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The brand new action-packed sixth Code Red adventure thriller for young readers

Fourteen-year-old Ben Tracy goes to Pakistan with his environmental-activist mother, who then travels across the border into Afghanistan, leaving Ben behind, where it's safe. But Ben and his new friend, Aarya, are kidnapped and find themselves caught up in a terrifying planned Taliban attack that could destroy Southern Afghanistan killing thousands. And when Ben sees their kidnappers are carrying some sort of weapon that looks like a suitcase, he realizes that their lives are in serious danger.

## **Battleground Details**

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### **Mii says**

This was a great read!

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### **Jamie says**

‘Code Red: Battleground’ by Chris Ryan is an action-filled adventure which most readers will find completely engrossing.

The book focuses on the themes of modern warfare and so is recommended for those with a love for military based reads. The story’s main plot follows a fourteen year old teenager named Ben Tracy who was born in Macclesfield, Cheshire. Whilst taking part in a school organized exchange trip, he finds himself kidnapped and held hostage by a group of strange armed men. Worse still, when Ben finds out that the men are carrying a suitcase bomb he realises he may have stumbled on a sinister terrorist plot that is about to unfold.

One of the reasons this book is so addictive is because most of the story is seen from Ben’s point-of-view. The reader sees what Ben sees, and we only know what Ben has managed to find out. By using this clever technique, Chris Ryan repeatedly establishes a real bond between his character and the reader. We feel more involved in the plot and this makes the book much more enjoyable. Another reason is that this book is in actual fact very realistic. It might not seem that way at first, but the overall plot is something that COULD happen to this day and age. Chris Ryan has made sure to emphasise this fact by including the following information before the prologue in his book.

On 7 September 1997, former Soviet military commander Alexander Lebev claimed that 100 Russian-made suitcase sized nuclear bombs were currently ‘not under Russian control’. The Russian Federation denied these claims, but they were backed up by Stanislav Lunev, the highest-ranking Soviet officer ever to defect from Russia. Lunev believed that some of these nuclear weapons had already been deployed. What was beyond doubt was that the Russians no longer knew where they were ...

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### **Peter says**

Was not that impressed with unrealistic plot, surely this author can do better.

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### **Mohammad Syed says**

I think Battleground by Chris Ryan is an amazing book. I loved it. I enjoyed it a lot. It is also one of my favorite books. It is so interesting I couldn’t stop reading it once I started it, which is weird because I don’t find many books that I enjoy and are interesting to me. But this book was one of the best I have read yet. I think everyone else should also read it.

