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In the eighth action-packed thriller in the *New York Times* bestselling Pike Logan series, ISIS, the most maniacal terrorist organization the modern world has ever seen, is poised to make their most audacious strike yet.

The United States has anticipated and averted countless attacks from terrorist groups—thanks in large part to the extralegal counterterrorist unit known as the Taskforce. But in *The Insider Threat*, a much more insidious evil is about to shatter the false sense of safety surrounding civilized nations. While world powers combat ISIS on the battlefield, a different threat is set in motion by the group—one that can't be defeated by an airstrike. Off the radar of every Western intelligence organization, able to penetrate America or any European state, they intend to commit an act of unimaginable barbarity. Only Pike Logan and the Taskforce stand in the way of an attack no one anticipates, a grand deception that will wreak unthinkable chaos and reverberate throughout the Western world.

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Hilary says

[Jacob's character feels real; unlike the other Lost Boys, who are almost like cardboard cutouts, Jacob has crises of conscience, recognizes that the Islamic State isn't actually like Islam, and admits that he won't die for the cause. Abused by thos

The Real Book Spy says

Brad Taylor just keeps getting better and better. Pike Logan is one of the heavyweights of the genre, along with Mitch Rapp and Scot Harvath!

Jeanie says

The thought made him sick, driving home the fact that the application of military force would never be decisive in this fight. The roots were too deep, and the siren call too sweet. No matter how many terrorists he prevented from individually killing, there was a pervading ability for ideology to transcend logical thought; spreading like a cancer through whole societies he would have otherwise thought normal, civilized humans. Because of it, the Islamic State had become the most powerful terrorists' organization on the face of the earth.

A thriller suspense taken from the headlines that is believable while informative. Many characters that all come together with one final show down. I have to admit, I was a little lost, but I was able to catch up on who was who and the plot was developed to one final intense evil verses good with sacrifices and misplaced hope in the ideology of ISIS.

The *The Lost Boys* a group that the U.S. government knows exist but does not know who, or what they are. They are known as American citizens and not of Arabic descent. They are the Insider's Threat that Nephillim Logan's team is looking for. His team includes a handful of trained agents not officially working for the government to stop terrorism which helps to work through all the red tape that ISIS does not have to work through. Among his team is his girlfriend, Jennifer which gives this thriller some dynamic contrasts. She is smart and is respected from her teammates as they bring down the *The Lost Boys*. They are joined by an Israeli team, which brings their own gifts and determination to stop evil.

You do not know the objective of the Lost Boys until near the end but all is revealed slowly with intentionality that the answers of why and who that makes this a edge of your seat type read.

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Fredrick Danysh says

Pike Logan is in charge of a secret anti-terror team charged with gathering intelligence and eliminating terrorists. They go up against ISIS to prevent two acts of terrorism that would shock the world if completed.

Michael Smith says

Brad Taylor continues to be one of my favorite authors and this may be his best yet. Thanks to his background, he brings a realism that's unparalleled in most thrillers, his stories are always very current and believable, and the characters are substantial and not cardboard cutout characters. Pike Logan may, at times be a cross between Jason Bourne and the Punisher... but he's also a man that doesn't necessarily like what he does... but he does it because his team can save lives by doing what needs to be done. Jennifer helps serve as a moral compass and brings the humanity out of Pike. The permanent introduction of Aaron and Shoshanna is an exciting twist that's sure to keep team dynamics interesting in the future.

I really can't say enough good things about this series and this book specifically. While it certainly can stand on its own... Go read the whole series! Cumulatively it really shows the growth and development of the characters. Can't wait for the next book in December!

Dolphe says

This is probably the best of the Brad Taylor efforts for Pike Logan so far. I truly enjoy the characters that Taylor has created, but I still have to admit that the author's attention to detail can be a bit overwhelming. It is a worthy effort to make the locales believable, but the descriptions don't have to read like a travel brochure.

