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## Hunt the Jackal Details

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## Joshualowe says

SEAL Team Six: Hunt the Jackal was written by Don Mann. In this book a U.S. Senator's wife and daughter were kidnapped by the Jackal, a Mexican drug lord. Tom Crocker and the members of SEAL team six were sent to Mexico to save the two women. This book is one of the better books that I have read. I would put this book in my top five favorite books. I really enjoyed the book because it was action packed, filled with excitement, and had many interesting plot twists. One thing that I really liked about this book was the bond between the members of SEAL team six. The team worked very smooth and well together and they all were willing to sacrifice their lives for each other. One strength about this book is that it had a very fast pace and always left me wondering what would happen next. There was nothing about this book that I didn't like and I felt that the book had no weaknesses.

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## Schuyler Wallace says

There was a time I was a voracious reader of war novels. Then, for some obscure reason, I drifted into other genres and lost my interest. But I'm glad I read "Seal Team Six: Hunt the Jackal." The excitement returned, the interest in weaponry and its evolution returned, and heroic deeds of brave men once again seemed energizing.

I thank the authors for reviving my interest. Don Mann, the ex-Seal, and Ralph Pezzullo, the writer, have combined their talents into a well conceived and fast paced adventure of the military operations conducted by our super sailors, the members of Seal Team Six. I suspect that Mann has many magnificent stories to relate, some of which might prompt Pezzullo to urge for a little restraint, but the overall team effort is exciting and informative with just enough credible heroics to keep the story moving.

This is not the usual war story in that the operations are conducted against the Mexican drug scene. However, cartels operate like small armies with highly trained and vicious "soldiers" using modern weapons with explosive firepower. There are also more clandestine operations giving the story a personal flavor as compared to the large scale troop conflicts. In the case of this book, where a Seal team is utilized to rescue a United States Senator's wife and daughter from drug cartel kidnappers, the operations are very much the same as those used in what we might consider normal warfare with a smaller cast.

The operations are realistic, the dialogue is what we'd expect from a group of macho tough guys, the sentimental thoughts and tender moments are memorable and appropriate, and a sense of patriotism is invoked in the midst of the violence and murder our heroes encounter. The pace is swift and the excitement never wanes. My only negative thought throughout the book concerned the repeated name-dropping of celebrities. I'm not sure what the idea was but there was too much of that. Otherwise, I really enjoyed the trip.

Apparently the authors have created a series of these Seal Team Six missions. I intend to explore them and, based on this particular effort, would recommend the entire series for lovers of this type of adventure.

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## **DelAnne Frazee says**

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## My Review Of "Hunt the Jackal":

From opening lines to the last word; "Hunt the Jackal" is a fast moving novel that pulls the reader in and holds them hostage as they read of Seal Six Team's latest mission. Join Thomas Crocker and his team as they jump off the pages and bring this story to life for the reader. Don Mann's experience in the Seals shows in every scene and each and every character.

As one who prefers the light cozy and humorous romance this is definitely not my usual genre of choice. Yet since I opened the first book in this series "Hunt the Wolf" I have not been able to stop wanting more. The series will touch something deep in the soul of those who have served and those who have had to wave good bye to them. Thank you to all who have done so, know that I keep you all in my prayers daily. Thank you to Don Mann for allowing us a glimpse into the world we fear and dread for families and friends, but can never thank them enough for the bravery they display each day they live it. My rating of "Hunt the Jackal" is 4.5 out of 5 stars.

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## **Ryan says**

A book that can be finished within a day due to its fast paced narration and gripping storyline, weaving two stories hand in hand to a adventurous finish.

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## **Hannah says**

SEAL Team Six book four, Hunt the Jackal by Don Mann and Ralph Pezzullo hits it really close to home with a fight against a Mexican drug cartel. It was amazing how fast I read through this book, aside from usual mommy duties that take me away from reading, it seemed like I zipped right through it. It was probably the best one yet, action packed and suspenseful that had me not wanting to put it down. Unlike the other three this didn't really have an extended slow part in the story; it flowed nicely from beginning to end.

U.S. Senator's wife and daughter, Lisa and Olivia Clark are kidnapped right out of their Hotel room in Sedona, Arizona by one of the notorious Mexican drug cartels. Held for ransom the release of their people in American prison's will bring them home if not their heads will be sent home in a box.

Black Cell is flying over territory trying to retrieve a drone that crashed. Everything is going smooth they are successful in finding the fallen drone, then during the recovery their helicopter crashes killing all but one. Crocker and his remaining men are surrounded by enemy soldiers and barely make it all out. Crocker dealing with the after affects of the trauma is having a hard time dealing until he sees that his friend and former SEAL, U.S. Senator Clark on the news talking about his wife and daughter. Crocker feels the best way to feel better is to help someone else in need. He asks his C.O. but Captain Sutter denies his request at first but one sly call to his old friend and the joint forces of the FBI and DEA accept the help from Black Cell for the recovery of the Clark woman.

