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Hot on the heels of *Breaking Creed* comes the next action-packed series featuring Ryder Creed, ex-marine turned K9 rescue dog trainer from *New York Times*— and internationally bestselling author Alex Kava.

Most of them were asleep in their beds when the ground gave way. . . .

When Ryder Creed responds to a devastating mudslide in North Carolina, he knows the difference between finding survivors and the dead—is time. Heedless of the dangers, Creed and his best search-and-rescue dog Bolo frantically wade through the chaos of twisted tree limbs, crumbled cement, and unrecognizable debris, when a second slide catches up with Ryder. And he is buried alive.

Bolo makes it out, though, and leads the heroic rescue of his master. What they get when they pull Ryder out from the mud is much more than they bargained for. The secrets in the mud around Creed run deep, pointing to a possible serial killer and unexpectedly dredging up painful, hushed-up pieces of Creed's own past.

The mysteries unearthed will bring Ryder Creed face-to-face with his past loyalties, deeply embedded survivor's guilt, and a powerful figure from his past. He'll have to rely on his dogs if he wants to make it through alive.

Silent Creed Details

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Alex is The Romance Fox says

3,5*

I have read quite a few books in the Maggie O'Dell Series, which I have really liked.

I read this book, Silent Creed, the 2nd in her Ryder Creed Series before the 1st book, but still found it fascinating and exciting. I will go back and read the 1st one later. What I liked about this story was that Maggie O'Dell makes plays quite a big part in the story.

Let me begin by saying that I was totally into Ryder Creed...what an amazing character. There is so much about this man that makes you like him. A dog handler who works with finding bodies, with a rather sad and lonely past life, he just pulled me in....

I loved the way the dogs are such well-developed characters and form such a huge part in the story. I fell in love with Grace and Bolo instantly!!!

Well written, well paced story of experiments by the military gone wrong during a storm and landslide, murders and lots of twists and turns....

There seems to be a romantic connection between Ryder and Maggie which I would love to see progress to something more.

The ending of the book leaves us with a bit of a mystery which I am sure will continue with the next book in this series.

Another good read by Alex Kava.

Maureen DeLuca says

A 3 star reading and adding 1/2 a star more for Bolo- the dog! Breaking Creed was the first in this series- and it was a really good and enjoyable book- Silent Creed which is the second in this series, was a fast and enjoyable read. If you love dogs, especially rescue dogs that work with our amazing law enforcement agencies and our military you will enjoy this series! I'm so looking forward to reading more Ryder Creed books!!

Li'l Owl says

Great book. Honestly not as good as the first in this series, but still a great read. Read this in one sitting, as I did with the first in the series:

Breaking Creed. Can't wait to see what's in store for Ryder Creed and his K-9 family. There are some interesting loose ends leading into the next book: Reckless Creed

Carole (Carole's Random Life in Books) says

This review can also be found at Carole's Random Life.

I thought that this was another solid book by Alex Kava. I have been a longtime fan of this author and have read every single book of hers that I have been able to get my hands on so it was no surprise that I was incredibly excited to get my hands on an early copy of this book. I am happy to report that this book lived up to my expectations which were admittedly high.

This book is listed as the second book in the Ryder Creed series but I feel like it should probably also be listed as being a part of the Maggie O'Dell series since her character plays a pivotal role in the story. This book could probably be read as a stand alone novel but readers of both of these series will probably get a little more out of the book since they will know the backgrounds of these characters. Most of the characters from the Maggie O'Dell and Ryder Creed series are at least mentioned in this book.

Ryder Creed is a wonderful character. He is a dog handler who trains and works with a variety of dogs and is often called in to work in tragic situations, such as after a natural disaster, finding someone who is lost, finding cadavers, and even to search for drugs. In this case, he is working a landslide in very dangerous conditions. Creed's dogs are really well developed characters as well. I just loved Gracie and Bolo in this book. This book looks a little deeper into Creed's past with the military which gives a little more insight into his character.

Maggie O'Dell has worked with Ryder Creed on several prior cases and when Maggie gets called to look into a government research facility murder that occurred in the landslide area the pair work well together. In this story, we see Maggie working alone, Creed working alone, and them working together almost equally. While there has been some hint of romantic feeling between the pair in previous books and some mention of it in this one, I didn't feel any sparks or chemistry between them. Of course, Creed is pretty beat up for a lot of this installment and I didn't pick this book up hoping for any kind of romance.

I liked the pacing of the story and found myself reading most of the book in one sitting simply because I didn't want to put it down. The story did take a few twists but nothing that was really unexpected. It was a fast paced novel and there were a few scenes that really made me think. The descriptions and the details really put me in the middle of the story. There was a little bit of unfinished business at the end of the book but nothing that felt like a cliffhanger.

I would recommend this book to mystery fans. I think that long time readers of the Maggie O'Dell and the newer Ryder Creed series will be pleased with this newest installment. I definitely plan to continue reading Alex Kava's work and am already looking forward to her next book.

I received an advance reader edition of this book from Penguin Group - G.P. Putnam's Sons via NetGalley for the purpose of providing an honest review.

