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In military circles it's known as Air Battle Force -- an air combat unit of the future, under the command of aerialwarfare expert Major General Patrick McLanahan, capable of launching stealthy, precision-guidedfirepower to anywhere on the globe within hours. And now McLanahan and his warriors have their first target.

Driven from Afghanistan, the parasitic forces of the deposed Taliban regime have decided to feed on a new host -- an isolated, oil-rich Central Asian neighbor that's ripe for the conquering. The battle for control of the world's largest oil deposits has begun, with unsteady alliances forming and opposing forces set to collide. And now a handful of American commandos half a world away, aided by McLanahan's unproven robotic warplanes, will have to triumph against overwhelming numbers in a war that nobody -- including "friendly" forces at home -- wants them to win.

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Jim says

2 of 5 stars for Air Battle Force by Dale Brown (Audio Abridged edition). Hard to tell if the choppy disconnected nature of the book was an artifact of the abridgement or of the story. A lot of setup for the Nevada Air National Guard Air Battle Force group and their sci-fi aircraft and soldier battle armor. A little setup of a situation in the former USSR states. Even less of the ABF group resolving the issue. Overall, I was disappointed in how all of the sub-stories hung together. Can't recommend this book, sorry.

Clyn says

Another solid performance by Brown in this book. One of the first, though with a clear lead in to the next book. I've really enjoyed this series, and find that Brown seems to know how much detail about technologic systems and flight minutia to include, and better, how much to leave out.

John Lietzke says

Review of "Air Battle Force" by John Lietzke

I really found the book very interesting and entertaining. The author and the author's writing is very good in my eyes. I will purchase more books by this author.

George says

Ahhh McLanahan...he acts as the author would like. The thought of a General repeatedly carrying out unprovoked attacks on foreign targets and getting away with it again and again is really annoying. I see other characters, who act like real people, and I recognize them! The story/plot is actually intriguing; US intercedes in a Taliban/Russian fracas--though, I the tactics and thoughts of all three antagonists were all American. And, in typical Dale Brown style, we know all of the switches in the cockpit of his unmanned B-1 bomber. Ok. I'll read more Dale Brown.

Doug says

Wow, this guy is good. Here is another terrific story with great detail, good science, a hint of lust, and some super awesome air battles in Patrick McLanahan's exciting life. One character finds his story underdeveloped a bit, but it doesn't matter. Dudes: read this.

Jo says

I really like this series but I listened to this book and it was hard to follow as an audio book. Will try to read it as well.

Eric says

Pretty good book. It has been awhile since I have read any from the Battle Group series so this was a nice one to get back to. I haven't been reading the series in order so some of the background references might ruin it for me when I go back and read others. Overall I still enjoyed it.

Pam Venne says

Dale Brown is one of the best military action thriller writers today. This book had all the ingredients he normally includes; it was not one of my favorites. I do admit I got confused with some of the foreign names and that has nothing at all to do with his character development.

I was happy to see some of the old faces I remembered from other books that were included in this one. Following their careers and exciting sagas has made reading his books exciting for me.

Kt says

Prefer to give it 2.5 stars. I enjoy most Dale Brown efforts, but this one fell short. Formulaic. I can't help but enjoy some of that formula because I like these types of stories, but it is not recommended for anyone but the hardcore Dale Brown fans. The story line is broken, confused, and completely unrealistic.

Bob says

Although i enjoyed the book very much some of the battle scenarios were too overloaded with technical jargon for me

Jim says

Fun, but definitely a bit fanciful.

James says

This was a fast read for me!

I enjoyed the story and the characters in it, even the "bad" guys were well written.

Patrick McLanahan is up to his "hi jinx" again, not sure if I still "like" him or not. Still an enjoyable story and I will be looking forward to reading the next one as well.

Henri Moreaux says

#11 in the series with an ending which clearly foretells there will be a #12 following soon with only minimally more subtly than a bolded TO BE CONTINUED...

If there's one particular thing I take from this book it's that Patrick McLanahan is a terrible employee always seeming to be at odd with whatever it is his bosses want. No matter how seemingly reasonable or logical the request is, like a boundary testing toddler, McLanahan immediately does the opposite.

Passes the time, but there's better books in the series.

Ed says

#11 in the Patrick McLanahan series.

Patrick McLanahan, maverick USAF general, uses his futuristic weapons, including remote guided stealth bombers, to assist a Taliban guerilla leading Turkmen forces against a Russian invasion of Turkmenistan.

Nick Greenwood says

I read this and the next three Dale Brown, Patrick MacLanahan books in an ebook compilation. These are the first of his books that I've read, and almost certainly the last. I was looking for someone who could fill the gap left by the early Tom Clancy's (Red Storm Rising etc.) but I found these stories to border on the ridiculous. I can cope with the tub thumping American patriotism, but the thought of a General repeatedly carrying out unprovoked attacks on foreign targets and getting away with it again and again is really annoying. I don't find the hero to be very likeable.
