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When Zak Darke's parents die in an unexplained mass murder he's left alone in the world. That is until he's sought out by a mysterious man: "I work for a government agency," the man tells him. "You don't need to know which one. Not yet. All you need to know is that we've had our eye on you. There's a possibility you could help us in certain... operational situations."

Zak becomes Agent 21. What happened to the 20 agents before him he'll never know. What he does know is that his life is about to change forever.

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Jennica Bianca says

It took me few months to get back to this series, and it only took me some few hours to finish one book.

My God. How could I even describe this book? It's mildly intense read, if you are calm. But for me, who overthinks at some things, I nearly cried for some of the scenes. Okay, it was intense for me. Given that it was written so greatly, every chapter provides a good action-packed parts. Which makes a person think critically (on my part) for the conflicts and enjoy the book with those kind of scenes (on my part again).

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the book. I'm up for the next. :)

PS. I really like Raf and Gabs together. They're cute.

PPS. I will try to learn those codes, too. Hehe.

Leensey says

[1 - I thought Gabs was going to die. (That is so not cool.).

2 - I want Malcolm to be Zak's personal "Q" (you know, like in the James Bond films haha. I'll read the novels soooooon)

3 - I knew from that from the moment that book 2 ended with Cruz alive that he will also be behind this crime. (hide spoiler)]

Siobhan says

Agent 21: Codebreaker is the third book in Chris Ryan's Agent 21 series, and as with the first two books I found it to be an enjoyable quick read. In fact, this third book is easily my favourite of the first three books. If I'm being completely honest, I came extremely close to handing this one a four-star rating. It's more a reflection of my recent reading mood than anything that had me rounding this strong three-point-five-star rating down.

Agent 21: Codebreaker follows the first two books in that it is an action-packed story, one which will have you turning the pages at a rapid pace. There is plenty to hold your attention, in regards to both the characters and the thriller aspects, yet there was something extra with this book to make it shine brighter than the two prior stories.

For me, this was the storyline. Following the ending of Agent 21: Reloaded, I expected to be thrown into more action regarding the underlying storyline that came about through the conclusion of events in book one. What we're given is a story that takes a step away from what I expected. At first I was a wee bit unsure, fearful this was going to be a filler book, yet the storyline kept me hooked throughout. There was more to this one than the prior books, and it guaranteed I was more than willing to see how everything played out.

What stopped me from rounding up was how predictable some of the events were. As I've said with the

prior books, however, this is a reflection of my views towards young adult thrillers rather than a reflection of the story itself. Had I been in a better reading mood, this one probably would have done enough to get that four-star rating from me.

Overall, Agent 21: Codebreaker is a strong addition to the Agent 21 series, one that will leave you curious as to where the story will go from here.

Glenn says

This was, for me, the best book of the series so far... Zak, is learning to think before acting more... there was action, mystery, humour etc

Adam Fidziuikiewicz says

Agent 21 Codebreaker by Chris Ryan is a very intense fiction book.

It made me think of it as fierce because of all the tragedy and mystery that happens throughout the book. For example, in the book you think the bad guy is one person, but then the person suspected falls to the actual bad guy and then they are no closer to stopping the bad guy's attacks. This made it very fiery because it messed with your mind.

In addition at one point the children's hospital is blown up and it is very extreme as they are trying to get the last of the sick children out of the building before the explosion happens. The book makes you feel like they need to save the kids, and there is always a sense of dread that they might not make it.

Therefore Agent 21 Codebreaker is a very intense book because of all of the tragedy and mystery that happens during the plot of the story. This book would be for people that love action and can stand gory detail.

Zoe and the Edge says

Chris Ryan has an addictive quality to his writing. It's so good, it catches me unawares. He has an impeccable style.

Zak's a good character. Sturdy, smart and reliable. He's not the kind to be tormented by the evil he sees. He knows how to move when he has to. His mental state is healthy.

Raf and Gabs always get into situations that just make me roll my eyes. You don't have to make smart characters stupid just so that main characters seems smarter. That's just lame.