Darcy says

There were many times that I found myself holding my breath while reading this one. The situation that Ryder was called in to help was a dangerous one and the elements bested him a couple of times. Once again I really felt like the dogs stole the show, a close second was how Ryder and Jason interacted with the dogs. I think it is telling how they both are more comfortable with the dogs than people. I loved how Ryder let Jason know the big responsibility that came along with getting a dog from Ryder. I have a feeling that the talk,

along with the dog will have the impact Ryder hopes for.

The odd junior high dance that Ryder and Maggie keep doing makes me want to snort with laughter. They are so awkward, neither wanting to put their feelings out there.

At first I wasn't sure why the part with the Senator was there, it didn't seem to have any connection to the mudslide. I did like how Eleanor managed to manipulate those that were trying to do the same to her and came out on top.

Sheila Myers says

A very enjoyable thriller. I hope there are more novels coming in this series.

Tez says

While I'd recommend all of Alex Kava's books, if you lack time to read her entire backlist, the Ryder Creed series is the most recent. Only two books so far have been published, with a third set for early 2016.

We first met Ryder Creed in Stranded, the "last" book in the Maggie O'Dell series. But Maggie's still alive and kicking so fear not. Silent Creed references Exposed, but while it may be beneficial to catch up on Maggie's books, you should still be able to keep up with the Creed ones without the backlist.

Ah, the military - they can be shady as hell, even to their own. While Senator Ellie Delanor is fighting to get medical benefits for veterans exposed to pathogens, Creed and Maggie are trying to recover bodies and a medical research facility from the debris of a landslide.

As for the dogs, Grace is again the star, but with a good showing from Bolo, too. Young veteran Jason Seaver was a worry early on in the book, but a new dog friend could be his reason to live.

Fans of thrillers and dogs alike will find Alex Kava's combination a winner. The story trots along, and never outstays its welcome. Another great read in this author's arsenal.

Karyn Niedert says

RELEASE DATE: July 28, 2015

RATING: 4 Stars Definitely a book worth reading...

GENRE: Fiction / Action & Adventure

AUDIENCE: Fans of Robert Crais and Lisa Gardner will really enjoy Alex Kava's new series featuring Ryder Creed and Maggie O'Dell.

SERIES: A Ryder Creed Novel

REVIEW: I really enjoyed “meeting” Ryder Creed in Kava’s first book featuring him, “Breaking Creed”. She’s kept him ferociously yummy in the second book of the series.

Ryder is not only a disciplined, kind and smart K-9 searcher, he’s also dedicated to going wherever his help is needed. This book takes him into North Carolina, where massive amounts of rain have caused a nightmarish mudslide. His search-and-rescue dog, Bolo, is front and center to assist with locating any survivors as well as recovering well, you know, bodies. He’s been called to the scene by an old military contact with whom he’s not lost a lot of love. Between the physical dangers of the search, the web of lies he’s been operating under, and his growing attraction to FBI agent Maggie O’Dell, it’s hard to fathom how Ryder will come out of it alive. In the midst of the action, a bit of a side story with minor character Jason made me want to cry as he continues to work through his issues as an injured ex-soldier returning from war.

I enjoyed “Silent Creed” as much, if not more, than I did “Breaking Creed”. Ryder has a huge heart; the family of two- and four-legged creatures is always entertaining and sometimes heartbreaking.

*Tremendous thanks to Edelweiss  and Putnam Hardcover for an ARC

FYI: You can find all of Alex Kava’s books here: AlexKava.com

T.L. Haddix says

Okay. I'm biting my nails here. Talk about a cliffhanger. It had BETTER go someplace in the next book (and I'm not talking about the briefcase carrier). *casts imploring looks toward Alex Kava through the Internet*

What I didn't like: The gov't conspiracy/hide things/need to know aspects. This is just a personal preference/nitpick. I hate that whole plot line in suspense books. I know the gov't is evil, and I know there's not a dratted thing I can do about it. *waves at NSA* So I don't enjoy reading about how twisted that seedy underbelly is because.... impotence. Yeah. Serial killers and other warped, psychotic, twisted bad guys (who aren't elected) are a thousand times more interesting.

I also didn't like that we're left hanging with regards to Maggie and Ryder. And Maggie and Ben. Ben, who incidentally, needs to fall into a hole somewhere. Or totally get caught with a prostitute in a hotel. Point is, he needs to go. I understand that the cliffhanger is just part of the series, that the book is primarily a suspense novel with hints of romance. But I want More Romance.

What I did like: Everything else. Even though I skimmed through the gov't portions, it was still a great read. A fast read. Creed is adorable, and he brings out a side of Maggie that's playful and real in a way we don't see with Ben. And she does the same with Creed, only obviously without Ben. Duh.

I hope the next book moves away from the drug smuggling/gov't stuff. Get us back in the plain suspense, please. (Though to be fair, a good number of Ms. Kava's books are gov't centric.) And More Romance. Soon!!!!

