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The heroes of Don Mann and Ralph Pezzullo's acclaimed, hyper-realistic SEAL Team Six series are called to defuse an explosive situation in Syria.

On his way to a meeting with a CIA source in Istanbul, Captain Thomas Crocker notices he's being tailed. He suspects the men tracking his movements are members of Syria's intelligence agency, the Mulhabarat--their presence a sign of the region's increasing volatility.

Syria's government is unraveling, with the alliances between rebel groups increasingly complex, and ISIS dangerously in the mix. Farid al-Kazaz, aka the Fox, leads the most threatening of the ISIS factions. The Fox believes Syrian President Bashar al-Assad ordered the murder of the Fox's brother and has vowed revenge, planning a Sarin gas attack that would wreak havoc across not just Syria, but the entire Middle East. It's up to Crocker and the rest of SEAL Team Six to stop a ruthless killer and keep an explosive plot from detonating.

Against almost impossible odds, it's up to Crocker and the rest of SEAL Team Six to stop a ruthless killer and keep an explosive plot from detonating. Once again, the fate of millions rests on the shoulders of these fearless and ferociously loyal men.

## **Hunt the Fox Details**

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### KEVIN says

A lean and fast paced actioner that's a smooth and easy read. All the familiar 'special forces thriller' beats are here but what elevates this book above the others is the depiction of the soldiers as real people not superheroes. They are human and they foul up and get hurt and they also display a healthy disdain for the higher ups. Also the banter between team members has an authentic ring to it that adds to the realism of the story. Refreshingly un-pc and why not? Real soldiers talk like this and this is a modern soldiers adventure written for the entertainment of men. Thumbs up then from me.

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### Chris says

This is probably the best of the seal team six novels. Events seem to be more realistic. I got a chuckle when I checked out the cobra light armored vehicle that was mentioned. The description in the novel was almost word for word the same as the first search result. This was a really fast read.

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### Cynthia says

I find each book in this series to be exciting as well written. The only problem I have with this series is putting the book down. The authors give you action, thrills and exciting tells of danger that keeps you on the edge of your seat. The authors give you a read that could have been taken out of today's headlines. This is a very believable with characters you can relate to they are the true hero's as they seek justice in this action pack series.

These character feel real, you care about them as they go through their mission which takes a toll on them and all those around them. They go in extract weapons of mass destruction as they fight for control as they are force to fight rebel groups. It is a very fast pace read that is full of action. The author writes in a style that you feel you are there with them. If you are looking for an outstanding military read this is the book for you.

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### Clearview Library District says

If you like adventure and intrigue, this book, and probably this series is for you. Seal Team Six, Hunt the Fox takes Thomas Crocker to Turkey and Syria to recover stolen sarin gas canisters before they can be used by terrorists. It is obvious while reading this book that Mann speaks with considerable authority as he is a former Seal.

Although the book starts off a little slow, it picks up speed to the point that you can't wait to see what is happening next. The level of intrigue and deception throughout this story keeps you guessing to the very end. There are more books in this series, and I intend to peruse them also.

I might add, that with everything that is going on in Syria right now, this is very timely.

Bruce

## Kathy Davie says

Fifth in the SEAL Team Six military thriller series and revolving around a team of SEALs. The action is focused on Syria. This ARC was provided by NetGalley and Mulholland Books in exchange for an honest review.

### My Take

If you're looking for black ops action and prefer a straight forward approach without an emotional pull, *Hunt the Fox* will suit you to a T. All the reviews I've peeked in on claim that the SEAL Team Six series is a very realistic military operation, and it does indeed read that way.

Unfortunately, it needs more than info dumps and *tell* to become a good story. I only got a quarter of the way through *Hunt the Fox* because Mann/Pezzullo drove me nuts with all the *tell*. It reads more like a screenplay with directions for the characters. I want emotions. I want to *feel* the fear, taste the air, the food. I want to *feel* as though I'm there, and *Hunt the Fox* is too detached to pull me in.

No, it's not that I don't like military stories. I do. I love 'em. But I also want to "be there".

One wooden-sounding example:

"Anders shook his head as if he couldn't quite comprehend. 'What the hell are you saying? This is awful. Who attacked him?'"

This is as emotional as it gets, and I'm sorry, this isn't good enough. It could be that Mann/Pezzullo's intended audience is strictly male who aren't interested in the emotional pull I want to fall into, and that's fine. It's just not for me.

Jared makes a good point, wondering if the military are really "mercenaries hired to protect the interests of Wall Street and the corporations". I know I agree with this.

### The Story

A ruthless terrorist intends revenge and has an explosive plan that will tear across the Middle East. It's up to SEAL Team Six to stop them.

### The Characters

I have only noted the characters mentioned in the first 25% of the story.

