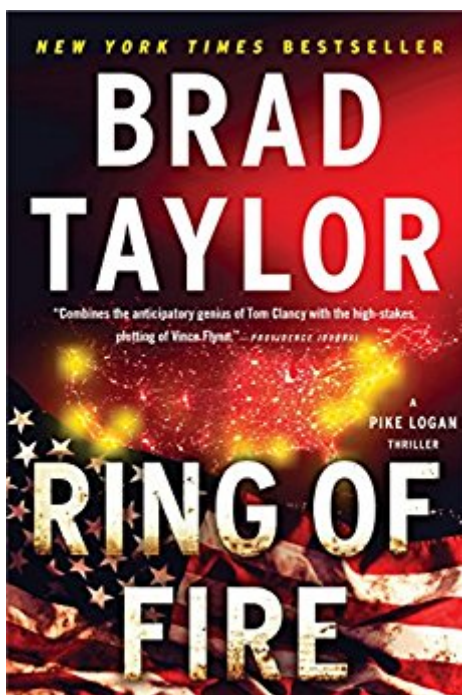


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Ring Of Fire (A Pike Logan Thriller)



Synopsis

Former Delta Force officer and *New York Times* bestselling author Brad Taylor delivers a relentlessly fast-paced, gripping thriller featuring Taskforce operators Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill as they come face-to-face with an insidious threat to strike terror into the heart of America. Fifteen years ago, in order to win a contract in the Kingdom, a desperate defense contractor used a shell company to provide a bribe to a wealthy Saudi businessman. Now a powerful player in the defense industry, he panics when the Panama Papers burst onto the public scene. Providing insight into the illicit deeds of offshore financing, they could prove his undoing. To prevent the exposure of his illegal activities, he sets in motion a plan to interdict the next leak, but he is not the only one worried about spilled secrets. The data theft has left the Taskforce potentially vulnerable, leaving a trail that could compromise the unit. Back in the good graces of the new president, Pike Logan and Jennifer Cahill are ordered to interdict the next leak as well, in order to control the damage. Unbeknownst to either group, the Saudi has been using the shell company to fund terrorists all over the world, and he has a spectacular attack planned, coinciding with the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11. The information Pike and Jennifer uncover will put them on the trail of the imminent threat, but it's one that they might be unable to stop. Called Ring of Fire, it will cause unimaginable destruction across the United States, and the ensuing chaos and terror will distract the Taskforce from a truth no one sees: Ring of Fire was only the beginning, and the danger is far from over.

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Customer Reviews

I've read all of the novels and short stories by Brad Taylor. I think that 'Ghosts of War' was probably one of the best and this book comes in right after. The initial chapters building up to the introduction of the usual team of Pike, Jennifer, and Knuckles which is a little slower than some of Taylor's earlier books. However, he ties all of the parts together before he leads the reader through the non-stop sequences of action and suspense for which Taylor is known. He re-introduces us to Carly who has appeared in one short story then another novel but now as a potential team member. She has not been through their selection and assessment course which places her in a support role where her skills as a CIA Case Officer are used by the team. During the course of pursuing terrorists, Taylor also introduces a Moroccan CT officer Ahmed al-Raffiki which results in some interesting and with the recent presidential election in the US, rather profound conversations. Taylor's research into the subject of maritime terrorism and the geography of the Mediterranean countries is exceptional. Having read all of Brad Taylor's books and short stories, this book stands up well while expanding and deepening the characters. This is well worth the time to read!

Fascinating views of Morocco, Spain and specific communities enrich the portraits of religion, poverty, culture, and history. These become the backdrop for serious intentions by a hateful Saudi family to destroy the USA. Pike, Jennifer, Knuckles, and Kurt's task force carry over their work from previous novels by Brad Taylor. This time sea ports and drones, along with off shore bank accounts and drug dealers, become integral to the plot. The bad guys almost assassinate the President of the USA. Linking all of this to the original 9/11 bad guys, Taylor creates a plausible prediction of terrorism. Pike, et. al. discuss Islam in detail with Ahmed, a DGST- trained and articulate counterpart in Morocco. The lively discussions expose stereotypes, attitudes, and facts about Islam, Who, then, is a terrorist if not a true Muslim?

Thrilling and terrifying at the same time. All of Brad Taylor's thrillers are excellent, but "Ring of Fire" reaches the Gold Standard, like Tom Clancy's "Hunt for Red October". "Ring of Fire" has all the elements that I love in a thriller - action, deep character portrayal, technical accuracy, historical relevance, and frightening realism- and none of the elements that ruin a thriller - 2 dimensional comic strip-type action, superhuman heroes, and melodrama. Taylor's portrayal of secondary characters is particularly engaging. Anwar, the teenage terrorist and Johan, the South African head of security, come to life in just a few well chosen words. All around, "Ring of Fire" is a moving tribute to the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

As with all of the Pike Logan series, Ring of Fire is packed with action. Follow Pike and the Taskforce as they battle terrorists from Morocco to the United States. Their foe has a huge plot to make the anniversary of 9/11 an unforgettable day of victory for terrorists with a series of attacks designed to cripple the United States. One by one, the Taskforce defeats each threat. This book is loaded with action set in a modern world with characters and a shadow agency which could conceivably exist today. If you're an Action/Adventure fan, you'll enjoy Ring of Fire.

This is an explosive read with a very believable scenario. Terrorists, funded by an extremely wealthy Saudi family are plotting an attack that will dwarf 9/11. They will cripple major shipping ports in America. One of the bombs they plan to utilize is radioactive. The Task force, the President's covert team is tasked to take them down. This is an extremely powerful and extraordinarily well written action thriller. I highly recommend!!

This was one of the best Pike Logan books to date. Taylor did a great job of tying together bad guys responsible for 9/11 to the Panama papers to an ambitious plot against the largest ports in the US. The Task Force have to pull on various threads and piece together clues to get to the bottom of the plot. It jumps around the world with some interesting action. Johan was an interesting character that was both good and bad, leaving the reader a little conflicted about him. Towards the end there were a few suspenseful scenes Norfolk, VA and Charleston, SC that'll keep you on the edge of your seat. This is a fun read start to finish.

I LOVE PIKE LOGAN!!!! and the rest of the crew...this is the latest in this series and well worth your money and time...Pike is part of an organization sent to address terrorist and evil world wide and the stories are full of action, suspense and a touch of romance...oh and humor!! excellent work ...buy it

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A book about Middle East politics proving once again that there is no way the rest of the world outside the Middle East can understand the zealot mentality and tribalism that controls that region. When the day comes that religion takes a back seat to sanity, the rest of the world MAY begin to live without fear.

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