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After the British military lose an officer to Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan, a desperate race begins to find his killers. Little do the assailants know that the precious information they have stolen could bring down the entire network of Western intelligence in the Mid-East. But then one of them is captured by US troops and flown to the States for interrogation.

And so begins a nail-biting, claustrophobic and explosive thriller that will ultimately lead British operative John Stratton to the Styx penitentiary, America's undersea prison. How do you break in to a jail a hundred metres below the ocean? Can Stratton get the information back without the US discovering him? And is everyone in the prison really who they seem to be?

With its labyrinthine narrative and authentic detail, its CIA plots and White House agents, this fourth thriller in the Stratton series will catapult Duncan Falconer right back into the top tier.

Undersea Prison Details

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Mya says

For a tale of international espionage in a Guantanamo Bay-style under water prison this book was highly entertaining and some what educational. The author is a wicked teller of backstories and the main characters motivations are fleshed out by their pasts. The main character, a British SBS agent is not impervious to accidents and is definitely no Bond, even though he does have a few impossible escapes.

The tale revolves around a Taliban soldier who comes across top secret British Intelligence in the form of a chip which he has surgically implanted. When he is captured and thrown in an American jail, the worse interrogation prison ever. In order to get the information back they have to send in their best...or at least the man with the skills to get the job done!

All in all this was a good read, and I might have to pick up a few more of Falconer's books, if only for the lessons I can learn regarding how to flesh out a character's backstory!

Andrew A. says

I like Falconer. This was a fast-paced read with a Bond-like hero, except way more rough-around-the-edges, and more human, I think. A fun read.

Ronnie Laws says

He gets about does Mr Stratton. Great reading.

Rob says

As usual in my case I was thrown into this series right at the end, and so it was obviously very confusing in many area's. Typically far to much time was taken up on introducing new characters, and the plot, although believable was fairly boring, with a less than exiting climax.

Olivia says

Yes, pushed to find a post-Christmas read from cheapies at an outback newsagent I just had to avoid the obvious 'no-no's' or those popular writers already covered many moons ago. This close print, thick paperback by Falconer presented and seemed possible. Guess what? It is a well written, fast-paced, interesting modern espionage thriller.

Classical literary asides in places with erudite knowledge of how an underwater facility might function. The usual interplay between leading power intelligence services and a teensy romance interest of the mildest,

plausible kind towards the result in a rounded, pleasant read. Suiting any adult reader of this genre.

Dee Haddrill says

Another fantastic thriller starring John Stratton; this time he is sent undercover into the escape-proof underwater prison, ominously known as Styx. With the usual gamut of bad guys, good guys and fast paced action, reading this was like watching an action movie. Very good.

Christopher Dodds says

This was one of the best Stratton books by the author, it was engaging with plenty of tense moments and well done fight scenes a really enjoyable read and makes me to continue to read more of the series.

Ken says

Just like watching a action movie

Patrick Ellard says

Another top quality spy novel from Duncan Falconer right up until the ending which was far too abrupt, almost as if he ran out of ideas.

Sean C says

It was ok. Decent pace and characters. A few unrealistic plot twists and amazing coincidences (a pet peeve of mine).

Heidi says

Another great work but discovered while reading this I'm extremely claustrophobic. It made for many nights of bad dreams and having to take extended breaks here and there to get my head back on straight. Well done!

Mark Kavanagh says

Didn't even get to the end of this one. Stopped about 2/3 through. Just couldn't muster interest.

Kimsandara says

Undersea Prison is the first book I read in the Stratton series

I found the fact that the character was British very refreshing (Yes, I know there is James Bond, Court Gentry, ect...) but this guy is better.

He has some kind of cynicism which I really like. You can see that he is no superhero and that his past as a spy weighs heavily on him much more so than James Bond for example.

Anyway, it was a good read. Not exceptional but still a pretty solid story-line. The thing is everything was straight-forward. There was no real surprise. The only question was how would Stratton get out of the prison alive.

I might try the Gabriel Allon series next.

ab says

Far more interesting than the previous books. That's all I can say. Either way I love Stratton, this is basically my guilty pleasure for fictional-action and technical violence.

Tom Tischler says

The government closes Guantamino Bay and opens an underwater prison off the Gulf of Mexico. The CIA is using it to interrogate Taliban prisoners, theres a corrupt warden who wants to destroy it. The FBI is conducting operations to expose it, an insane convict wants to scuttle it in order to escape and on top of all this a secret micro document belonging to British Military Intelligence ends up in the hands of a Taliban terrorist who is incaserated inside the prison. SBS Special Forces Operative John Stratton is assigned to get it back before anyone finds out. This is another Duncan Falconer page turner.
