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"If you like Vince Flynn and Brad Thor, you'll love John Gilstrap."--Gayle Lynds

"My favorite tough guy hero is back." --Jeffery Deaver

"One of the finest thriller writers on the planet." --Tess Gerritsen

Assassins have eliminated a Chechen scientist who's been working as a double agent for the U.S. government. The feds know who to call: Jonathan Grave and his elite rescue team. Their mission: find the dead man's teenage son, who's on the run--and off the grid--with crucial information that must not fall into the wrong hands. There's one problem: the boy's bodyguard is a security specialist with unusual talents, and she's not giving up without a fight. Only by bringing them both back alive can Grave expose the traitor in the highest levels of power--and prevent an all-out nuclear war.

## **Praise for John Gilstrap**

"Gilstrap pushes every thriller button."--*San Francisco Chronicle*

"A great hero, a really exciting series."--Joseph Finder

"When you pick up a Gilstrap novel, one thing is always true--you are going to be entertained at a high rate of speed."--*Suspense Magazine*

## **End Game Details**

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## From Reader Review End Game for online ebook

### **Maureen says**

#### **Intrigue at its best**

Another nail biter. As usual Scorpion and Big Guy kick the criminals from one continent to another metaphorically speaking. Always up for another John Gilstrap thriller. Great read and worthy of a five \* rating.

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### **Stephen Terrell says**

This is a rock 'n roll thrill ride not for the feint of heart. A young boy is caught in the crossfire between Russian hit squads and ruthless Chechen rebels. But when hostage rescue specialist Johnathan Grave is brought in, its not entirely clear which side he is playing on.

The body count starts on page one, and doesn't let up until the climactic scene. Be prepared. When you get to the last 150 pages, make sure your calendar is clear. The story hits the after-burners, and you won't want to stop until the book is done.

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

Jonathan Grave aka Digger aka Scorpion and avenging angel of the baddies is back...

He's now become one of my fav action heroes..... And Boxers, Venice (pronounced 've-nee-chay') and characters we have become familiar with and some interesting new ones which I look forward to seeing more of.

The new rescue mission is to find a teenager and his lady bodyguard before they are captured by the baddies...see Graham Mitchell, 14 year old son of murdered scientists holds a secret that could cause the end of the world!!!!

Russian mob, FBI, CIA, Chechyan rebels, mad scientists, double agents, torture, murder.....follow the fleeing duo ....and the Security Solutions team hot on their trail as well.....lucky for Jolaine & Graham they have the avenging angel and savior on their side !!!

Fast paced, action packed, twists and turns and many surprises, despite the fact that the plot was a bit confusing at times.

The ending was something I was not expecting.....but then it involves one of my least favorite characters in this series.

Can't wait to see where the author will take it from there in the next book...

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### **Cary Stanford says**

I have read hundreds of books in this genre. It's not uncommon for the stories to end abruptly, but this one looks like the author was paid to deliver 300 pages and once he reached this target, he wrapped it up with little or no thought to providing his readers with closure. Spoiler: For example, the author devotes one sentence in the epilogue to the character's outcome and virtually no more than that for other key persons. I felt short-changed; plus I am certain I am not alone in that view. Other than that, the read is page turner and written well enough.

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### **Alexandra Rairden says**

My only fear is this series coming to an end. I have heard there is going to be another book. I can't wait!!!!

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### **Clwseattle says**

Many authors write "thrillers". John Gilstrap defines "THRILLER" ..

End Game starts fast and never slows down. As usual, Jonathan Grave and Boxer are on the top of their game with all the coolest toys available. Our heroes never lose their humanity nor sense of humor.

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### **george agle says**

#### **Surprised, Scary, Angry, Disappointed**

Not with this book! But the story really tied me in knots! There was a lot of the unknown when not knowing could be fatal. And when a kid is involved the stakes are too high to be wrong. What a terrifying story of betrayal! Never underestimate a person's ability to betray (or the human spirit's instinct to overcome it).

