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America might be dead, but Nick Angriff will kick your ass to resurrect her.

Lt. General Nick Angriff has spent his adult life protecting family and country from a world of terrorism spinning out of control. On the battlefield, off the grid, in clandestine special task forces and outright black ops, Angriff never wavers from duty. But when a terror attack on Lake Tahoe kills his family, he's left with only the corrosive acid of revenge... that is, until a hated superior officer reveals the deepest of all secret operations. Against the day of national collapse, a heavily-armed military unit rests in cryogenic storage, to be awakened when needed, and Angriff is named its commander.

Fifty years later he wakes to find the USA destroyed and predatory warlords roaming the ruins. Stalked by assassins bent on seizing his command for their own purposes, Angriff has to prepare for war while avoiding murder.

Because the only wall still shielding survivors from slavery and death are the men and women of The Last Brigade.

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Johnny says

Book one

Mistakes: none found

Plot: This reminds me of some of the books I grew up reading: Wingman, Domsday Warrior, The Survivalist. This book fits right in. I was always happiest when reading a good over the top action adventure. This book makes me happy.

I could have done without the two bits from other books at the end though.

Characters: over the top and larger than life.

I give this a 7.5/10

Eric Prater says

Great read!

I liked this novel, it needs a sequel! Well written, interesting premise, suspenseful, lots of battles, I still wanted more!

Carolyn F. says

The first half of this book was so Fox News it was ridiculous. But I read another reviewer saying that once you get to the halfway point the book gets better. However as one of those stinking liberals, I don't think having an open mind toward immigration is going to lead to Armageddon. Maybe, if the immigrants are psychos out to kill the country they're migrating to, then it might happen but just because I'm a democrat does not mean I'm stupid. Although the author may disagree.

And the reviewer is correct, the second half was much better than the first. But I don't know if it's enough for me to read the rest of the series. However, I might change my mind. Remember, I'm not only a democrat but I'm a woman. It's my liberal privilege.

Dale (Aus) says

Enjoyed the story, the characters and the setting. Lots of directions you could go from here so should be interesting.

Eric Morris says

Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Standing the Final Watch is the debut novel by William Alan Webb, and is the first book in the Last Brigade series. This book best described as a speculative military techno-thriller (I'll let you, the reader, fit that into whichever genre you deem appropriate). When I initially spoke with Mr. Webb, he described to me a futuristic Clancy-esque thriller with shades of Mark Greaney; I admit to being both interested and skeptical, as I am an avid fan of both of these authors. Little did Mr. Webb know that he had set himself to a very high standard!! However, I soon found out that William Webb is a talented author with a surprisingly original premise, and I walked away ready for a sequel.

Standing the Final Watch transpires after the collapse of the United States. Most of the land is under caliphate rule, and Western culture has practically ceased to exist. Enter the Seventh Cavalry Brigade, a group of elite soldiers recently awakened after a fifty-year cryogenic sleep; the group's mission is simple: take back the United States. Commanded by legendary general Nick Angriff, this last remnant of the world's mightiest military has been tasked not only with the subjugation of all enemies of the former United States, but also with eliminating any leftovers from the corrupt political system that led to the downfall of the country. How, though, do you fight an enemy that's fifty years ahead of you? How do you handle the knowledge that the entirety of what was once the United States military exists in a secret base in the side of a mountain? And how do you know that the company you keep is dedicated to the same mission you are? General Angriff is prepared for the fight, but he's also aware that not all are as loyal as they seem...

I'll say right here that Standing the Final Watch is excellent. I was fully prepared to "take it easy" on Mr. Webb's debut storytelling attempt, but there's no need. The book has been finely edited; the story is cohesive and keeps moving; and the dialogue is spot on. If you're any fan of the aforementioned Clancy or Greaney, even James Rollins or Clive Cussler, you're going to enjoy this book. There's just enough sci-fi to create an intelligent "What if?" scenario, and there are twists and turns enough that it's impossible to get bored. I couldn't put the book down, and honestly, I didn't really want to.

Mr. Webb's attention to detail is probably this book's strongest selling point. I can't give any spoilers, but I will say that a large-scale covert operation does come with its share of unintended consequences. Also, Mr. Webb succinctly and deliberately deals with the issue of modern-day soldiers suddenly being thrust half a century into the future. Webb's ability to answer questions and handle opportunities as they arise makes the story more compelling and believable. This, to me, is the mark of a great storyteller in the making.

