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Early in the 21st century, Russia has heroically gathered its dwindling resources to build "Valentina Tereshkova", a space station rumored to have actually been built by the last heirs of the Soviet dictators as a weapon. When scientists Paula Bryce and agent Lew McCain travel to the station to investigate, they become prisoners in the station's high-tech prison facilities.

## **Endgame Enigma Details**

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### James F. says

This novel can be considered a blend of espionage, Cold War/Hot War, science fiction, and prison environment. Set in the period of 2015, its basic premise is that the Soviet Union, bent on world domination, is brought to its demise through the efforts of a small group of determined individuals who find it necessary to work together to reach a goal accepted by all.

This is the second read of this novel by me. The first read was a year or so after the publication of the book in 1987.

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### John says

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### Sean Randall says

James hogan was a man with far too much time on his hands. The complexities of the plot (not to mention the diagrams) are well thought out and had me wondering, almost, up until the end. I never doubted the aims of the Russians, I suppose it's far too much to expect anything other than what we found, given the western viewpoint with which the novel was penned.

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### Gary Holt says

This book was interesting, up to the twist at the very end. I found I could not \*quite\* believe the end, and it kind of ruined a good story. It was an enjoyable read, but not something I think I will read again.

You have to force yourself back into the cold war mindset, if you can remember back that far, or imagine it if you can't. That's a bit of an exercise nowadays.

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### Alex says

I'm really torn on this book. It had both really good things about it, and some things that really bothered me.

Pros:

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I really enjoyed the overall story. Being set in the near future with the Cold War still going on leads to some interesting settings. The *Valentina Tereshkova* (named after the first women in space) was well thought out and becomes a integral character of it's own.

Cons:

I felt the pacing was a little unbalanced as the first 2/3 of the book seemed to drag a little bit, and the last 1/3 had things flying by much faster than than they needed to. I don't think things were given enough time to land before new things happened towards the end. I constantly kept thinking that I skipped pages or even whole chapters (this feeling was no doubt in large part from everything being so drawn out earlier in the book). This is the first Hogan book I've read, so I'm not well versed in his style, but most of the political thriller/espionage stuff came of as second-rate Clancy work. This opinion may change as I plan to read more of Hogan's stuff in the future.

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