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Ian says

This is the story off teenager Danny and his life-long goal to go into the military. He wants it more than anything in his life, but is denied the right to enlist when he is told that his grandfather deserted and betrayed his country years ago, Danny takes it upon himself to find his criminal grandfather and bring some light to the situation. This book appeared to lose focus on that main idea at times as well as stray away into other less interesting events, which was one of the only setbacks I had while reading it. For example, when Danny is looking to his friend Elena for her help, the author tries a little too hard to convey the idea that her and Danny are flirts with each other: "So Danny settled for friendship, even though he still really fancied Elena. Elena smiled 'You want me to be modest or just go for it' Danny laughed. Elena always did have a way of making him laugh"(McNab 14). I felt that the story could have gone without constant reminders that Danny and Elena perhaps "liked each other" because that veers too far from the original plot of the story. While some more in-depth readers may enjoy that extra element in reading the story, I could do without it. Otherwise, it keeps you reading because of the many plot twists that make you keep wondering, such as Danny getting kidnapped at the very end of a chapter, followed by a very simple yet suspenseful unknown kidnapper telling another, "We have Watts. Do we keep, release or kill?"(McNab 231). This was only a minor plot twists compared to others in the story, which show that despite getting a little off-trail at times, it's worth the read for fans of this genre, despite the ending being a little less than what one might expect.

João Carlos says

Livro com uma escrita militar muito rica, tem bastante suspense e faz nos querer ler sem parar
Achei que alguns detalhes do livro um pouco incongruentes mas no geral gostei do livro

Kas says

Action packed, edge of your seat read that grabs you from the first page

Bruce Wayne says

word-lessly good

Aidancullen88 says

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Boy Soldier is set around Danny Watts, an orphan living in London. His lifetime ambition is to become a soldier, but when he tries to join the army, he is rejected on account of his grandfather Fergus Watts.

According to the army, Fergus was an SAS hero who sold out to the Columbian drug cartels. However, Danny knows that contrary to the army's beliefs, Fergus is alive and living in London. Danny is determined to find the man who stopped him getting into the army, but also out to get him is the Secret Service.

I read Boy Soldier because I had read some of the later books in the series and wanted to know how it started. The book is well written, and Danny is a good character. The only thing wrong with this book is perhaps the odds of Danny and his friend Elena getting the better of an entire squad of experienced M.I.6 agents. Other than that, the book is realistic and as the author, Andy McNab, was actually in the SAS, the procedures are true to life, which gives the book a realistic feel.

Dakota says

Have you the thought of how our government can hide the truth from you? Or how corruption can cause admirable men to ruin their kid's lives? Well this is their story.

This story is about a boy named Danny Watts who lives in an orphanage in London. He is trying to get into the Army, but doesn't make it because of his grandpa's deplorable reputation. His grandpa was in the SAS (Special Air Service) and was deemed a traitor after he was accused of being greedy and helping the drug dealers. Danny decides to set out and find his missing grandpa, his only living family member. He goes to try to track his grandpa down, but the SIS (Special Intelligence Service) is hot on his trail waiting for him to give them the clues to finding his grandpa. Danny is able to track down his grandpa first but finds out grandpa is a K (Deniable operator). Will this prove to Danny that his grandpa is innocent of these charges or guilty? The only way you will be able to find out what that is and if it helped Danny to save his family's name is by reading the book. Over all this books makes you want to keep reading the series to find out what happens next.

If you're looking for a book that has amazing suspense and thrill, then the book for you is Traitor. The author Andy McNab brings a lot of compelling details to this book with his prior experiences in the Royal Air Force. His writing style is more of the type who reveals something intriguing then switches to the next person making you read on to find out the answer. The whole time you're trying to figure out what is going to happen next then something new happens to change your prediction. The author adds a lot of details in the characters and setting which makes it easy to create a picture. The setting for the story is very well done because there is really no part you can't imagine. I enjoyed him breaking it up so it slows down the story for you to comprehend it, but also keep it interesting. The best part to this story is how it captures your mind in this game of what will happen next. McNab is a very good writer. I look forward to reading his next book in this series, Payback which is the second book where he uses the same techniques and the story continues.

