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The fabled Elephant Graveyard has been discovered. It contains enough ivory to make Ethiopia a wealthy nation. But the cave contains more than physical riches-it also holds the means to control the world. Fifteen scientists enter the cave. Only one leaves.

Jack Sigler, Callsign: King (field leader of the covert, black ops Chess Team) receives a cryptic text from Sara Fogg, his girlfriend and CDC "disease detective". A catastrophic disease has been reported in Ethiopia's Great Rift Valley, but Fogg suspects something more is going on. Her suspicion is confirmed when King's arrival in Africa is met by a high speed assassination attempt.

As King fights against two competing, high-tech mercenary forces, each struggling for control of the deadly discovery, Fogg disappears. Working with the surviving member of the science team that made the discovery, King begins a search for Fogg and the source of the potential plague that takes him back to the Great Rift Valley, back to the Elephant Graveyard, and brings him face-to-face with modern man's origins.

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Donna Fisher says

I received this book as a gift, and it was one of the best gifts ever! This trilogy took me on an international tour that went from the legendary lost elephant graveyards of Ethiopia to the Louvre in Paris. The mysterious Brainstorm attacks mankind with ancient spirits, Bigfoot, hired assassins, and black holes. But Jack Sigler, his girlfriend Sara Fogg, and his adopted daughter Fiona masterfully contain and eliminate the threats. Jeremy Robinson and Sean Ellis have crafted a fun read that propels the reader forward at lightening pace, throwing in healthy – or not so healthy – blend of science and myth.

Kelly says

This book was my introduction to Jeremy Robinson and I am so glad for it as he is a great, fun writer. I would urge people to read the 3 Chess Team books before reading this as it follows on, but can also be enjoyed as a stand alone. It has all the action that you expect to find from these 2 authors, great characters, great storyline - it makes you want to keep reading even after the last page

Michael Smith says

As you are reading it you can definitely tell it was not written entirely by Jeremy Robinson. In fact, my guess is that all the novellas are primarily written by the co-author and Jeremy does some tweaking and editing to keep things consistent with the Chess Team universe. That being said, it was still a very well written and interesting story. Longer than I expected and quite a few twists and turns for a novella. If you are a fan of the Chess Team it is definitely worth your time.

Corey Baltzer says

SO. MUCH. ACTION. Who knew you could be on the edge of your seat for an entire 188 page book!

Dee Haddrill says

Originally read in June 2012: A great short installment in the Chess Team series!!! It's whetting the appetite for the next full length novel!

February 2014: The second time through for this book, except this time via audiobook. The story was great as previously mentioned, but I need to add that the narration was fantastic. Jeffrey Kafer did a great job, spoke at the perfect pace (I can't stand it when they talk too slow), and he kept the different voices to a minimum. I'm not usually a big fan of audiobooks because I feel the story loses momentum when you have a

male narrator pretending to be a woman, and vice versa. But all Mr. Kafer does is lower his voice an octave or two to speak the female parts, and it doesn't distract you from the story. I thoroughly enjoyed this audiobook and will be continuing with the others in the series.

John says

Not as good as the main novels in the series. Something about the narrative feels different and I have to wonder if having a coauthor is the issue for me.

Julie Carter says

I listened to the audio version of this book, and once again it was a wonderful experience. The story was intense but a lot of fun, and of course Jeffrey Kafer's narration brought it to life.

I enjoy the storyline involving the elephant graveyard and liked having some familiar characters back. I am anxious to get the next book in this series, hopefully the audiobook again.

Fiona says

Hit the Road Jack - don't you come back no more no more no more hit the road Jack Don't you come back no more...

I am always singing this in my head when I read about King and then I think - Jack, JACK!!! don't go with the team!!!!

Yet another cracking Roller Coaster Ride with Mr Robinson and Friends..... and of course Jack !!!