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### **Pamela says**

I love John Graves! Having said that, I have some issues with this particular novel in the series. Not once did Scorpion meet with Wolfie to clarify his concerns about Maryanne. Things were not adding up, yet Wolfie was not in the scenario at all. That didn't make sense. Wolfie's minion had far too much autonomy, and that was not realistic. Also, the plot did not develop Sarah very well. What was her

motivation? Why put Graham in harm's way? Furthermore, how did the terrorists find the Doctor and Sarah? Not only was that not explained, we never knew which group was responsible. I think that was the most difficult aspect: two groups of bad guys were confusing and not known until the very end was too late. Finally, the resolution was fine for Graham, but nothing about his bodyguard. Nothing about outcome of Maryanne. Nothing about the politician who was involved. Way too many loose ends.

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### **Alex Ander says**

End Game strays a little from the usual Jonathan Grave story--people are kidnapped and Grave rescues them. This book...well, this book strays from that. I probably shouldn't say more for fear of giving away a part of the plot. Other than that point, the book falls in line with the previous ones in the series. If you've read those, you know what is going to happen...you just don't know the 'how' and that is the fun part.

I will say that I found myself doing something I've never done before, while reading--skipping over the more technical details and the mental conversations of people who were not Jonathan. Maybe, I've read so many of the author's books that I know the specific details of the weapons and explosives used that the information is redundant. I'm sure I would not have done that had End Game been the first or second book I had read.

I give End Game 5 stars and recommend it to anyone who enjoys action books with a good character who has good character. My one gripe is the language. While it is not littered throughout the book, I feel 50% of it is not necessary. I can't knock off a star for it, because I knew what was to come.

One more gripe (maybe a side note): I wish Jolaine would have had a greater role. I felt drawn into her character from the beginning.

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### **Mylinda says**

3.5/5 Fast paced, entertaining.

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### **Darlene Gordon says**

Fast pace, man's kind of book but I enjoyed it also. Lots of action and gadgets.

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### **Skip says**

Jonathan Grave and Boxers are recruited by a young FBI agent to find a 14-year son of spies and his female bodyguard, after the parents are attacked in front of him. He is given a code, but not told its significance, and becomes a pawn in a dangerous game, where the two of them are being sought by different factions with different agendas. Grace and Boxers track them down, with Venice's able help, and end up in the slums of Detroit, where they ally themselves with a local gang leader. Still liking this series.

Note: The e-book version I read was terrible because there was no extra space when the storyline changed.

That's really lame.

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### **Freda Malone says**

Another good rescue performed by none other than Jonathan Grave (Scorpion) and his team mate Boxers (Big Guy) and of course not without a whole lot of shooting going on and dead bodies piling up. A teenage boy has his hands full when his double agent parents decide to give him the true launch codes of the US 'freakin' missiles! Poor kid. If someone isn't chasing him for the codes, there is someone chasing him to shut him up before giving the codes to the bad guys - and Jonathan and Boxers are smack in the middle of yet another form of betrayal within the FBI.

Another good read but I see a 'cookie cutter' pattern here. Jonathan Grave and his friends, Boxer and Venice do pretty much the same thing over and over again. A rescue, surveillance technologies, eye in the sky, plenty of guns, and a rescue gone all wrong only to be righted again by Graves and his team. Starting to get a little boring now.

For lack of anything better to read, or rather, while I am waiting for new released books from my favorite authors, this series seems to be the one I am gravitating to.

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### **Peter Talbot says**

Smoothly told if a bit loosely edited, much of the book is a real-time hostage rescue: nailbiting at times and worth a look. Very familiar, formulaic stuff but agreeable for all that. Less sexist than some in this genre. Good for surviving train rides.

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### **Sheree Rose says**

#### **Great book**

I started reading these books for something different & love them. Great story love the action. & all the technology they use to fight.

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