*SEAL Team Six includes...*

...assigned to the CIA and subject to agency protocol. **Chief Warrant Officer Tom Crocker** is the leader of Black Cell, a special unit of SEAL Team Six, a.k.a., DEVGRU). His alias at the moment is as **John Wallace**, a security consultant. **Joe "Manny" Mancini** is Crocker's right-hand man and the weapons, logistics, and tech expert. **John Davis** is the comms expert with an unexpected interest in aliens. **Suarez** is the explosives specialist. **Cal** is their sniper. **Captain Sutter** is the commander of SEAL Team Six. **Akil** is a colleague with Egyptian language skills.

**Holly Crocker** is Tom's contradictory wife threatening to leave him. She works as a security threat analyst for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security. **Jenny** is his daughter; **Brian** is her son. **Lena** is a colleague and

rowing partner in Washington D.C. **Randi** is the blonde who was with Akil.

**Dr. Stephanie Mathews** is the couples therapist the Crockers were seeing. She was recommended by **Dr. Petrovia** the ST-6 psychologist. **Leslie Ames** was the friend of Crocker's daughter and Joe's brother, **Paul**, who were killed in *Hunt the Jackal*, 4.

### *Turkey*

#### *CIA*

**Jared Olafsen**, a.k.a., Mr. Munoz, is a young CIA operative who speaks fluent Arabic, Urdu, and Persian. **Jim Anders** is Deputy Director of Operations and Grissom's boss. **Janice Bloom** is a targeter and analyst for the Syrian account. **Scorpions** are CIA private security personnel. **Taylor Grissom** is a station chief in Ankara. **Katie** works for Grissom. **Hassan** is a twenty-two-year-old Syrian engineering student.

**John J. Smith** is the alias for a CIA officer on Skhin Firebase on the Afghan-Pakistani border. He's now running a private executive protection and recovery company.

**Manshir Talab** is a source for the CIA and an old schoolmate of President Bashir al-Assad; **Fatima** is his secretary. **Hamid** was Talab's younger brother.

#### *Turkish government*

**Colonel Ozgun "Oz" Ozmert** is a section leader with Turkish Military Intelligence. **Inspector Evren** is one of his assistants. **Mr. Asami** is the director of Intelligence for Idlib province. **Recep Tayyip Erdo?an** is the current prime minister, an Islamist intent on restoring a religious government.

### *Syria*

The **Assad** family is said to be mentally ill. Don't cross them! **Fawwaz** is the president's cousin and founded the **Shabiha**, death squads. The **Mukhabarat** is military intelligence. **Major General Qassem Suleimani** leads the **Quds Force**.

#### *The Quwat al-Difa al-Watani was...*

...formed of Assad loyalists in 2012 with massive defections from military forces.

### *Terrorists*

The **Fox** leads an **ISIS** (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria) faction and wants to raise their profile.

### **The Cover and Title**

The background for the cover is a radiating gradation of yellow to a brownish orange with a very realistic soldier aiming his weapon and fully loaded for war. The series name is large, centered, and in white. The title is a medium gray in a smaller font with the authors' names in yellow at the bottom of the cover.

The title is the action plan for the team: *Hunt the Fox* and prevent him from blowing up the world.

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### **Randy Evans says**

Great series! "Hunt the Fox" is the fifth in the series with more of the good guys stopping the bad guys. This one mainly takes place in Syria. The good guys might get knocked down but they always get back up. The action is non-stop. If you read one of these books you'll read them all!

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## Jay Williams says

Each new ST6 book is as fresh and thrilling as the first. CWO Crocker is torn between the need for love and family and his duty to lead black operations wherever necessary. This time the job is in Syria, where alliances are shifting and friends are hard to tell from enemies. The action is non-stop, and the story builds to a gut-wrenching climax. The narrative is clear and direct, and never gets in front of the action. Even after knowing the ending, I read it a second time and was just as emotionally involved.

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## Theresa says

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I have loved seeing Tom Crocker develop over the series; the reality that his job in the military has real and immediate cost is eye opening. Crocker is an awesome character, his heroic nature and dedication exemplify the nature of the Armed forces especially the SEAL team service. This book was another tick in the right direction to showing the humanity, and strength of the military ideology and bravo. I was drawn into the story of the three missions elaborated within the pages. I found myself struggling with Crocker through his loss of a close colleague in the last book. His difficulty in his marriage, and home life while he is drawn again out of country to save Americans and the world from some of the most difficult and deadly situations. The author's use in the book of modern problems, radical groups, and violence to elaborate the problems that the government faces in protecting the American Public in this complicated and dynamic world. This series is one of the few you can place your hand on and say, see it's not all fun and games. It will remind the public of the Sacrifice that the Military personal are asked to serve their country.

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## Susana789 says

Chví?ami sa zdalo, že sa partia drs?ákov chystá na odpo?inok, ale koniec bol v o?akávanom hrdinskom ak?nom štýle, príjemná oddechovka.

