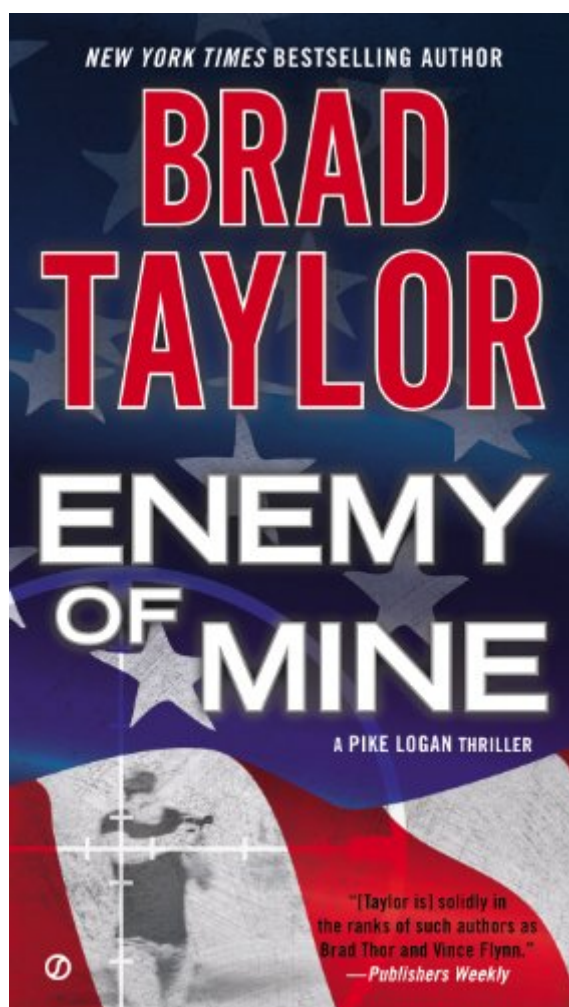


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Enemy Of Mine: A Pike Logan Thriller



Synopsis

A tentative peace between Israel and Palestine has been brokered by the United States. But the Taskforceâ "a clandestine team operating outside of US law to protect the country from terrorismâ "hears of an assassination attempt on the American envoy sent to solidify the treaty. The Taskforce must devote every resource to saving his lifeâ "and preventing another bloody outbreak of violence. Taskforce operator Pike Logan and his partner, Jennifer Cahill, must hunt down the assassin through the Middle East, following a trail that becomes more perilous at every turn. And they must deal with terrorist organizations, independent killers, and shaky allies to uncover the biggest threat of all: an American citizen hiding a secret that just may destroy everything, including the Taskforce.

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Customer Reviews

Enemy of Mine does what an action novel needs to do: it delivers action. Along the way, it tells a surprisingly intelligent, carefully plotted story. The prologue to Enemy of Mine begins with a nightmare (always a bad start to a novel) as Pike Logan dreams about the murder of his wife and child four years earlier. The main story begins with the assassination of an investigator who had

gathered evidence implicating the Syrian government and Hezbollah in the 2005 death of Lebanon's prime minister. The assassin (a freelance terrorist known as the Ghost) then accepts an assignment to kill the American envoy to upcoming peace negotiations between the Palestinian Authority and Israel. A competing freelance assassin, an American named Lucas Kane but known by the code name Infidel, turns up to add spice to the plot. Pike encountered Infidel in *One Rough Man*. Pike's ultimate mission, and that of the counter-terrorism Taskforce to which he is assigned, is to prevent the envoy's assassination. When they aren't with Pike, other members of the Taskforce come into focus, particularly Jennifer, an anthropologist who kicks butt when she isn't educating the other Taskforce members about world history. Knuckles and Decoy will also be familiar to series fans, while a new guy named Brett joins the team. Pike and Jennifer, however, are the only characters who gain new depth in this novel. Occasionally the story spotlights Col. Kurt Hale, who commands the Taskforce from Washington D.C. Hale sits on an oversight committee that answers to the president (the only elected official on the committee).

I struggle to understand how anyone could give this ridiculous book 4 or 5 stars. Ugh! I would rather have root canal without anesthesia. I read the first books in Brad Taylor's series - Logan Pike- as 'filler' books in between my go-to authors. I gave a lot of leave to the first and second books considering it was a new series. The writing was... A bit painful and scattered. I was really hoping by the time I read *Enemy of Mine* Taylor would have his writing chops. Oh lord was I wrong. There are spoiler alerts ahead so please don't read on if it will ruin (^~) the book for you. So, Brad Taylor seems to have a difficult time writing women's characters. The few that he has put in (his love interest, Jennifer and his dead wife) are written as idiot, insipid, dopey, overly emotional and irrational dingbats. - just plain ANNOYING! Taylor has not created any chemistry at all with his love interest and it leaves you scratching your head 'huh'? But supposedly they have this amazing bond... I must have missed that part as I skipped pages at a time trying to get through endless, useless descriptions of situations and details. Here is the spoiler alert: If all that is not bad enough- oh my gosh, you want to totally annoy and distance your female readers from your books do this: Pike's wife and small daughter were VERY brutally murdered and tortured. The man that did it was 'just doing a job'. Later, this same man rapes Pike's 'love' interest... Again I find this tenuous at best... So Pike catches this guy and rightfully kills him. When explaining to said love interest why he killed the guy he says- (paraphrasing) ' I didn't kill him because of my wife and daughter, I killed him because he raped you' ^£.

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