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Packed with high-powered action and stunning authenticity, the novels of Brigadier General A.J. Tata have won widespread acclaim from the bestselling masters of suspense. In *Direct Fire*, he brings the war on terror to America—with his hero, Jake Mahegan, caught in the crossfire. . . .

A powerful banker, gunned down in cold blood. A military family, senselessly slaughtered as they sleep. A four-star general, hacked and framed by virtual assassins. Another key general, kidnapped from his farm near Fort Bragg. Atrocities like these are all too common in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. But this is the United States of America . . .

When Jake Mahegan receives a distress call from General Savage in North Carolina, he rushes to the commander's home—and walks right into an ambush. When the smoke clears, Mahegan is alive but the implications of the attack are as absolute as death: *The terrorists are here . . . and no one is safe*. Joining forces with Savage's combat JAG officer, Alexandra Russell, Mahegan follows the trail to a killer who goes by the name "Jackknife," a Syrian refugee-turned-terrorist who vows to avenge the bombing of a Syrian wedding—by killing as many Americans as possible.

But time is running out for Mahegan. Terrorist cells are gathering in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Hackers are emptying the nation's banks of millions of dollars. And their final act of vengeance will bring the whole world to its knees. For Mahegan, it's time to kill. Now.

Direct Fire Details

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Pat Byrnes says

Direct Fire is a fly by the seat of your pants THRILLER!!!!

While this is only my second novel I've read by A J, I'm a fan of his writing. I will seek out Mr. Tata for hours of reading enjoyment.

Things are happening in America and across the globe. Are they connected? If so, what is the connection. Well it goes back to a mission from four years ago and General Savage and his band of black ops operators totally messed up and took out civilians. It happens, but someone is out to exact revenge.

Jake Mahegan is on the kill list, but must figure out what is happening in the country he loves, while also being hunted by local authorities for a crime he didn't commit. Can Jake save his comrades and his country from evil? Purchase Direct Evil and you will be taken for a ride with many twist and turns that will leave you exhausted.

A J has many diverse characters that make Direct Fire a hit. The story is complex and tangled to keep the reader turning the page. You'll root for some and wish evil on others, while wishing some did not make an early exit. A J has a way to throw in a little subtle humor, that makes the novel that much more enjoyable.

If your genre is Action/Thriller, then A J is the author for you.

S. Bomstein says

Unbelievable action and energy.

Entwined plots and exhausting action.

Well planned character's. Unusual but believable storylines.

Want to read next book with this team.

John M Bowen says

Tony does it again -- he is quickly becoming as 'go to' as Lee Child, Daniel Silva, etc... A great read that makes you think about geopolitical developments in a new light...

Cheryl says

Clayton Mahegan, the Hawk Wolf, is back in another thriller

Former Army paratrooper, ex-Delta Force operative and Native American from the Outer Banks of North

Carolina Chayton "Jake" Mahegan is back in another thriller authored by retired Brigadier General A.J. Tata. The story takes place in North Carolina with flashbacks to a disastrous mission in Syria.

This time Jake is on the run PLUS looking for Syrian terrorists on U.S. soil. Framed for the murder of a family, Jake is doing all he can to stay away from law enforcement, the Syrians, and the military.

Acts of terrorism including murder, hindering banking and transportation are happening in the U.S. and to U.S. citizens on foreign soil, all to cloud the waters to the terrorists main objective.

Jake is helped along the way by the daughter of a general and also one of the first female graduates of the U.S. Army's elite Ranger school.

This is a very fast-paced thriller that was a bit convoluted at times when it didn't necessarily need to be. I would have rated this with 3.5 stars if I could have but rounded up to 4 stars because it did hold my attention all the way through.

I received this book from Kensington Books through Net Galley in the hopes that I would read the book and leave an unbiased review.

Linda Schmidt- says

Not only does AJ Tata write exciting action-novels, but he shows he can also write fascinating psychological studies. His super-hero Jake Mahegan works with a female Army Ranger Cassie Bagwell, along with his former teammates and General Savage to stop a terrorist plot.

The Real Book Spy says

See this review and more at www.TheRealBookSpy.com

Former brigadier general turned best-selling author A.J. Tata (*Besieged*, 2017) kicks off his fourth Jake Mahegan thriller with a powerful opening that introduces readers to Jackknife, a cold-blooded killer who serves as a worthy antagonist and a formidable opponent for Tata's hero.

After slaughtering a billionaire banker and his family in the dark of the night, Jackknife turns his attention to the next name on his list—former Army paratrooper and ex-Delta Force operative, Jake Mahegan.