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## Dan Curnutt says

First of all I would like to thank Net Galley and Mulholland Books for making a review copy of this book available to me in exchange for an honest review.

In this ongoing series of books about Seal Team Six and their missions we find the team facing a highly classified as well as a highly dangerous mission, well, what else is new for Seal Team Six.

Chief Warrant Officer Crocker and his team will be tasked with enter Syria in the height of the civil war there to infiltrate a Syrian Air Force Base and retrieve eight cans of Sarin Gas that if released could kill thousands of innocent people.

Not only will they face dangerous odds while traveling through Syria, but they will also face the danger of being betrayed by those tasked to help them and those that they believe have their best interest at heart.

Some of the betrayal may even be from their own government which doesn't appear to always understand the operational hazards that they face and the split second decisions and changes that they need to make.

Crocker also will be faced with some medical challenges during the course of the operation that will push his medic skills to the edge. But like a true Navy Seal he will perform flawlessly and with great patience and kindness as well as with great warrior skills.

All of this on top of having lost a good friend and team member just a few short months ago. Also on top of having his wife threatening to leave him because she can't take the pressure anymore of being married to a Navy Seal. She feels that he cares more about his team and the thrill of the action than he cares about her.

Don Mann does a great job of building the character traits of Crocker as well as helping us to understand his thinking and decision making processes. He will also give us a good tour of the mind set of a heroic warrior who does his best despite the odds and knowing that he will never receive any recognition for a job well done.

The action is good, the details of the operations are good, the threat is realistic to our world today and thus all of this adds up to a good read.

Enjoy!

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### **Bill Donhiser says**

Another good Seal Team Six Novel well written and action packed I have enjoyed every book in this series

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### **Edythe Hamilton says**

Another action-packed adventure for the Seal Team Six elite as Crocker goes into action in the first few pages of Chapter 1 when his partner Jared, a CIA Operative is killed. During an operation in Istanbul, all action is transpiring at a brisk pace. I was beginning Chapter 3 within five minutes (I have never taken a speed-reading course).

Mancini, Suarez, Davis, and Akil are back to join forces with Crocker in saving the day by locating Weapons of Mass Destruction before they are used by the enemy.

This is the fifth novel in the Seal Team Six series and I cannot wait for the next installment. The great action and camaraderie of the team is what a good action-packed novel needs. I recommend to persons who like action, CIA Operative, and combat novels with a bang.

Happy reading!

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## **Carrie says**

This book was okay. Definitely not up to the standards of the previous books in this series. The title is misleading since honestly, I don't think they really hunted "The Fox". Sure, there was a guy who called himself The Fox but it wasn't focused on him.

The writing fell a little flat during the climax scenes near the end as well. Could have used some editing/polishing.

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## **Hannah says**

### ARC REVIEW

Book Five of Seal Team Six. Thomas Crocker is back and in a race against time and the terrorist known as the Fox. Unlike the other books this one wasn't as high intensity and edge of your seat. Was it good? Hell yes, just not quite as good as the last book. Don Mann and Ralph Pezzullo as always bring you into the SEAL Team Six team takes you on a wild ride with the emotional side that humanizes the soldiers and gives an insight on to why Tom makes the decisions he does.

Months after the incident in Mexico, Tom and the rest of his team are ready to jump back in and get back to work. Their first mission is a doozy. They have received pictures of sarin canisters being kept in Syria they must now extract without the knowledge of ISIS or the FSA. But it all goes a little too smoothly aside from having to take a detour and taking on extra passengers, refugees from the Syrian civil war and Tom having to help a woman give birth. Once they get to safety the sarin goes missing along with the contact who leads them to the sarin. Not willing to walk away from the FUBAR situation Tom and his team help the local government try and track down the sarin but it soon pops up as the terrorist hijacked a Disney cruise liner.

All the while Tom deals with saving the day with his team he tries to deal with personal problems of his wife being fed up with being married to a Navy SEAL. During the whole book Tom goes back and remembers time with his wife the first time they met and when he fell in love to more recent ones of them meeting with a therapist, and in the end he knows what he should do. He is also still dealing with the traumatic last mission.

This is a must read for followers of the series it's not to be missed. It's not good as the last book but by no means bad, it was riveting and intense it's what I expect from a SEAL Team Six series.

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## **Nancy says**

First of the Seal Team Six books I have read. Lots going on with the team going from Turkey to Syria to retrieve sarin gas that the Fox will try to use if given the chance. Crocker and the Black Cell working with the CIA are going to try to get it out to Turkey while they think they know where it is. Who is the enemy and who can they depend on to help. Crocker and his team get it out without much trouble but then it disappears from right under their noses soon as they get it to Turkey. The next thing they know the Sarin is on a cruise ship in the Med. Be sure to read.

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