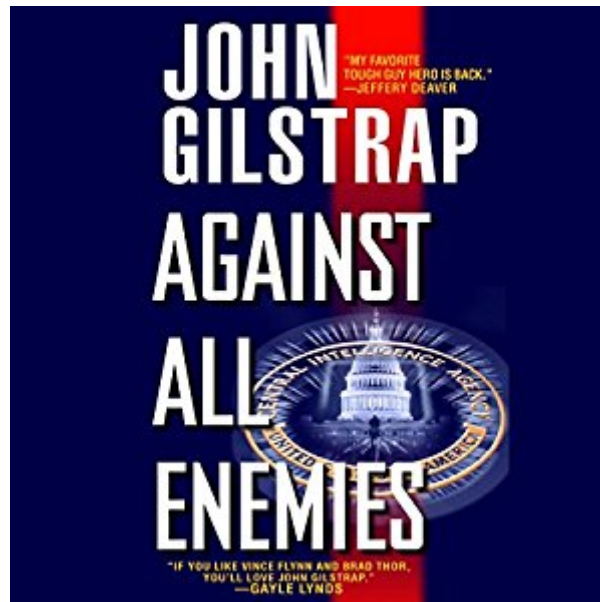


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Against All Enemies



Synopsis

Jonathan Grave finds it hard to believe that a fellow combat vet has gone rogue, killing American agents and leaking sensitive intel to hostile foreign interests. With black ops assassins on the trail of his old friend, Grave sets out to get to him first. He finds far more than he bargained for. Not only the wily operative but evidence of a conspiracy so dangerous, so far reaching, that an unthinkable tragedy is in motion. Grave and his elite team of specialists must expose a deadly high-level secret - and do it in time to avert a catastrophe of historic proportions.

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Customer Reviews

Any John Gilstrap novel packs the punch of a rocket-propelled grenade--on steroids! Gilstrap is the New York Times bestselling author of intense hostage rescue thrillers featuring Jonathan "Digger" Grave and Brian Van de Muelebrocke, who, gratefully, has the abbreviated moniker Boxers. From a military background, both had sworn to obey the orders of the President and protect the United States "against all enemies, foreign and domestic." The vilified President Tony Darmond has been reelected, with the narrowest vote margin since the hanging chad election of 2000. "[T]he Darmond administration is the most dangerous group that's ever sat in Washington." Dylan "Boomer" Nasbe, a former member of Jonathan's elite Middle-East Unit, has gone rogue, reportedly killing three government alphabet-acronym operatives. Coincidentally, a congressional representative is assassinated, and a senator stares into the barrel of a sawed-off shotgun. Thickening the mix is a group of anarchists called Patriots Army, a militia that intends to topple the Darmond administration

and "eliminate the structural barriers that kept voters from having the voice they earned." Even "The National Command Authority is planning a coup." This novel begins in Afghanistan, where Nasbe witnesses a young informant tortured to death. Jonathan learns that his friend is dead meat, unless he's brought back to the States. How, then, does Nasbe wind up on Jonathan's Black Ops team, along with Boxers and Jolaine (covert name "She Devil"), to invade Patriots Army? Those ragtag militia members "weren't even soldiers. They were amateurs with guns and delusions." Tentacles of intrigue reach into FBI headquarters and military hierarchy. Lines are crossed and new ones drawn. The philosophy of killing to preserve life takes on new meaning, especially when a "bullet literally separated the kid's head from his shoulders, in a massive pink spray of bone and brains." But "Jonathan had spent a lifetime keeping the emotional doors of his mind closed. Hermetically sealed." How many saw Nazis for what they were and didn't end the horror before it began? Following *End Game*, Gilstrap grabs the reader's attention in a literary vice grip. Each installment of the Jonathan Grave series is a force majeure of covert incursions and a darn good read.

In "Against All Enemies", John Gilstrap presents his latest Jonathan Grave (Scorpion) novel as a fast paced edge -of-the-seat thriller that poses provocative questions about the efficacy of a planned coup against the US government. While certainly entertaining as a stand alone effort, "Against All Enemies" has seemed to inspire political enmities from many readers. Dylan "Boomer" Nasbe, a former member of Grave's black ops team is being hunted by US agents for apparently killing several CIA agents and leaking secrets to foreign governments. Grave and his team are enlisted to find and bring Boomer in alive so that he can be debriefed and protected, if necessary. Finding Boomer poses no problem but he quickly points Scorpion, Boxers, and their team toward a conspiracy so laughable yet so deadly in its intent that immediate action is necessary to both defeat the threat and trace it back to the highest levels of the US military. As usual, the Jonathan Grave series is fun fast-paced reading with good guys fighting bad guys in confrontations that often get obscured in areas of gray when the absolutes of white and black are no longer realistic. Innocents can be killed and laws can be stretched or broken in the name of the greater good. Major characters are always well defined and the dialogue is both credible and often amusing. Of course, this series comes with constant action, violence, and a fair share of suspense and thrills. Recommended for those fans of action/adventure thrillers who don't get overly caught up in political leanings or messages.

Ever since I randomly chose Nathan's Run many years ago I have never failed to be thoroughly entertained by the books of John Gilstrap. His newest thriller with his continuing character Jonathan Grave is a real page turner and will keep you up reading until the wee hours of the night. Once you read John Gilstrap you'll want to read them all and I'm happy to say he'd written quite a few. This author is now on my list of favorites and I pre-order all his books. From a voracious reader in foggy San Francisco.

I have read the entire series of Jonathan Grave books and, after this one, will read no more. I previously admired the main character for his determination to right wrongs, to adhere to a moral code, but in this book (#7) wrongs were done to so many with only a slight nod the possibility that they even happened. In addition, the author appears to be pushing his right-wing political philosophy on the reader. It started in earlier books, but this was pretty blatant. I'm really sorry he had to spoil a good series.

Like all of Jonathan Graves adventures this one does not disappoint. I was hoping for a little more closure with the main character and one of the team and I'm hoping maybe that will be addressed in a different book. I loved the book. I recommend it, but even tho they are stand alone books, you will want to start in the beginning so you don't miss a thing.

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