Jake Fleming says

it was ok i liked the fact that it was very good facts about the army

Maria Schillinger says

Very good on the edge thriller. I can't wait to read the next book in the series.

Claire says

This story kicks off a series Alex Rider fans will like. Set in England, Danny Watts is an orphan living in a group home with a great counselor and a really good friend, Elena. When Danny tries to get military training, he is denied any help and tasked with finding his long lost grandfather and turn him in as a Traitor. Lots of action, great friendships mixed with a dash of governmental deceit keep the pages turning.

Craig Bell says

I like the common English style and tone of this book. The author obviously know the military really well and isn't afraid to use loads of jargon. That's good and improves my vocab skills. I would like to read the rest of the series too.

Melinda says

Melinda Dye - Adventure

Orphan Danny Watts has one goal in mind: to join Great Britain's Army. He has the grades and the talent, but one thing is keeping him out. His grandfather, Fergus Watts, is according to the media a former soldier who turned traitor to England and is now in hiding. Livid that this man he's never met has ruined his future, Danny enlists his tech-savvy friend Elena to track his grandfather down. When Danny finds him, Fergus attempts to set him straight - he's no traitor, he's a "K," a deniable operator who was betrayed by a man higher up in the British government, one who will do whatever it takes, even kill, to keep his dealings with the Colombian cartel secret. One who knew Danny would look for his grandfather. One who Danny has now led straight to him. Now on the run, Danny and Fergus must use their skills and wits to stay alive, in the hopes of proving Fergus's innocence.

Written by a former, highly-decorated soldier in the British military, this book has an authenticity that makes it even more exciting. It's a great adventure, giving the reader an inside look at surveillance, military technology, and strategy. The story contains gunfights, computer hacking, and narrow escapes; there is also a glossary of military, surveillance, and hacking terms to help the reader understand the story better. I'm looking forward to reading the next one!

Cole says

Traitor

Who really betrayed their country?

Traitor, an action-filled thriller that will keep you on your toes. The authors Andy McNab and Robert Rigby, have worked together to create a masterpiece. The novel is fiction set in the present day. This book takes you all over England. The main characters, Danny Watts, Fergus Watts (his granddad), and Elena all very well

thought out characters, all fighting for a greater cause. One theme of this book is family ties and when they thwart you, drive you and require your loyalty.

In the beginning of the book, we meet Danny who is trying out for a scholarship to go into a military academy. He was top in all their tests, and he excelled in all the physical requirements. When they announced who was going to get the scholarships, his name was not on the list. It was then he discovered that his grandfather, who was a former SAS agent, had orchestrated a jail break, releasing a lot of very dangerous terrorists. After that his grandfather was called a traitor and forced into hiding. Danny was denied the scholarship because of their worries that he was in contact with his granddad. “That’s garbage,” he snapped at the recruitment officer. He had pinned all of his hopes on this one goal, and they were all scuttled by his relationship to his grandfather who he didn’t know.

After Danny’s interview, he realized that family can drive you to do anything. In his anger of being turned down from the army academy, he vowed to turn in his granddad. He gave up his life of relative luxury for living on the streets of London and always being on the run. He traveled all the way across London and snuck into a pub with old war veterans and stole one of their phones and found the number of Fergus Watts. His friend Elena, a very accomplished computer scientist, had software that could track phones. They put it to use and succeeded in finding his grandfather, hiding in plain sight as a fry cook in a fast food restaurant. Therefore when Danny meets his granddad, he learns the real story about him, and it changes everything. Suddenly Danny feels obligated to protect and restore his family name. He is driven to do a “suicidal rescue attempt” when his grandfather was captured by MI6, the British secret intelligence agency who is trying to eliminate him for their private reasons.

To conclude one theme of this book is family ties and when they thwart you, drive you and require your loyalty. I would rate this book 3.5 stars out of 5, because it was interesting but I’ve read better books of its kind.

