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From the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the adult thriller, WIRED, comes a critically acclaimed mainstream thriller for kids and adults alike. "Crisp, innovative, and intelligent. Should be at the top of your reading list." -- Larry Cox, book critic, King Features syndicate A fencing tournament turns deadly. Can three young fencers thwart a plan to bring America to its knees? Kevin, Rachel, and Ben are young fencers eager to compete in an upcoming tournament at Nellis Air Force Base. But when they arrive, they become unwilling pawns in a twisted plan to steal the ultimate weapon. A plan that somehow revolves around the tournament. Now, battling for their very survival, they must find a way to stop the two brilliant arms dealers behind it all. But the arms dealers hold all the cards. And far more is at stake than just their lives . . . The Devil's Sword is a gripping thriller that is sure to be enjoyed by fencers, non-fencers, kids, and adults alike.

The Devil's Sword Details

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From Reader Review The Devil's Sword for online ebook

marie greatorex says

Learn how to become a fencer

I love the timing of events and the use of vocabulary! Want ing to know more about Kelvin and his buddies, using teasers.

Dave says

Thrilling story, interesting characters. A fourteen year old geek discovers fencing. Then with his friends and family save the U.S. from a terrorist attack.

john m. huff says

Good Book

Fast and interesting read. I feel it is perfect for teens. Adults will enjoy, as well. So well written. Great, complex plot.

Mark Gunnell says

I've enjoyed Richards's other adult fiction books and thought I'd give this one a try. It is clearly written for a younger audience, but still entertaining enough to hold my attention throughout. Unlike other books geared toward youth readers which have multiple layers that appeal to adults and youths alike, this book seemed so one-dimensional in its intended audience...I'm not saying that's a bad thing, Richards wrote to his target audience, and nailed it.

Sean Randall says

I think Richards' adult content is great, and his younger stuff is on the same sort of track. Obviously it's not got the depth or detail of a larger work, but it's an action-packed story with impressive detail. If perhaps almost too virtuous at times, it nonetheless kept me reading and I'm nearly 30!

Anna says

Book Review: The Devil's Sword by Alex

The Devil's Sword by Douglas E. Richards is easily on my top 5 book list! It is about a 14 year-old named

Kevin Taylor who takes fencing. When he goes to his first national tournament at Nellis Air Force Base, he and his friends are kidnapped by two mercenaries, Diego and Klaus, who plan to steal the U.S.'s most recent and most dangerous weapon: The Devil's Sword. Will they survive? You'll have to read to find out. As far as stars go, this book needs more than five. I loved this book and finished it in about 3 days. This is the same author as the Prometheus Project, so don't forget to read them together! This book deserves about 10 out of 5 stars, because of the swift-paced storyline and the danger, suspense, imagery, and its plain ability to grab and hook the reader. This is my number one favorite book, so be sure to read The Devil's Sword.

Ganesh says

A real classic

The knowledge of fencing is accurate and also the deception with a CAPITAL D. USING OF SUN ZU is a brilliant master stroke.. As many people have read him,, but following in real life NIX.. I WOULD LIKE KEVIN to save the nation again and find out whats in AREA 51 ..,HOPE YOU READ MY REVIEW
DOUGLAS

Roger D. Lee says

Great story for any aged reader. The adventure is fast paced and fun.

The magic is in the details. Things are never as they seem but that is what keeps you turning the pages. The heroes come in all sizes in an adventure to save the country while building relationships. Enjoy.

Georgette says

Action packed and heart warming.

Armin says

entertaining, nice insight into fencing and for a change not too brutal military book, but still full of suspense.

Mary says

I won The Devil's Sword from First Reads. I appreciate it's very quick arrival. It took about two days to get here. I thank the author for being so prompt. I plan to read this then give it to my nephew who is an avid fencer and reader. I'll post a review after he has a chance to read it. I want to include his rating. I will say that

from the little I've read so far Devil's Sword gets right into the action. I'll add more later.

The three is my rating, it may improve after I add input from my nephew.

Update: My nephew now has the book and is enjoying it. He hasn't finished it yet; it may take him a while considering he has just turned nine. He saw a write up of The Devil's Sword in a magazine at his fencing school and was thrilled. I'll post his rating when I get it.

Update: He really liked the book and would rate it a four. I'll be changing my rating to reflect this. He is the target audience after all.

Dennis says

This was a short book targeted more at teens than adults but still a fun read. I've read other books by Douglas Richards and have enjoyed each one. Good book.

Anneliese says

I can't wait to read this book. As a fencer, I'm anticipating seeing how they will incorporate fencing in the plot. Many of my teammates also enjoy reading, I'm sure I will show them this book if I enjoy it.

Jill says

I enjoyed the excerpt that was printed in the "American Fencing" magazine. As a fencer, I am curious how he will weave the fencing in with the plot, especially since fencing is a fairly fringe sport in the USA. Many of the teens I fence with are also avid (might I say, "rabid") readers, so it will be great for them to see their other passion recognized in print.

****UPDATE****

I finished the book in a quick weekend, and one where I had a fencing tournament! It was a very fast paced read, with plenty of action. Richards does a great job of explaining fencing to non-fencers, without sounding too patronizing for those who already know the sport.

I really appreciated the parts where the father stands up for the son's fencing against the teasing of his brothers. Plenty of our students have heard "that's a sissy sport!", even to our faces at demonstrations. However, if you do it, you know it's not, and Richards has a great scene showing this.

The action might be a bit much for the under 12 yrs crowd, since a few people do die. But Richards is great about keeping the gore to a minimum, so most sensitive readers need not worry. Those who are not sensitive will not be bored, as the action is constant and there is always a new twist.

Adult readers might raise an eyebrow a little at the idea that a teenager could be smarter than the US military, but it makes for a good story.

Austin says

Primarily a YA story, it's about a group of kids who thwart some terrorists trying to seize a US super-weapon. An interesting twist here is how the world of fencing is incorporated into the story - it's not used to thwart the terrorists directly.