There is, however, one potential negative. This story is told from a staunchly conservative point of view. I understand that every writer has a bias, but most tend to keep personal feelings subtle or subdued. Mr. Webb does not; Standing the Final Watch is a conservative manifesto. This fact did nothing to deter me from enjoying the story; however, some readers may find Webb's writing to be too politically motivated or aggressive.

Standing the Final Watch gets a strong 5 Stars from me. This story is just well-told and enjoyable. If you're a fan of James Bond or Jack Ryan or Dirk Pitt, you're going to love Nick Angriff. I am anxiously awaiting Last Brigade Book 2, and I look forward to seeing where Mr. Webb takes this story.

Eric Smiley says

A few little things I didn't like, but overall an excellent adventure. I just bought the 2nd book on kindle. Oh and I love Nipple!

Mark Engels says

The 21st Century answer to George C. Scott's portrayal of George S. Patton! This book will resonate with many today in these trying times. Webb's Nicholas Angriff is a man of duty--to his God, to his family, to his country. Neither his principles nor personality waver in the face of tragedy, trials, or betrayal. Webb paints a stark picture following the end of the world as we know it but leaves us confident in General Angriff's ability to bring America back from the brink of extinction. Can't wait for more in the next installment as "Nick the A" inspires his troops, decimates our enemies, and leads our remnant countrymen toward a new Gilded Age.

PETER F DEKAM says

A Masterpiece

I don't use the word masterpiece very often. In the several hundred reviews i made, I think I've only used it one other time. There is so much good to write that I'm just going to stop because anything I say would demean the simply masterful story you need to experience for yourself...

Kayla Krantz says

~I received a free copy in exchange for my honest review~

I don't usually read military fiction, but this story started off with such a bloody punch that I was instantly pulled in. I usually don't like prologues on a story, but this one was so loaded with action that it set up the perfect tone for the rest of the book.

Angriff, the main character, lost his family--his wife and daughter--to a terrorist attack. In order to get revenge on the men that did it, he makes a deal to become part of Operation Overtime-- a group of soldiers cryogenically frozen until the time they are needed.

The characters in this story were very down-to-Earth and relatable, making it easy to feel Angriff's pain over losing family. I loved the dialogue in this piece as well. "There's nothing here but ghosts," was probably my favorite quote of the story.

There's quite a bit of army/military lingo in this book, but not too bad where a person uneducated about the subject would be confused. All the important information is very nicely laid out.

All in all, I really enjoyed this story, and I'm excited to see what comes next in the series!

H. Blalock says

From the opening pages of a terrorist attack on a civilian tour boat, Webb weaves a tale of intrigue, betrayal, political deception, and personal tragedy. The book itself could be considered a satirical take on today's national political and social atmosphere.

Standing the Final Watch is the story of General Nick Angriff and his last command, Operation Overtime. His personal vendetta leads him fifty-nine years into the future, but his past follows with deadly intention.

Webb's writing is technically mature but fast-paced. His characters are both believable and well-developed. Angriff's gruff personality is reminiscent of his hero, Patton. Bettison, his nemesis, is obviously based on all the politically ambitious serpents we see in today's Beltway.

All the supporting characters show their foibles and strengths well, whether for or against Angriff's ideal USA. For anyone who enjoys military history or alternate history, this book is a must read.

Andy says

The FBI man was right, Angrief is an ass, and I didn't really like him. But his ideals make for a good story after the downfall of the US, and I have to admit that I'm curious as to what's hiding down the tracks.

Dan Richard says

A Great Book!

I enjoyed this book very much. I like a series with strong characters along with a little romance. Look forward to reading the rest of the books in this series.

Will Ferrick says

Good concept

This is a first for me. The idea of storing a large military force for future use is I have only read about a couple of times before. So this is new twist on military scifi and a good one. I hope the author is planning a follow up to this. I recommend it as a good read.

Sandy Mansel says

I see that some other reviews tell a little about the story line, so will just give my impressions, without

repeating what others have said.

The main character, Nick Angriff, is a new American hero, set in a really compelling, imaginative novel. It should appeal to a wide demographic. Women will love that he is a strong man who loved his wife and daughters. Men will identify with his struggle to do the right thing against overwhelming odds - bucking a corrupt system in the beginning and fighting to protect innocent lives throughout. Military personnel will be honored to see how they are appreciated. History buffs will appreciate its references. SciFi fans will love the "future time warp", cryogenic and post apocalyptic aspects.

As you read it, you can visualize it, just like watching a movie. I can hardly wait for the sequel to see what happens next.

Bruce Maytubby says

Good book

Great character development with plenty of weapons tech weaved into the plot. Of the books ive read on Prime, Ill look to read the sequel.
