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A small nation that bolsters the terrorist cause is flexing its military muscle in a far corner of the world. On a mission to the now-volatile Mediterranean, F/A-18 pilot Lieutenant Ed Stovic shoots down an Algerian MiG at the climax of a dramatic, high-stakes dogfight and becomes an overnight hero in the eyes of his countrymen ... and the target of a zealot's revenge. Suddenly Stovic and his loved ones have been marked for death by an enraged avenger, a pawn of powerful Islamic extremists with devastating plans for America.

But there is another player in the shadows, unseen by the hunters and the hunted alike. A specialist who moves covertly through the most secret branches of the government—a lethal tool of an ambitious NSA Director who will stop at nothing to attain the power she covets—Kent "Rat" Rathman must now devise a brilliant counterstrike . . . to save a friend and his country.

The Shadows of Power Details

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Nancy Shaffer says

One of his best!

Charlene says

This is the first book I've read by this author. I might try the second in the series, centered on Kent Rathman [Rat], a former Navy SEAL and counter-terrorism specialist.

I have no idea why I requested this one from the library, but I'm glad I read it. Although written in 2002, it reads as a contemporary situation in 2017.

The target of the planned terrorist attack is the Blue Angels, and there are some real ethical questions and character issues. Long-distance war is contrasted with hand-to-hand combat, very effectively.

Ernie says

Was a great book! Excellent mix of military, political and lawyer work all in one fast paced book!

Alisha says

Another great read from James Huston.

Joe Newell says

I enjoyed this book quite a bit. The story had a good pace and the characters were believable. Never so much action that it became stupid; just the right amount.

Corky says

It was ok. Nothing that rocked my world. Felt, for some reason, that it could have been shorter.

Ray says

Good book along the lines of Vince Flynn's "Memorial Day", or a Tom Clancy thriller. Change the name of the offended Muslim extremist, change the name of the U.S. Special Forces hero, change the U.S. target to be struck, throw in a interfering U.S. bureaucrat, and you pretty much get the idea. In this Huston book, the target are the Navy's Blue Angels, and the weapon of choice is the shoulder fired missile.

Ed says

#1 in the "Rat" Rathman series.

"Rat" Rathman series - Navy pilot shoots down an Algerian MIG over the Med. After the pilot becomes a Blue Angel, the Algerian's brother seeks revenge by planning to shoot down the American while the Blue Angels are performing at the Paris Air Show. Lt. Kent "Rat" Rathman is assigned to the Blue Angels to foil the plot.

Norman Hamilton says

Another well written book

Enjoyed the story with excellent
Portrayal of middle East ability to wage war against U.S. military. Author understand s the mindset of person
needing revenge

Bill says

This book was on a list of books that I read before 2005. So, I am adding it to my read books on GoodReads.

Tressa says

Loved the action and adventure and loved that there wasn't any romantic scenes to make one blush :). I found Ed likeable and loved the Blue Angels.
