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A top Russian intelligence agent has defected to the West and the only man with whom he will speak is Kyle Swanson, who busted him out of the U.S. Marine Corps Scout/Sniper School years ago. The defector proves to be an Edward Snowden-type gold mine of amazing secrets about the When, Where and How of President Vladimir Pushkin's next grab for lost Soviet territory.

But Swanson, now a special contractor with the CIA, soon begins to believe that it is all fool's gold being sprinkled by Moscow to ignite an open military fight with NATO and the United States.

Using his own deadly methods, the sniper sets out to find the truth, but to slow him down, the Russians kidnap Swanson's beautiful friend Calico, the CIA station chief in Estonia.

From Italy to the Arctic Circle, Kyle Swanson is on the hunt, convinced that the defector actually is running a complex plot to hand Russia a kingdom in the north. But Swanson seems always to be a step behind because there is a traitor within his own chain of command. To stop the madness, Swanson must deliver a kill shot a hundred miles away from a border bridge in Estonia, where a Russian Army waits on the far shore as a government official crosses over with an invitation to invade.

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Ed says

The author's of this exceptionally good series take it to another level of military/spy fiction.

Brad Davide says

I'm a big enough fan of Kyle Swanson that I would enjoy any story with him in lead. However, while this was a great plot and well written, for me there wasn't quite enough combat for Kyle. (Pseudo spoiler alert) I don't think he fired the Excalibur throughout the whole book, nor did he take any classic Gunny Swanson long range shots. Still a good book, my 3 star is only due to wanting him kicking more A\$\$.

Nick Brett says

A series I have pretty much enjoyed all the way through. A couple of jarring moments, but otherwise pretty effective.

A Russian defector offers high grade secrets but will only meet with ex-marine sniper now businessman/CIA asset, Kyle Swanson. To Swanson it doesn't feel right, but ends up being pulled all over Europe trying to unpick what the Russians are up to.

Swanson has turned into a Mitch Rapp type character, but I can live, and enjoy that. I suspect Jack Coughlin offers a lot of sniper advice, but the rest of this is firmly down to "co-Author" Donald Davis and he does a pretty good job of it all and understands the needs of an action thriller.

The jarring bits? As before I can't stand the occasional sequences where Swanson dreams of "The Boatman" and we have two British SAS guys introduced, called Grayson Perry (also a famous cross-dressing British artist) and Stanley Baldwin (ex British Prime Minister). Utterly out of place, maybe a private joke but completely distracts from the story. Very strange.

Chris says

Kyle Swanson is on a hit job in Rome when he is diverted to Brussels for some high level geo-political intrigue. It seems a high level Russian intelligence operative has defected and he will only talk to Kyle. Kyle hardly knows the guy. They had a fleeting relationship decades ago when Kyle disqualified the defector as a sniper. This book, the ninth in the series, is fast paced and could be taken from today's headlines with an aggressive Russian state trying to reclaim lost glory. We have the Russian president, name- Pushkin, pushing buttons with a carefully scripted plan with feints, diversions, and moles. It's not clear whether the Russian objective is the Arctic or the Baltics or both. This series continues to entertain with its fast and furious action and it expertly walks the line between realism and good storytelling. Spies, special ops, kidnapping, assassinations all in 294 pages nicely wrapped up in style. And as for the title it's not so much the art of sniper craft but perhaps the chances of each side succeeding.

Wendy says

The ninth thrilling episode in Kyle Swanson series “Long Shot” opens with the defection of a top Russian intelligence agent who Kyle Swanson washed out of the U.S. Marine Corps Scout/Sniper School years before and who won’t divulge any top- secret information except to him. Urged by Ivan Strakov to visit a castle in Narva, Estonia, Kyle a special contractor now for the CIA not only observes a buildup of Russian forces on the far shore, but learns of a vital election that could spell a major political shift in Narva's governing body.

As the story heats up Kyle’s thrown out of Finland, is convinced of an inside leak, and takes a team to Lithuania in retaliation for a Russian attack on a country allied with NATO as tensions with Russia mount and a spy works to misdirect the world from the Russian President’s true goal. Only with the kidnapping of CIA station chief Jan Hollings (aka Calico) in Estonia is Kyle able to uncover Russian President Pushkin’s true objective as the Russian’s Operation Hermitage draws to an explosive conclusion.

Fast-paced and action-packed, the intensity and suspense build after Kyle takes out a jihadi terrorist in Rome only to be swept up in a spy’s scheme that could start WWIII if it’s not stopped. Twisting and turning as the story takes the CIA operative/sniper from Italy to Belgium and to the Baltic States, Kyle hunts for the truth only to end up firing a shot, a hundred miles from the border bridge in Estonia where the new mayor of Narva is about to welcome a Russian invasion. Thrilling, with a well-developed story that’s razor sharp and intriguing, like all novels in the Kyle Swanson series the tension keeps you on the edge of your seat until the end.

Breathing life into the plot are realistic, complex and unforgettable characters like tough, blunt and magnetic Kyle Swanson the Vice President of Excalibur Enterprises and a CIA operative. Jan Hollings (Calico) is the beautiful CIA station chief married to a U.S. army Colonel. Clever, strong and resourceful she maintains her cover of running a clothing company in Tallinn even after being kidnapped and threatened. Yet it’s the conniving deceit of cocky and arrogant Ivan Strakov, the treachery of a British traitor and the ambitions of the flamboyant the Russian Commander Levchenko that add a deadly chill to the story.

I thoroughly enjoyed “Long Shot” a thriller that I couldn’t put down until finished.

Jacob Stelling says

A decent read about the possibility of war between Russia and the West and provides an intriguing plot from beginning to end.

Wayne says

Jack Coughlin is a retired Marine and has a gift to weave an entertaining story involving Kyle Swanson a crack sniper who was retired from the Marines and picked up immediately by the CIA. Swanson had several clandestine assignments in this story all of which were achieved with professional skill. During the end of the story the author told a tale of 3d virtual reality targeting and remote B2 bombing with laser guided precision bombs that astounded me. The more I reflected on this the more I concluded this capability may well be more than fiction. This book like all of Jack Coughlin's books was very entertaining. If you like this type of story this book is for you.

Altawood says

Sorry, but the idea that any sniper would use a 50 cal for a 200 yd shot in an urban environment is absurd. I had to quit there.

Blake Hardy says

This was a very exciting novel by an author I had not heard of. The story kept me interested and made me want to keep reading. I will definitely be looking into the other Kyle Swanson books.

Warren Thoms says

3.5 stars

A huge Russian defection makes Kyle think that there is something a little fishy. He gets tasked to look into things. Another good book in the series.

Sandy says

3 1/2 stars.

Sean says

A really good book.

Joe Martino says

I have enjoyed this entire series. This is the first one that Luke Daniels did not narrate so I bought the e-book. The usual shenanigans ensue. The “team” has been set off to the outer corners of the universe and are missing in the book.

The authors also ask you to suspend believe in reality, as they doing most of the books, but I feel this book takes it to a new level in one aspect. Swanson takes an untested, untrained civilian into the battle. Not surprisingly, she dies.

I feel like this brought us dangerously close to a shark, if you know what I mean.

Otherwise, I'll find fictional read.

Bobbie says

This is one of the better books in the Kyle Swanson series, and that says a lot since they're all good

Bill Donhiser says

This is the first book in this series I have read. It is a very good action adventure. An intimate story weaving together col war politics, spy, and military storylines. A definite good read
