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In a bloody gang initiation gone wrong, Former Marine Staff Sergeant Cal Stokes simultaneously loses his fiancé and is thrust into America's unforgiving criminal underbelly. Never one to back down, the Navy Cross winner is forced to use the skills honed in the Marines along with the assets of his deceased father's company, Stokes Security International (S.S.I.), to track down his enemy and penetrate the world of his enemy.

He must seek his own brand of justice...

Corps Justice.

What would you do?

When America's laws aren't enough...

...it's time for Corps Justice.

This is Book 1 in the Corps Justice Series. Approx. 58,000 words by C. G. Cooper

The Cast of Good Guys:

CAL STOKES: Former Marine Staff Sergeant. Navy Cross winner and heir to SSI.

TRAVIS HADEN: Cal's cousin. Former Navy S.E.A.L. Current CEO of SSI.

BRIAN RAMIREZ: Former Navy corpsman. Silver Star recipient.

NEIL PATEL: Head of SSI's R&D division. Techie genius.

WILLY TRENT: Former Marine Master Sergeant. Towering well over six feet. SSI employee.

TODD DUNN: Former Army Ranger. Head of Security at SSI.

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Dave says

I read and enjoyed Adrift, so I didn't hesitate to add Corps Justice books 1-3 to my reading queue. And it wasn't long before I reached for them.

Cooper does a great job of creating characters, action and a story line that you don't want to put down. I find myself reading until my eyes won't focus when I should be sleeping.

I tried not to read all three at once, but it is so hard to put them down.

The good news is I just added another C.G. Cooper book to my read queue.

Thanks for a great read, C.G.

Denise says

'Back to War' was very thrilling and full of action. The storyline was intriguing. The emotional side of this book's premise was quite intense. Before reading this book, I had read a review by a man that stated it was definitely a man's story. But i have to disagree. Even though the book is primarily male dominant, I still found it very diverse. I grew up with family in the military, all branches, and now my kids are part of the military family. So I do understand the honor and pride that comes from serving. Having said that, I don't think you have to have any military background to fully understand and enjoy this book. The characters were a great assortment of personalities and backgrounds. They are loyal, honorable and dedicated to their country and having a safer world to live in. Cal went through a type of re-birth of his life after losing his fiancé. Travis, Neil, Andy and quite a few more were great as well. I look forward to reading more of the 'Corps Justice Series'.

Donald Hoffman says

Mr. Cooper has a genuine out-of-the-ballpark home run with this series! He joins the ranks of Clancy, Thor, and Flynn; developing a believable protagonist who grows and matures during the course of these three books. He shows the heart and soul of our military and the bond that all Warriors understand. He skillfully lays the groundwork in each of the three books, taking us on a twisting, but very rewarding journey, where we can cheer the hero, and hope that right will prevail. Good guys are not always what they seem, bad guys are shown for what they are (most of the time), and sadly, as in real life, an occasional hero goes to stand guard at Heaven's Gates. I am solidly hooked on Mr. Cooper's writing and can't wait for next month's Social Security check so I can buy Books 4 & 5, something I rarely do as there are so many great free reads available on Kindle. If you are going to spend money on a book, this author deserves your support. You will be entertained and will go back to read these again. Well done, sir, you have a new fan!

S. Policar says

I want to begin by saying. I am glad I'm a member of i Love eBooks ARC. If it hadn't been for them, I would never have found C.G.Cooper or his books. I normally don't read "modern" themed books (unless they'reparanormal) but since I'd joined the ARC I find myself reading all kinds of books I normally wouldn't. Even as I dislike military and modern novels, I promise my review is non discriminatory, and very honest.

I love the format of this book. I'm a huge fan of screenplays and absolutely enjoyed the movie-esque feel while reading this.

This book starts with violence. It's written so vividly you can see it, you can feel each wound inflicted on the fighters, you can smell the blood. C.G definitely has a way with the written word, so much so you get lost in the world he's created right away.

(I could have done without the image of gauged our eyeballs though lol)

I also liked how the military slang terms (for instance, "Gunny") had the actual names in parenthesis for those of the civilian type.

