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When film tycoon, Sir Robert Hellier, loses his daughter to heroin, he declares war on the drug peddlers. London drug specialist, Nicholas Warren, is called in to organise an expedition to the Middle East, in an attempt to track down the big-time dope runners, inveigle themselves into their confidence and make them an offer they can't refuse. No expense is spared in the plans for their capture, but with a hundred million dollars worth of heroin at stake, the 'spoilers' must use methods as ruthless as their prey.

The Spoilers Details

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Aravind says

The first book by Desmond Bagley I read was "Vivero Letter" which was a fantastic tale of action, adventure and suspense which made me an instant fan... Then I had read a couple of his other works and the status stayed. And now, after more than ten years, I've read this one and am happy that I did. Yes, this stands not up to the standard set by the others I've read, but it does not make it dull or uninteresting. The somewhat predictable story line is compensated amply by the non stop action and engaging characters. For me, The Spoilers was a lot of fun!

Huw Collingbourne says

Very pedestrian and predictable "thriller" from Bagley. At his best he is one of the very best of thriller writers (e.g. The Vivero Letter, Running Blind). But this is just a series of car chases and explosions in exotic locations. I can't help thinking he was maybe hoping to get it picked up as the basis of a film (James Bond is gratuitously mentioned a few times). A very bland book which falls a long way short of the standard I'd generally expect from Bagley.

Strong Extraordinary Dreams says

I remember enjoying this as a teenager: it might have been great, or so-so. I enjoyed it and it didn't change my life.

If you like adventure and guys fighting and doing stuff with jeeps, this could be a great book for you.

Subrahmanya V says

A movie tycoon loses his daughter to drugs & he wages a private war on the drug mafia, this private war is the subject of this novel. It is a racy ruthless story & provides an insight into how the drug industry (cultivation to processing to peddling) works. My school teacher recommended this book to me & I thank him for indirectly educating me (i was in school when I read this & would love to read this again).
Recommendation - high

Paul Parkinson says

See my comment in Tightrope Men. Trying to decide if I want to get rid of the books or not. They appear to be rare.

Akshay Parakkote says

A book of complete action in which a bunch of guys fighting against some drug lords .. big guns ,torpedoes , hot lady villain , upgraded vehicles, ships etc and these makes the book kind of awesome

Rik says

Typical Bagley fare; though not his best, it was still an enjoyable action packed adventure. You don't get too much character development, it's all about the mix of untried 'righteous' goodies against the villainous baddies.