Ivan Jouma also know as El Chacal, The Jackal, is the head of Los Zetas and the responsible party for kidnapping. He spouts a bunch of nonsense blaming American on a bunch of stuff but it's all a crock, he has ulterior motives for the kidnapping. Keeping the woman drugged and comfortable he is just bidding his time. We also see the side of the story from Lisa's POV, which is a nice touch.

Black Cell undercover once again this time in Guadalajara, Mexico with their FBI/DEA team with the deadline looming closer finally get the sources and track down where the woman are being held. Plans are made and executed but the compound is empty and they walked straight into a trap and just barely make it out. By the time they make it back to the safe house they find the entire team dead with their heads on the coffee table. Turns out there was a leak and Jouma was warned. Tracking back the leak they find the new place the woman are being held. With the tentative relations between the U.S. and Mexico the chances of Black Cell being able to go and rescue them.

The deadline minutes away, Crocker makes the choice to rescue them knowing the corrupt Mexican Federales aren't going to save them. Meanwhile Lisa Clark makes a statement and talks about her time captive. Senator Clark has high hopes of her being returned. Crocker and his men execute a quick infiltration of the property the Clark woman are supposed to be but only find Lisa Clark, Jouma and Olivia no where to be found the house on fire and the Federales on their tails Crocker and Mancini stay behind to keep the other escape clear, and meet up with everyone in Panama City. The Mexican government very upset about it and Crocker taking the blame, the authorities have released that Olivia died in the house fire, but Crocker and Mrs. Clark and the rest of Black Cell know better and with the information from Mrs. Clark and the info Crocker got from the rescue they know where Olivia is and why. Black Cell then goes in a clandestine mission into Cuba to rescue Olivia Clark.

There is one thing left unanswered, well at least I don't remember, and I wonder if it will come up in the next book?? I hope so. This is my favorite of the four books and this wraps up my "SEAL Team Six Saturday". Go forth and enjoy some good reads.

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## **Dianne says**

What kind of man is so patriotic that they would undergo brutal training, live a danger-filled life that is deep black ops? Men like Tom Crocker and his SEAL Team, who are called in when there is no other choice and the mission is impossible. Once again, the Seal Team is called in to rescue a diplomat's wife and daughter from the hands of Mexican terrorists and narcotics cartel. With little time to plan their mission, they are ambushed and the kidnap victims are nowhere to be found. There is a traitor on the inside, as time races to the finish, Crocker and his team now has two agendas, find the traitor and find the women, alive.

**Hunt the Jackal** by Don Mann once again, takes the reader to the frontline of the bravest and best fighting machines around. Once again, we see the human side of their job, the devastation each mission can have on each soldier. Don Mann has created a gritty and dark world that flies by chaotically as action is coming in from all directions. For this type of read, I don't want my heroes to be more than human, I want to know they are every bit as good as the real men who have faced down the enemy, every bit as human and that is exactly what Mr. Mann has given us. For those who enjoy a high tension, non-stop military thriller, here is your next great read.

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## Jack Stubblefield says

This was exactly what I needed; quick paced action novel. First time reading this series and I enjoyed it. Well written with enough twists and tense moments to make the book really interesting. I'm going to have to find the other books in this series. Good stuff, Maynard!

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## Ian Wood says

This is the complete review as it appears at my blog dedicated to reading, writing (no 'rithmetic!), movies, & TV. Blog reviews often contain links which are not reproduced here, nor will updates or modifications to the blog review be replicated here. Graphic and children's novels reviewed on the blog will generally have some images from the book's interior, which are not reproduced here.

I rated this novel warty!

**WARNING! UNHIDDEN SPOILERS! PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

Don Mann is a retired chief warrant officer with the US Navy, who has actually been a SEAL. This is what attracted me to this novel because I felt it would be authentic, which is what I like in a military novel. I'm sorry that it didn't feel at all authentic once I began reading it. The Hunt for Red October aside, I'm not a Tom Clancy fan (where every novel reads like a training manual), but neither am I a fan of novels in that genre which offer no military details. I like the Goldilocks novel: the kind where there's enough to make it feel real without it being a dry recitation of weapons and tactics, but this novel just didn't do it for me. Don Mann has a series of "Hunt the [Despised Animal]" novels. I'm guessing from this one that they're very formulaic, and therefore uninteresting to me.