Pamela says

I read this as part 1 in the ebook set mentioned by other reviewers. The only other one of the Chess Team Novellas I've read up until now was the first volume of Deep Blue, and I honestly don't remember much of what happened (probably because it was like a year and a half ago!). There was ... escaping involved. I think.

Anyhoodles, I read Robinson for good old-fashioned action-packed fun. If you are looking for Deep Philosophical Musings, please keep moving. The books can be a bit formulaic, but they work and they aren't ashamed of the craziness that goes on. This particular novella series follows the adventures of Jack Sigler, part of the deep black Chess Team. They do your dirty work so you don't have to, but they do so with morals and a good sense of camaraderie. Jack likes his Sig something something something pistol (not your run-of-the-mill Sig Sauer, mind) and his KA-BAR knife. He also loves his girlfriend, Sara, and his kind-of-but-not-really adoptive daughter, Fiona. He's a good dude.

The action starts here when Sara, who works for the CDC, gets called to Ethiopia on a verrrry shady-

sounding mission. She texts Jack, in code (good girl!), and he traces her. There's some science-y sounding stuff in here, some woo-woo mystical stuff (not too bad), and a lot of spent cartridges. We also have the myth of a supercomputer along the lines of HAL-3000, but here on Earth, which is about 3000 times worse than in space.

It was pretty competently done, although I have a niggling feeling that the copyeditor quit right before the end of the book, because these really bizarre grammatical errors kept popping up. It wasn't horrific, though, but it was noticeable.

Like a popcorn movie in book form.

David Dalton says

A fun action read. Just "King" from the special forces type unit called "The Chess Team". It was selling for \$2.99, which I felt was a tad high for a short novella type story. But now the publishers have included this story as part of a 3-novella collection called "The Brainstorm Trilogy" and are selling the collection for only \$0.99. Who could pass that up?

Think Indiana Jones & Die Hard combined together. A rumble in the jungle. I am hoping they collect all the other Chess Team one-shot novellas together in a collection as well. King was the only character to get more than one short novella all to himself.

Jamey Goodyear says

Are world corporations being run by one big supercomputer with AI?

King, Jack Sigler, starts off running and doesn't slow down. While returning from a mission, Jack receives a cryptic e-mail from his girlfriend, Sara Fogg. She's a detective with the CDC and has been called to Ethiopia to investigate a possible outbreak. Jack follows and finds that someone doesn't really want him there.

A scientific research company is looking into a myth about a graveyard of elephants in Ethiopia. The scientists find something but not what they expected. Now the fate of mankind is dependent on the health and survival of the scientist, Felice Carter, who "inherited" the wisdom of the "old mother."

A rogue CIA agent kidnaps Sara and Felice. He turns them over to a man from a defunct scientific corporation who works for Brainstorm, the supercomputer.

Throughout the story we get to see King's special brand of ingenuity and perseverance as he does all in his power to rescue his girlfriend, and Felice, with minimal help from Chess Team.

Jeremy Robinson, with Sean Ellis, write a fast paced, engrossing story with likeable lead characters. They show human weaknesses which makes them more authentic as well as showing the determination that we want our warriors and heroes to have.

In the vein of Cussler, Lincoln, Preston, and Rollins, this short story will hold your attention and leave you

wanting more. Fortunately, there are more Chess Team books.

Lianne Burwell says

I've read the first two Chess Team/Jack Sigler books in hardcover from the library. I've got book three on reserve, but in the meantime, I found out that the author is co-writing a series of novellas, self-published through ebook venues (I bought mine through Smashwords).

One thing I found out quickly is that there are a few spoilers for book three of the series, but nothing that would ruin reading that book when I get it, and you don't have to have read all three books before reading this novella, although I would recommend at least reading up to book two, since one of the main characters was introduced in that volume.

Jack Sigler, code-named King in the Chess Team, gets a cryptic text from his girlfriend (the above mentioned character), a scientist with the CDC who has been sent to Africa, and the message hints she could use some back-up. He quickly follows, getting there just as she attacked at a hospital and is rescued by unknown forces.