The story line was well thought out. It's clear C.G.Cooper did his homework when it comes to how the Marine branch of the Military is run. I can see Cal as every bit the calculated weapon he was trained to be. Even while Incapacitated he knew there would be trouble and insisted on being prepared for anything. The book and more than likely the entire series was written with a military mind. Of that I have no doubt. I honestly believe this book would make a great action movie. One to rival Jason Bourne in it's detail and plot line.

The only gripe with the novel, are the flashback stories they aren't bad, quite the opposite actually. I wish it wasn't so short. Maybe Mr. Cooper will consider lengthening them into little novellas as he did with God-Speed.

Cal's history is quite interesting. The way he strove to avenge his parents and uphold everything his father had made SSI into is amazing. MSgt Trent's backstory is very relatable to anyone that grew up in the hood. Ghettos are a nightmare regardless of your size. I really liked his back story a lot.

I also think I'm not the only one who would enjoy seeing a short story as to how Dante got himself all twisted into what he was made to be.

The action scenes are well thought out. So much so I was able to picture the darts and the confusion. This book was beautifully written.

Although a little slow to start since this isn't my normal genre to read.. I did enjoy the story very much. I give Back to War 4 of 5

Arthur says

Back to War (Corps Justice #1)

Another great C.G. Cooper novel and another great series about our men and women who have served in the military and are still serving in civilian life. Meet Cal Stokes, Marine veteran, injured in combat, but not sure what comes next. His deceased father's company offers him sanctuary while recovering from an attack that killed the love of his life, Jessica, and almost him as well. Hell bent on revenge for Dante West, the man responsible for his lose, Cal and friends actions take you along for all the action. Hang on tight, it's going to be a wild ride. Thanks for letting me get to know Cal, Brian, and the rest of the Justice team. This is one you don't want to miss.

Craig Hall says

Poorly written. Disappointing.

I gave it 2 stars so you would read my review. This is one of the worst books I've read in a long time. Each character is given their own chapter to tell their own story and background and described how smart and effective they are in their own way. Yet when events unfold not one character behaves to match the way they were described in their own mini biography. Men with super military history and all the money and

weaponry they could ask for can only get through thick steel doors by cutting through the steel agonizing slowly one door after another instead of using some type of explosive. After the main character Cal loses his beloved Jessica to the violent thug gangster's random brutal murder Cal can't states "how did I not see that coming?" when the thugs kidnapped Jessica's parents? Her parents were the only living relatives left and the thugs were looking for revenge! Nothing makes sense in that no one in the book can think ahead, come up with a plan and execute the plan with the intelligence, experience and unlimited resources and weaponry they are described as having. The entire book is one instance after another of, "um, what happened?" I am a voracious reader and enjoy military type fiction but this book is just not believable. I will not continue with the series.

Vivian Byfield says

Good

Real good read. If you enjoyed the Mitch Rapp books then I think you will enjoy this book a very good thriller/action read

Bob Clarkson says

When I read a first attempt by an author, even when it's been recommended by a friend, I'm very cautious. Usually, the book is riddled with spelling errors, incomplete sentences, missing words in sentences, multiple grammar errors and homonym usage that drives a Reader CRAZY !

None of that happened here. Well, almost none. A couple of words were misspelled. That's it!

And at the end of the book, the author actually solicited information so he could correct future editions, wow.

*****TOTAL SPOILERS. DON'T READ PAST HERE UNLESS YOU'VE READ THE BOOK !!!*****

About the story. A gangbanger supervising an initiation for a new member picks a young couple to assault. The wannabe gang lord can't see anything unusual, but when the assault goes down, the young man fights back, viciously. He blinds the initiate and the gangbanger let's his rats loose. Guns come out against the unarmed man and his fiance is deliberately murdered. In the fight, our hero, a young, recently released from active duty Marine, proceeds to eliminate the whole gang, permanently. He saves the taxpayers a lot of money, but the lead "gangsta" gets away.

The gangbanger wants revenge and our young Marine, Cal, wants the same thing.

These two, diametrically opposed men fight a tactical war. Of course, Cal wins.