I'm not sure why this novel had to begin by stating a woman's age: "Forty-two-year-old Lisa Clark", but it's one of those novels which starts with the first few words in larger font, so we're actually yelling it out, and those words which are announced so loudly happen to be: FORTY-TWO YEAR OLD! Like pay attention: this woman is old and therefore useless! Note that we get no ages given for any of the men! This seems like a journalistic thing to me, where ages, no matter how irrelevant they are to the story, are always reported. There was no reason at all for her age to be rolled out because it played no part whatsoever in the story. Indeed, neither did she, really. The parts featuring Lisa as the hostage held no interest whatsoever and were boring as hell.

Mann has been helped in writing this by Ralph Pezzullo, so I have no way of knowing which of them contributed what to the writing or who to blame for the poor take on women. And poor take it is. There is another woman appearing in these first few pages, and none of the descriptions suggests that we should be remotely interested in women as anything other than sex toys for men. Who cares if she has a mind or what that mind is like? Yeah, I get that these are supposed to be 'rough and tough' novels aimed at a certain male demographic, but that's still no excuse for demeaning or objectifying women. I immediately felt that I was not going to like this novel because of that. Nevertheless, I pressed on, and while that attitude wasn't as prominent in subsequent pages as it had been at the start, the novel became a tedious and uninviting read for other reasons.

Note that there is a huge difference between having a character in a novel demean women, and having the actual tone of the novel itself being demeaning. I don't like it any more when a character objectifies a woman, but there are people like that and it's plainly stupid to rail against a writer who depicts real life. Such a case is an excusable use of this approach, but actually writing the objectification into the tone and narrative of the novel is a different matter entirely, and there is no excuse for that. It's particularly noticeable here because we can contrast it with a quote that's given later (supposedly up on the wall in the Seal Team Six training room), from Mia Hamm, which appears in her book *Go For the Goal*. This token nod to the value of a female perspective is an insult given the derogatory milieu in which we find it.

Back to the story in progress! In the "galley" copy I read, page numbering starts with the cover as page one, so the novel starts on page eight, which is a bit weird, and yes, I know this is a 'galley proof', but in this electronic era, there really is no excuse for sub-standard or non-standard proofs. Anyway, we start on page eight with Lisa being kidnapped from her bathtub by some new (and evidently quite youthful) terrorist group who identify themselves as La Santísima Muerte (that's 'The Blessed Death' in English). Next we move, still in the same chapter, to the Middle East, where Seal Team Six is trying to recover a predator drone which has unexpectedly gone down, but even though they're in northern Syria, the mission starts going south really quickly.

I have to ask what happened to the other five Seal teams?! How come no one ever talks or writes about them?! Funnily enough, these authors do mention Seal Teams One and Two, but only in passing.

This action on Northern Syria was when the novel started feeling realistic to me. We have brave and dedicated men putting their lives on the line and this part felt gripping and very readable (if a little overly dramatic), because we know that men and women of the armed services do this on a daily basis, and whether or not you agree with their mission takes nothing from their skill, dedication, sacrifice, and guts.

There's a serious error in the text where they talk about M47 grenades. I think they mean M67. The XM47 is a riot control grenade. The M67 is what's military issue. I'm not sure about an M67 grenade explosion lifting a pick-up truck into the air however! I suppose it's possible if it detonated a full fuel tank, but grenades are fragmentation devices no different from a pipe bomb or an IED. One of them is likely to perforate a truck

and anyone in it (with sufficient proximity), but it's more likely for the shrapnel to rip through it or put serious dents in it than it is to lift it off the ground. This isn't Hollywood, where every explosion is larded up with gasoline to create that spectacular orange and red plume (and resultant pollution)! Note that M47 is also the designation of the Patton tank produced by the USA in the early fifties. Now that M47 would lift a truck!

Here's another error: on page 42, I read that "stars died and broke up into asteroids". What? Someone needs a serious education in cosmology. Stars do die, but they shrink to dwarf stars, or neutron stars or black holes (dependent upon their initial size). In this process, some of them explode as supernovas, spewing gas, dust, and elemental particles (not asteroids) into space to feed other stars. Yes, those particles might eventually end-up in asteroids, or in planets, but 'breaking up into asteroids' is nowhere near an accurate way to describe this process. Some of those elements created in a supernova are actually inside you right now. We're quite literally made of 'stardust'. How cool is that?

You would think a novel like this would be able to hold my interest, but in the end it simply wasn't very good. Seal Team Six is reduced, in this novel, to rescuing hostages in Mexico from a drug lord masquerading as an acolyte of the Aztec religion, and it's just not that exciting, not even when they get into a pitched battle with the Mexican federales. In fact, that part just seemed like far too big of a stretch, and for me it lacked credibility. Something like this would have ended up triggering a massive international incident. I found myself skipping more and more pages, which of course meant that some of what I did read made no sense.

