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Kim67 Green says

Started off well then gradually went down hill , almost as if the writer needed a few quid and was rushing to get it done , when I say writer I find it difficult to muster that Chris Ryan actually wrote this well possibly started it but half way through it just became rubbish , not what I'm used to reading at all !

Graham says

Cliché builds on cliché in this hugely disappointing outing from Ryan, a sequel to the excellent Greed in which it appears the author wasn't even interested in writing this one at all, instead just doing it for the money.

The Increment is a largely predictable storyline, with some suspense and action to make it just about worthwhile, but anyone who's read any of Ryan's previous books – especially Greed – will find themselves in familiar territory. Even the twists, double-twists and surprise ending are all matter-of-fact and routine by now, making this a chore to read on occasion. And God, is it sloppy!

Packed with spelling errors and typos, it seems the proof-reader at Century isn't up to the job. To make matters Ryan, Ryan is lazier here than ever before, repeating the same cliched sayings over and over again, injecting italicised comments into the text from his own experience which we've heard a hundred times before. There's a femme fatale with plenty of lethal secrets in her handbag, just like in the past three stories I read, and tough bad guys who don't mind spilling blood.

I'm all for brainless action-fests as much as the next guy, and whilst The Increment does contain thrilling material – especially the attack on the factory and in the return of ex-IRA hero Ivan Rowe, towards the end it becomes really predictable, ending in an unrealistic climax on board a train in which the violence and gore becomes cartoonish. Over the top it might be, but this stopped being close to real life some time back. Try harder next time, Ryan.

Anthony Ambrose says

Not as good as the excellent first Matt Browning book. 'Greed'. But worth a read netherless.

Jarrad Jones says

This book isn't as good as the first book in the Matt Browning series. I think this because as the book progressed it got more confusing and hard to understand. What happened in this book was the money that Matt had stolen from the Al-quaeda boat was frozen by MI6. Guy Abbot paid Matt a visit and asked him to do one last job and his bank accounts will be unfrozen. The job was to take over this factory which was making fake and replacing them with the real ones sold by Mr Lacriere. But the twist is when he gets there he finds

out that the mission was a fake and they were really trying to find an antidote for a drug called XP-22. This drug made people braver on the battlefield, but the side effect it made them crazy in the process. Will they find the antidote?

Ricardo says

lots of military tactics, SAS one-liners and beautiful women in complicated, err, plots

Tyson Adams says

This is my second Chris Ryan novel and definitely not my last, good 3.5 star book. Chris and Andy McNab are both authors, both ex-SAS, both drawing upon their experience doing this thriller stuff for real. If I had to pick between the two authors, I'd have to say that I didn't really want to piss either off. Chris is the better writer, but one thing I've noted is that both of their novels have an element of luck involved in the protagonist's success.

I'm guessing the reason for this is down to experience of combat. I'd love to hear from combat vets and their thoughts on this. I suppose being shot at would feel random as to who doesn't get hit.

This adventure sees Matt Browning finding that no-one ever really quits doing work for the intelligence services. The reason for this not getting a 4 star is that the story is a little cliche and somewhat predictable. Still plenty of plot twists to enjoy.

Razia says

Enjoyed reading.

Gbolahan says

I wish I had the energy for a full review.
Book started well.
Degenerated into something fake.

Rod Zemke says

3.75

Dinesh V says

Felt very interesting. Kept my attention span without distracting. Good to know about the SAS and its military operations. Like they mention it is a proverbial express for sure.

Johan says

Een recht voor de raap actieverhaal. Had ik nodig om mijn gedachten te verzetten na twee emo-vampieren verhalen van Anne Rice. Nu voel ik me terug klaar voor het serieuzere werk.

Grace says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I don't think it was as good as the first one in the series, Greed but it was readable just the same. This is the 3rd book that I have read by this author and I have enjoyed them all.

Paul says

Interesting idea where there is a hit squad. I thought it would be more about the activities of this hit squad, but instead it was more about the ex-SAS individual. Nevertheless, quite a good read.

Mohit Ajwani says

Nice fast paced novel. Good suspense.

Jamie Brannen says

big fan of chris ryan and so far this book is brilliant, so much action packed in. chris has major talent in writing and with his personal experiences in the SAS being used to add a personal touch to the books make his pieces incredible to read!