This leads to a mysterious elephant graveyard, what might be a civilization-threatening virus, and a villain that pushed my credulity until I got to literally the last page of the story.

That last page really perked me up and made me look forward to Callsign Queen, the next book in the six parts.

In some ways it is a very standard thriller, much like the novels, with a slightly bizarre twist, but they are fun reads. I will be buying the entire series as it becomes available on Smashwords.

Rian Martin says

The Chess Team books are a blast to read and I loved each of the Callsign books. Get to know each character a little better with a great story. You can't go wrong with Jeremy Robinson's books, check them out!

Bob says

This was actually a three book download for the Kindle. Action/thriller with a covert black ops operator up against an evil man/computer with plots to get free energy from space that awakens bigfootish creatures living deep underground and surfacing to attack everything in sight. Then there was the computer hacker hired by the same man/computer to sabotage the electricity grids but who has his own agenda to awaken a mini black hole to destroy the planet... Anyway you get the idea, writing is somewhat pulp fictiony in style but readable for a break from meatier fare.

Shawn says

This was excellent. A Jack Sigler adventure this has all the action one expects from Jeremy Robinson. With that we get some fantastic science dealing with a super computer and a long dormant virus. Kind of a combination between Contagion and Matrix, this is a great read. This is more a novella, a long novella, than a novel but wonderful. Bring on more.

Celeste says

At 188 pages this was pretty short fast paced kinda read. The problem I had with this was partly because of the info dumping that my tired brain couldn't handle and partly because I felt that putting the proper names of each and every piece of weaponry was a bit too on the nose. I mean I can't remember all those initially names nor do I think they particularly add anything to the story when used in conjunction with their other names. Apart from that while I have read the full length novels of the Chess team it was ages ago and I don't remember much about those books. So reading this was meant to be something of a re introduction to the characters and the story line. The problem is the characters aren't particularly fleshed out and Sigler comes off a bit too unbelievable.

It was just alright for me. 2.5 stars.

Dustin says

Callsign King Book 1 is a nice little episode featuring King from Jeremy Robinson's Chess Team books, first in a series of novellas following the previous books-Prime, Pulse, Instinct, and Threshold, in that order. King runs into new and old friends and enemies and takes on a global threat, all in a novella! This was a fun run, and now I need to read the next one, Callsign Queen! Read this book!

Melissa says

A relatively good short story. You can tell it was written with a coauthor though. I don't know if anyone else has problems with grammatical errors in e-books like I do, but this book was full of them. I tend to overlook them since I am finding a trend with many other e-books I am reading. It was a bit weird to see King on his own without the rest of the team but it did make me want to continue reading more, so I had to buy the rest of the books. I guess I will soon find out what is to come of my favorite team.

Jordan Anderson says

My love affair with Jeremy Robinson has been well documented and since late 2014, I have been working my way through his catalogue of books, reading what I can, when I can. Somehow, though, the

chesspocalypse novellas continued to fall through the cracks and I found myself skipping over them in favor of his longer novels.

I suppose it's only fitting then that, on this last day of 2016 draws to a close and my reading goal for the year has been vastly unachieved, I finally got around to downloading the entire collection and trying to squeeze just one more book onto that list. And thankfully *Callsign: King* was a perfect story to close out the year.

I'm not saying this particular novella is amazing or even close to Robinson's best work, but it does its job well, being a quick paced read and a short look into Robinson's main character, Jack Sigler, aka: King. It, along with the 7 other novellas in the series, also fill in the gap between the two bookend novels (*Threshold* and *Ragnarok* respectively). Plus, at only 180 or so pages, it's just long enough to keep the reader enticed, yet short enough to get too involved or stuck plodding along.

If you're a fan of any of the *Chess Team* novels, or just a fan of Robinson in general, there's no doubt that this novella is worth your time.

Warren Thoms says

A good little story centering on King. This is part of a larger story but told one book for each member of the team.