Far from getting the engrossing military yarn I'd hoped for, I got an uninteresting mess which I honestly cannot recommend.

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## **Martin says**

napinavy pribeh z prostredi specialnich jednotek Navy SEALs...kdyby z teto knihy natocili film, tak to bude trhak!

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## **Will says**

### **SUBJECTIVE REVIEW FOLLOWS:**

I just got introduced to Dom Mann, and I can assure you I'll read every other book he's written within the next month. Mann's experience as a SEAL shows through, and his mastery of state of the art weaponry is incredible. The storyline for Hunt the Jackal is excellent, believable and scary. Any action adventure/thriller fan will love this book, and I say that with much assurance. Mann captures the Mitch Rapp and Scot Harvath and brings it home to ass-kicking realism that I will forever miss with the passing of Vince Flynn. If you don't like action thriller suspense and violence, don't bother with this book. Leave it to the rest of us who inhale it. I considered while I was reading this book whether I was going to assign four or five stars, but by the end of it there was no holding back. Enjoy the ride folks!

### **SPOILER PLOT SUMMARY FOLLOWS:**

Hunt the Jackal. SEAL Team Six (DEVGRU) team leader Tom Crocker is a member of Black Cell, the

group that gets the shit assignments and is recovering a downed drone in Syria when things go wrong and he loses two of his teammates. While trying to recover from this setback, SEN Jesse Clark, a former SEAL, finds his wife Lisa and daughter Olivia are kidnapped from their vacation sap in Sedona, NM. Tom worms his way onto the assignment to go recover the two women in Mexico, facing up to the most brutal Mexican gangs. They find their quarry in Guadalajara, but are tipped off on the way from a CIA safe house and find the women gone and the Federales coming in for the kill. After taking numerous wounds, they escape and find the CIA safe house empty, all the employees beheaded. They regroup with the Mexico CIA CoS and discover the women have been flown to Tapachula, on the border with Guatemala. Black Cell attacks the hacienda and rescues Lisa Clark, but the Jackal and Olivia are nowhere to be found. After overnight CIA/NSA analysis of the airplane Ivan fled in, they are discovered to be in Havana, and medical reports on Jouma's health indicate that he cannot live without a liver transplant and that the abduction was more about his survival than any political agenda. Black Cell parachutes to the Cuban coastline, find Olivia just at the doctor is slicing her abdomen open and take down the place, killing Jouma. They hijack a US pleasure craft in a Havana marina and get Olivia back in time. Meanwhile, Jouma has put his henchmen to find Crocker and Mancini's family in Virginia and kill them in revenge for the two destroyed haciendas in southern Mexico. Tom arrives as the Mexican hit men have his house staked out and is able to save his wife and daughter, but his daughter's friend dies in the attack.

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### **Susana789 says**

Nenáro?ná rýchlovka, dostato?ne ak?ná a s nevyhnutnou dávkou patriotizmu. ?ítalo sa to na jeden zá?ah skoro samo, žiadne literárne experimenty, ale vyhovujúca miera lineárne epickej deskripcie.

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### **Sandy Neal says**

Riveting! I didn't put this book down!

The reader is the fly on the shoulder of Crocker as Seal Team Six pursues the leader of a Mexican drug cartel who has kidnapped an influential senator's wife and daughter. National lines are crossed, split-second decisions are made, the latest equipment is used, and politics be damned.

The reader gets a taste of the danger some of our nation's heros walk into on a regular basis, the emotional toll it takes on them and the sacrifices made by their families who share them with us.

An advance copy of this book was provided through Goodreads Giveaways.

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### **Daniel says**

Explosive ending, must keep reading.

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## **Barb says**

“Seal Team Six: Hunt the Jackal” finds Tom Crocker, seal team leader of the “black cell” team, trying to rescue the wife and daughter of a U. S. Senator from the clutches of a vengeful Mexican drug lord.

Tom Crocker and his team are called in when a situation looks hopeless. They risk everything in order to get the job done. There are some really evil people in the world and warriors like these are the only thing that stands between us and those who wish to destroy us for their own evil purposes.

This book is outstanding. It is definitely the best in the “Seal Team Six” series. This book even begins to show a side of Tom Crocker that reveals his beliefs in a world beyond this one. Tom becomes more of a real person, with thoughts and feelings beyond the current battle. He is becoming a more complex character, and I find that makes the story more than just “the good guy vs. the bad guy”. The book was really well-done and I highly recommend it.

I was provided a free copy of this book for review from Mulholland Books and Net Gallery. I was under no obligation to provide a favorable review.

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## **Venky Sethuraman says**

Good fast read about a SEAL operation.

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