I have to admit though, that I relished the arrogant and smug Michael getting into a bit of trouble. I can be sadistic like that.

16MuskettJ says

I thought it was a very action packed book and I really enjoyed the gripping parts. I felt like it was hard to keep up with the storyline sometimes throughout the book. I couldn't tell the genre either because it was changing a lot.

Ptdog says

A terrorist bomber is threatening London. Zac to the rescue. Fast paced. Who will die? Who will survive? Very good read in this series.

Iceygirl05 says

By far my favourite of the series. The story line was well established and very- extremely suspenseful and interesting. Couldn't put the book down at all!!! Highly recommended

Milan says

Codebreaker was better than previous two novels in the Zak Darke series and I enjoyed it, but even though I gave it a 4 it's more of a 3.5 simply because there were things that really didn't sit right with me.

Cruz Martinez again. He's like the greatest villain ever it seems which is kind of silly. He's involved with everything when he was supposed to be a kid of a drug dealer.

Second, Zak gets placed into Daily Post and by accident he gets assigned to the man who turns out to be the BAD GUY. I mean come on! :D At least he could have stumbled into Rodney/Lee while at Post spying on Ludgrove and got some info about him that way. Some things would have had to be written bit differently but it would have been far more believable and honestly a better story.

Same with the codebreaking, he learns about codebreaking a day before he needs it... Could have been a flashback at least, as in "Zak recalls couple of months ago when Raf and Gabs taught him codebreaking..." or something better written.

I understand this is a YA novel and I might be too critical but things like that usually get under my skin :)

Anyway all in all I enjoyed reading this.

Also for someone who claims to not read YA novels a lot, lately I've found I've read quite a few (even checked my read section, quite a few there this year :P). Zak Darke is a decent series but I still prefer the Body(Buddy)guard series, somewhat similar as they are.

Ana says

I think this book was a great addition to the Agent 21 series. Though I could see occasional times where I could predict the plot -- the overall theme and concept of the book seems to be great! Suspense and thriller mixed with bait of irony.

Definitely a good read~

Dani says

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And then there was silence once more. Simply the rain on the cobblestones and the frenzied beating of his heart.

After reading this book, I can honestly say that this one is by my favourite in the series so far. It was so action-packed and completely nail-biting that I could not put it down, no matter how I tried, I kept coming back to it every 5 minutes to pick up where I left off. Which is why I finished it within a day!

By now you get all the things that you have come to expect from the series, suspense, mystery, thrilling adventures that lead you to an intense action-packed atmosphere. Yet this one feels that much more intense as the characters seem a little more developed and as a result older than the last two books, especially in terms of Zak. While Zak is only a year older than the previous book, he seems to have grown a lot more in his training.

In this book, the missions follows a series of bombings and terrorist threats so it was easy to see how this book was full of action. When one big thing ends another one starts so I was constantly thrown from one action, suspense filled scene to another. Never given enough time to recover before something else was happening, which I thought was just amazing!

All in all, there was not a lot I could find wrong with this book. It held up to its expectations of the series, with it being completely gripping and unable to put down from the get go. It really excelled in its genre because not only are you reading about espionage tricks you get the chance to learn them yourself. The characters were still strong and constantly developing, which makes it exciting to find out what they will be like in the fourth book. Once again encouraging you to continue with the series as they other books have always excelled in.

Shockwave354 says

The best Agent 21 book so far. Includes an even better plot twist than the last book, and loads of suspense.

Martin Dagarin says

Didn't expect that Cruz would be involved. I was surprised, but good idea for bad guy to blow up the UK capital.

Kadi P says

Gosh this book. People will say it's similar to CHERUB or Henderson Boys, but I have to admit that Chris Ryan has his own style of writing that really reflects that he was out there in the field.

There were constant twists and turns in the book when I felt it was all over but it turned it wasn't. I would recommend this to anybody who loves a good action book with a long and well-thought out plot that carries on through each book.