Meanwhile, upon receiving an urgent text from General Bob Savage over his secure Zebra communications app instructing him to meet former Delta teammates, Patch Owens and Sean O'Malley, Jake Mahegan heads to a rustic cabin in the middle of the Longleaf Pine Golf Resort located in North Carolina's golf mecca, Moore County. There, Jake walks into a trap, which ends worse for those foolish enough to think they could trap an apex predator with nothing more than a few AR-15s.

Armed with his trusty Sig Saur Tribal, Jake flees to General Savage's "continuation of operations protocol command center," better known as the COOP. There, he meets up with Alexandra "Alex" Russell, a JAG

attorney and colleague of Savage who's investigating the murder case involving the banker and his family.

When Jake recognizes the murder weapon in question as the same .45 Colt Ranger special that his unit gave to Savage, he realizes there's a deeper plot hard at work behind the scenes. Unbeknownst to Mahegan and Alex, a terrorist hellbent on exacting revenge on America is secretly assembling terrorist cells in the Blue Ridge Mountains, which is just the tip of the iceberg.

As Jake races to connect the dots and figure out the terrorists' intended targets, Tata kicks the pacing into overdrive—making an already fun and compelling story certifiably unputdownable.

Where Tata separates himself from the competition is with his unique and terrifying attack scenarios. The all-too-real feel of panic and suspense is critical to getting lost in the story, and Tata continues to improve as a writer, making it easier for readers to believe what's happening as he brings it to life on the page.

Likewise, Tata's continued to develop his series protagonist, hitting all the right notes with the last two books especially. *Direct Fire* sees a slightly different Jake Mahegan, who finally displays the full effects of his ridiculously lethal skill set, and it's awesome.

Mahegan, a thirty-year-old Native American with a love for the ocean flowing freely in his blood and a call to duty seemingly written into his DNA, is a walking, talking weapon. More prone to brute force than surgical strikes, Jake is no doubt one of the baddest men in the thriller genre right now. While the blazing-fast plot is tight and on point, Tata's real treat to readers is finally unleashing his operative, who continues living up to all the hype promised in past books, like they've never seen before.

Evil men might be planning to bring the war on terror to America, but what they weren't counting on is Jake Mahegan being there to greet them...

Jake Mahegan has officially arrived. *Direct Fire* is a relentless, action-packed thriller that screams with been-there-done-that authenticity, elevating A.J. Tata's series to the likes of Brad Thor, Ben Coes, and Mark Greaney.

Book Details

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Bobbie says

Not bad. The story reminds me of Brad Taylor's books. The story is good but there are so many characters and so much going on that the plot sometimes get lost

Damon Drake says

AJ Tata has is starting to become a "must read" author to me. after reading "Besieged" last year, I was looking forward to reading his latest Jake Mahegan thriller "Direct Fire".

Direct Fire did not disappoint. in fact, it makes me want to go find every other Jake Mahegan novel Tata has written. I believe this is only #4.

from the beginning, Tata keeps you hooked and this is a fast paced, turn pager, action packed thriller.

I gave a 4 star only b/c I reserve 5 for books that keep me up all night until I finish.

Bill Donhiser says

This is my first A.J. Tata novel and I found it to be an excellent adventure albeit similar to many other military thrillers. The plot is great the characters are engaging and the writing is well done. I am going to go back and read the rest of the series in order

Glen says

Thanks to NetGalley for this novel.

An Islamic group is trying to decapitate the US Military, and largely succeed. Jake Mahegan, after shooting his way out of an ambush, makes his way to the rendezvous, and finds himself on the run from the law, while at the same time, trying to stop the terrorists, who have a few creative attacks in store.

I think AJ Tata hit his stride with this one.

Frank Williams says

This was AJ Tata's best book yet.

Sean Courtney says

This was the first AJ Tata book that I've read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I love the way he describes the mountain setting and Jake Mahegan is such a cool character to get to know. Some of the dialogue from the lesser characters was kind of silly and the ending could have been better but overall a fantastic book and I'll be reading more of AJ Tata.

Joe Oaster says

Another great one by AJ Tata. Best part was when the SBI agent I so disliked throughout the book was thrown across the room, and Jake says something like “ how many of you guys wanted to do that.” Classic

Lonnie Mixell says

This was the first book I have read by AJ Tata and I am hooked!

I was totally invested in the characters and the author had me guessing through most of book on a couple of pieces of intrigue and it was a really fun and thrilling story that has me eager to buy the previous books of the series.

TJ says

4.5/5.0

Awesome military thriller!