During the course of the book, we learn what Corps Justice means. IMHO, it's not a damned bad idea.

This is definitely a guy series, maybe even a Marine series, but even us Army guys recognize the brotherhood the Marines have, and it brings back memories of when we did exactly what we were trained to do with our brothers in arms.

I'll definitely be reading the next book.

DeandreaBrian says

Found by accident

Literally stumbled across this book while looking for something new to read and I was pleasantly surprised. The story reads very well not clogged with characters that contribute little to nothing to the story, just enough to give background and keep the story moving along. Very ready read with a nice piece that keeps the pages turning. Ready to read the next in the series. Nice job!

Jim A says

Not great, but not bad either for a first effort by the author.

As this is the first book in a series, a majority of the book was back story for the main characters. And as most of the characters are former military operators, SEAL, Marines, Army Rangers, and a medical corpsman, there is enough action in the characters history to keep the reader interested. As Cooper is a former marine, the stories probably have a lot of actual incidents behind them.

As with any story where it is indicated in the title that it's Book 1, or it's known that there is a sequel, there is absolutely no suspense when it comes to the end game of the chase. But not much can be done about that.

The mention of Famous Grouse scotch being drunk by the main character brings to mind another great series, The Corps, by W.E.B. Griffin with his constant reference to that scotch.

My only real gripe with the author's work was the dialogue reading like it was a screen play, not a novel. Example: "Cal: (softly) I know." Most readers can put the dialogue together with the setting and figure out the tone or inflection of the speaker. But that's just my view. The author addressed this in a blurb for the Amazon page for this novel. It might work for younger readers, it just didn't work for me.

Widtfeldt says

Great series

Really enjoyed the entire series. All of the books are as good as the first. Look toward to reading more.

Norm Davis says

Back to War is the title of a book about Cal Stokes, a recent honorably discharged Staff Sergeant in the Marines who had been awarded the Navy Cross. Engaged to his beloved Jessica they were attacked while on a date by a local gang.

It was an initiation for a new member of the gang and was otherwise meaningless.

The gang intended to do some harm, but not kill the couple. Beating the guy was definitely in the plan, what they would do to the girl wasn't clear. The gang initiate, "Shorty" was armed with a knife and a mallet. The attack was well planned. Cal and Jessica were at the wrong place at the wrong time.

When the gang member grabbed Jessica and dragged her into the alley, Cal was instantly "Back at War". The other gang members moved in and blocked the alley so "Shorty" could do some damage to the pursuing Cal. Dante West, the gang leader was already in the alley to evaluate the new recruit in action.

More would be wandering into spoiler country but I don't mind revealing that the war is between Dante West, the gang leader, and Cal Stokes, the ex-Marine who's friends and family were up to the task of challenging a powerful gang leader. Cal didn't want help, but Marines of his valor and gallantry are never without friends, and he was from a family of decorated and respected Marines.

The book isn't by Tom Clancy, but C. G. Cooper isn't a literary slouch. It's a rather short fast paced novel that manages to stuff a lot of information into it and keep the reader turning pages. By the end of the novel I was ready for book two in the series.

The book is written much like a script of a movie but is three times the length of a normal movie script. Irrelevant to me as I mostly listened to the audiobook while doing some long boring chores. It made 6 hours of mindless work go by pleasantly.

I recommend the book, and I'll be reading more in the Corps Justice Series.

Barry R. Strattan says

Awesome and fat read

The characters and plot line are very riveting. Read it on an outbound cross country flight. Will rase the next in the series on the return.

Joan says

DNF at 5% when I realised that all dialogue was going to be written in 'script' form:

CAL: Call me Cal. I left that Marine stuff behind. What do I call you?

BRIAN: My name is Brian Ramirez. Or you can call me nurse-man.

CAL: You said you were in Iraq. Who were you with?

I can read a script, or I can read a novel, but the combination doesn't work for me. I was jolted out of the story every time there was some dialogue.

Peggy Pancherz says

Good book

Read this book. Then the next one. Read in order to fully enjoy. Characters are realistic and Interesting believable. Great book