PaulKi says

This book is about a young man named Danny Watts who wants to join the Great Britain's Army. He meets all the requirements to get his scholarship and enter the army but one day he is called to the office. His grandfather, Fergus Watts, is according to the media a former soldier who turned traitor to England and is now in hiding. He decides to capture this traitor and make himself enter the army. With the help of his friends, he manages to find his grandfather which lead him to find out the truth. He was betrayed by the British government who had dealings with the Colombian cartel secret. The man was in a high position so it was hard for Fergus Watts to live normally after he found out the truth about these dealings and tried to stop them. The relationship between the grandfather and grandson get tight and they start to run away from the government and prove that Fergus Watts is innocent. This book gives a short preview of the next book so it leaves the readers questions and curiosity that leads them to read the next book. The author has used so much details of how a spy or a person related with these hacking and government people would use to search and hunt each other. I learned many stuff of how the programs worked and felt like I was actually able to do them myself. Their run is still on and still hasn't been resolved so I am really excited to continue reading the next book and find out how these two escape this situation and prove their innocence.

Petr Novak says

Have you ever thought of the idea of being the most wanted person in your country during a huge war? The genre of this book is realistic fiction, because this could happen in real life but it probably hasn't and probably

wont. I really liked this book because it always made me feel on edge and I cant wait to read the next book in the series.

Danny's grand dad, was a agent in the Special Forces before he was put into jail, and falsely named a traitor. Now he has escaped, but the real traitor is determined to silence Fergus and Danny. Together Danny and his grandfather are forced to go on the run in a battle with all the odds stacked against their favor. They try to clear Fergus' name from being called a traitor, Danny learns all the field craft, trade skills, and covert operations techniques that are second nature to his Fergus. When Fergus is recaptured, Danny must put those skills to use, and rescue his grandfather before it's too late. The setting of the story is Great Britain, and the setting of this story effects the overall plot because it takes place during a war that Britain went through. The type of conflict in this story is person vs society, I know this because Fergus and Danny are basically hiding from their whole Country. The theme of this book is you never know what is going to happen to don't take the things that you have for granted.

I rate this book a 4 out of five stars because I found it very enjoyable and fun to read. I recommend this book to the thrill seeker, and the type of person that likes the feeling of suspense, so if you do than this book is for you my friend. This was my book review on the book Traitor by Andy Mcnab, and if you decide to read it I hope you find it as enjoyable as I did. :)

James says

Danny Watts is an extremely athletic and smart boy with one dream in life, and that is to join the military. He finished the recruiting camp obstacle course first, and he was a straight A student. He passed every test thrown at him with flying colors; he should have been accepted, but there was one problem. The problem is that his grandfather, Fergus Watts, is labeled a traitor to the SAS, so Danny gets rejected by the military. Danny is outraged and swears he will find his grandfather and bring him to justice. Danny wants his grandfather to feel the pain he felt when he got rejected to the military. He tells his friend, Elena, who is a computer wiz to dig up anything she can find about his grandfather and the search begins. Eventually, Danny finds Fergus and wants to bring him to justice when Fergus tells him he is not a traitor and that someone high up in the MI6 is the traitor. What does Danny believe? Is his grandfather really innocent, and if he is, who is the real traitor that set him up? Andy McNab's novel Traitor is a fast paced book with endless twists and turns in the plot. Also, Andy McNab does a great job of implementing dramatic irony into the novel. I really enjoyed this book and I had trouble putting it down.

Danny thinks all of his problems will be solved once he finds Fergus and turns him in; there are no words to describe how wrong he is. Elena manages to locate Fergus through a phone conversation between Fergus and an old SAS buddy of his and she tells Danny how to find him. When Danny arrives at Fergus' house he immediately recognizes his grandfather in the garage. As Danny is about to call the police the unexpected happens, Fergus kidnaps Danny and drives like a maniac through town while screaming at Danny about how he is stupid for trying to find him and saying that if the police finds them they will kill them both. Now it was at this part where I had to pause and think, "why would the police kill both of them if Danny brings in his grandfather? Wouldn't Danny be doing a good thing by turning in Fergus?" It was times like this that made me want to read on and find out more about the story. Another twist in the story is that Danny believes Fergus is a traitor and he is the bad guy, but Fergus tells him another story. Fergus tells Danny that he was an operative for MI6 and on a mission he found out that someone high up in the MI6 is a traitor. When that person realized Fergus knew he was a traitor he set up Fergus and made it look like Fergus was the one who betrayed his country. Now Danny does not know who to believe, the Colonel or his own grandfather. The twist and turns in the plot really made this book enjoyable and hard to put down.