Seriously, though, if you've not read Alex Kava's books and you like suspense, pick up some of her stuff. Give her a try. She's good. And they're fast reads. She's definitely what I'd consider an underrated author, one with a lot of the same talent as (or even more than) some of the bigger names.

Nurse Lisa In Ohio (PRN Book Reviews) says

This is a GREAT series and another fabulous installment! Fingers crossed for Rye + Maggie

Linda Strong says

WOW! What a hang-on-by-the-tips-of-your-fingernails kind of book! So much action ...so much suspense.

Although this is a Ryder Creed novel, Maggie O'Dell plays a large role. In North Carolina, a huge landslide has caused countless problems, not the least being a government research facility being buried under tons of dirt and mud and muck.

Ryder and his dogs are called in to locate bodies .. dead or alive. Maggie's government friend asks her to get to the site in order to make sure things are done correctly. That's when she's told there have been a couple of bodies already found ... but the mudslide didn't kill them ... bullets did.

So many secrets ... so many lies ... so much classified information. Ryder and O'Dell are walking into a danger that goes back 50 years.

Excellent book! I made sure to read the first Creed book, mainly because I've been reading Alex Kava for years and hve never been disappointed. And secondly because I wanted to make sure I didn't miss anything. This one can stand alone ... but I would highly recommend reading Breaking Creed first. It's not a continuing story, but you pick up all the intrumental personal nuances that flow through both books.

This one won't be available until 7/15 and I'm already psyched to get the next one. I won this digital ebook from First-To-Read. My many thanks to the publisher!

MaryG2E says

There are some good ideas and important issues at the heart of this sequel to the successful Ryder Creed premiere Breaking Creed. Kava's exploration of the varied work of detection dogs is both informative and heart-warming. The core issue in this second instalment of the series is the deeply concerning matter of secret testing of biological agents by the US Defence forces and research facilities on unsuspecting members of the public and on military personnel. While many of those experiments were conducted during the Cold War, this novel purports that secret research centres continue to work on biological warfare agents, like anthrax and nerve gas, to name but two. A second, equally important aspect of this research is the quest by victims to gain US Government recognition that they were affected and thus entitled to medical assistance and compensation.

A natural disaster in North Carolina devastates one of these secret facilities, and, separately, Ryder Creed's K9 CrimeScents company, and Maggie O'Dell, FBI special agent, are sent to the area to investigate. My interest in those important issues was the only thing that kept me reading to the end of this appallingly mediocre book.

The writing is poor, the plot lines are a mishmash, the editing is non-existent, and the entire novel lacks both structure and direction. It is a real stinker, and a stain on the reputation of Alex Kava. As an established writer with a dozen or so best-sellers, I would expect a bit more quality, and quality control from her. If I were in her shoes, I'd be ashamed to launch this clunker onto my loyal readership. I also feel very aggrieved that her shoddy writing diminishes the significance of the important issues she has touched on. Because it is real - there ARE civilians and defence force staff who have been badly impacted by the secret experiments of military establishments and their stories deserve to be better treated by any author.

A grudging 1 ★ is all I can give this pile of doggy do-do, and I'm going to ensure I remove any other Alex Kava novels from my 'To Be Read' list. There are too many other, better quality authors out there to be bothered with this one.

Debbie Oxier says

I love this series! Read this in one sitting because I couldn't stand to put it down! This time Ryder is called to the site of a mudslide when a man he served with in Afghanistan asks for his help. A government research facility has been buried, along with its staff. Ryder thinks he's going to help with rescue and recovery - of people! - However, when one of the staff is found with a bullet wound to the head and FBI agent Maggie O'Dell is called to the scene, it quickly becomes apparent that something more is going on. At the same time, Maggie's on again/off again boyfriend is involved in Congressional hearings about the government using innocent civilians as guinea pigs for their biological experiments without their knowledge. It was Benjamin who asked Maggie to look into the dead body discovered in the mudslide but the more Maggie investigates, the more she has to wonder just how much Benjamin knows and isn't telling her. And there's that strange attraction she seems to feel for Ryder every time they're thrown together on a case.

Fast-paced, enthralling thriller that's made even more entertaining by Ryder's work with his dogs. I've already gotten attached to Grace. Whether she's sniffing out dead bodies, illegal drugs, or just hanging out with Ryder, her personality and lively spirit have me captivated. She's as big a draw to these books as the main characters themselves and Ryder's feelings for her are far more involved than just dog and owner. Of course the reason for this is explained in the book.

I was so looking forward to reading this and now that I have I'm sorry it's over. Can't wait to see what's going to happen next time.

Tay says

I absolutely love this series. It's filled with character you just love though the bad guys can be more baddy lol. Another fast pace story that builds more for the next chapter of this series. While I didn't like it as much as the first book I still think it's great and that ending. I can't wait to see what happens next.

Dad says

I've been very pleased reading this series and while not absolutely critical, I do wish I had read them in the proper order. The main characters seem to grow with each book and the dog's personalities comes through

with each book. Great theme to combine dogs, a dog handler, and a female (and a totally skilled, competent) FBI agent solving crimes. My only regret is that there are only three books thus far, and a three month wait for the next one.
