASAP.

J.T. Patten says

Well here we are again. Buried in Black, a Task Force Orange Thriller is the first book in my newest series involving the highly secretive JSOC element, the Intelligence Support Activity.

I think it is my best work yet as I continue to grow as a writer. While this novel falls into a more traditional military thriller than the Safe Havens series, there is plenty of espionage, assassination, and twists.

Further, it is the first full-length novel dedicated to the exploits and skill sets of Task Force Orange, so I'll give myself an extra star for originality.

There are also two characters, Drake Woolf, and his pursuer Tresa Halliday. Drake is whack. Try to figure out what his mental ailment is that curses him. And Tresa, is just a bad-ass underestimated heroine who is

Midwest real.

Earl Johnson is the name of my FBI counterintelligence Agent, with traits of James Jesus Angleton of CIA legend. The name Earl came to me from my kids in Disney. From the backseat they asked if the name Earl Johnson could be used. Done. He's one of my favorite characters yet.

And then there is Dexter Woolf. Is he good or bad, dead or alive. For all you Speed Racer fans, he somewhat reminded me of Racer X. You can't get much cooler than that.

I hope you'll enjoy it. I promised different, and I delivered different. Now whether it is good is up to you, but if it is, I hope you'll write a rating and review. And if you hate it, call Josh Hood, and he'll refund you money. ;)

Debby Sullivan says

I was given an ARC of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

This was something new to me- a military thriller. While I am used to all kinds of thrillers- crime, psychological, adventure- this was a new category for me. And I must say I was impressed. The author, a former intelligence expert, has written other military thrillers, but this was his first in a series starring Warren Drake Woolf, a "black ops" or "spook" who belongs to an underground government program called Operation Orange.

The plot follows "the man from Orange", as he is known, as he becomes involved in an intricate operation chasing terrorists who are targeting American military and government personnel. As in many such books, things are not always what they seem, and sometimes he doesn't know who he can trust. The action is fast, the dialogue is sharp and witty, and the characterization is solid. The only drawback I found was an abundance of military jargon, which sometimes slowed the story down.

This book is sure to be enjoyed by fans of military and spy books, such as those by Tom Clancy and Lee Child.