The author does an amazing job incorporating dramatic irony into the story. The book switches between four people's point of view; Danny's point of view, the MI6 agents' point of view, Elena's point of view and a

reporter's point of view. Therefore, the reader has the knowledge of four different people's point of view and that makes the book even more intriguing. This also creates foreshadowing and suspense, because the reader knows each character's next move. For instance, Danny and Fergus are visiting an old friend of Fergus' when the MI6 decide to pay the friend a visit too. Danny and Fergus have no clue that the MI6 are coming and the MI6 have no clue that Danny and Fergus are in the house. The author does an outstanding job of creating suspense in this scene by informing the reader of MI6's every move and how they are getting closer and closer every minute. If the author had not provided the reader with outside knowledge of MI6's actions the suspense in this scene suffers greatly. The foreshadowing and suspense in this book is mostly created by dramatic irony, and that makes the book an edge of your seat thriller.

Overall, Andy McNab does a great job of keeping his readers on the edge of their seats with endless twists and turns, and dramatic irony. I would recommend this book to anyone who is looking for a good, fast paced, teen-spy book.

Kelsy Epp says

This book had a lot of highs and not many lows. I really liked how "Traitor" was written. It flowed really good and never didn't make sense. There was some suspense at some points where you didn't know what was going to happen which made it somewhat unpredictable. Fergus was in the British military where he was framed by another high ranking officer and was sent to prison but broke out. This made it impossible for his long lost grandson Danny to join the military many years later. Danny made it his mission to find him. Once he found out his grandfather was innocent they went on a mission together to prove his innocence. This book is full of action most of the time. There are times where it did get boring. One thing I did not care for was the ending. In my opinion it seemed as they just wanted to be done writing so they crammed what they wanted into the last chapter. It left at a cliff hanger as well. Which is not all bad because it makes you want to read the next book. But over all I really enjoyed the book.

Thomas says

bè, non amo i libri scritti a 4 mani, specialmente se si tratta dei miei autori preferiti. Qua si vede che c'è un po' di differenza dagli altri libri di McNab, sempre così realistici, particolareggiati, precisi.. Rigby è uno sceneggiatore e il libro infatti è corto e scorre velocissimo come un film, da leggere tutto d'un fiato. McNab l'avrebbe fatto + lungo e dettagliato. Ma tutte le informazioni militari, le tattiche e l'esperienza da SAS ce l'ha messa lui! Libro comunque bello e avvincente. Sti bambini di 17 anni forse un po' troppo bravi ed eroici, e agenzia di spionaggio un po' troppo ingenua, che ammazza la gente e si fa fregare come polli..

Miela Finch says

Exciting! With all the trivias I gained from Boy Soldier, reading chapter after chapter seemed more than just informative. It answers my appetite for more novels like this one.

15GrahamA says

I liked the start. I liked the start because it was clear and understandable, as well as being easy to picture in my mind. The plot and conclusion wasn't for me. I thought too much led up to the conclusion, it wasn't easily understood and it was hard to picture in my mind. Due to these factors I wouldn't read it to the end or continue the series of books. The military language was also hard to remember and understand, it also got annoying having to go to the front every time a military word came up. If your a fan of military books or war books then this would be perfect for you.

Natalie says

Danny's wanted to join the British army for a long time. He finally gets the chance to try but despite his scores, he's rejected. His grandfather is a traitor to the British government and as family, Danny is denied his dream. Danny's determined to find his grandfather and make him pay.

Fergus is not what Danny expects when he finds him. Fergus knows, however, that Danny was a pawn to find him. Now both their lives are in danger as they try to clear Fergus's name.

A novel full of action, adventure, suspense, and espionage. Lots of spy jargon, but not too much. Well-written.