Dan says

Pike Logan and his Taskforce are sent on a mission as in all the previous stories. But I didn't enjoy this one as much as the previous outings. Although it deals with issues that are current; American teenagers (The Lost Boys) recruited by the Islamic State for a missions that will rock the world. Pike's relationship with Jennifer is there and Mossad agent Shoshana creates some conflicts. Some say it is action packed, but I felt it was worldly and dragged at spots. I was hoping the ending would make up for it. Not one of his best, but okay.

Dee Haddrill says

I have the biggest crush on Pike Logan. He's a man who does whatever it takes to get the job done. Another fantastic book in the series, and I think it is only made better by the amazing job Rich Orlow does of bringing Pike to life.

Mike Worley says

3.5 stars, OK read, nothing special

Larry says

This was my introduction to Brad Taylor's "Pike Logan" series, and what an introduction it was! A frenetically-paced antiterrorism thriller, the book has interesting characters, members of an off-the-books antiterrorist unit, tracking down a barbarously evil plot, with action aplenty and a thrilling conclusion. This is the eighth book of the series--I always seem to get in late--but I'll be running down the others.

Lisa says

Took me forever to finish it bc I kept getting bored. It should've held my attention bc of the subject matter but it just felt too random and contrived. Definitely not as entertaining as the earlier books in the series.

Betty says

This is the first book I have read by Brad Taylor. Even though it is #8 in his Pike Logan series, it can be enjoyed without having read any of the previous books in the series. It is full of action – reminded me of Tom Young and Vince Flynn. Short chapters, easy flow of writing. Pulls you right in. This one is very current using the threat of ISIS. The characters are developed enough so you can enjoy their personalities, especially when they are bantering back and forth.

Pike Logan is the leader of a covert counterterrorism team. Little does he know the hornet's nest he is stepping into when he is called to a meeting of the Oversight Council in DC. The CIA has managed to insert three assets into an ISIS cell. Now, one of those three has been identified as one of the victims of a beheading by ISIS. He had infiltrated a group known as the Lost Boys. He didn't know what they were, only that they existed, and that they were Americans. Now these radicalized young men may be returning to the US.

The Lost Boys were severely abused while in a detention center in the US. Upon their release they are disillusioned and angry, thus making perfect targets for recruitment by ISIS. The author slowly reveals the nature of their true assignment – an act that will strike to the very core of the Western world's Christianity.

Logan's team must now track their target from country to country, all along having to negotiate their way into and out of countries, as they try to figure out the next move and the motive of their target. With the action building with each chapter, Taylor rewards the reader with a breath-taking conclusion.

I received a copy of the book via GoodReads' First Read program for an honest review.

Richard says

Written by a man who spent more than twenty years in the army, of which eight years were as a member of Delta Force, and retiring as a Special Forces lieutenant colonel, Brad Taylor really knows and understands the fight which is going on in the Middle East.

The United States has anticipated and averted countless attacks from terrorist groups, thanks in large part to an extralegal counterterrorist unit known as the Taskforce. But now they are faced with a much more insidious evil that is about to shatter the sense of safety which surrounds civilized nations. While world powers combat ISIS on the battlegrounds of the Middle East, ISIS has set in motion a far different set of actions which will shatter the world with unimaginable barbarity.

A group of four young men living in Florida has been recruited by the Islamic State to learn the methods used by the Islamic State to accomplish its goals. The boys living at a home for boys have been mistreated, and most willing to do something that will get them out of the home. They are provided with passports to enable them to fly to the Middle East to continue their training. There they learn how the terrorists kill by cutting off the heads of victims, and they prove their allegiance to ISIS by cutting off the heads of their first victims.

While they are learning these skills, another group of young men from Florida fly to Italy under the guidance of a teacher in order to meet with the Pope in Rome. The two groups of boys soon cross paths as The Lost Boys, as the first group is now known, begin to intercept boys from the second group to kill them and take their places.

The Taskforce is attempting to find out what is going on, using all of their skills. What IS going on? Why do The Lost Boys want to take the places of the second group of boys? Where is the teacher while all of this is happening? And what about his mistress that he has taken with them to Italy?

Tim says

What I like best is the maturation of Jennifer and Shoshana. My favorite Pike Logan to date. Excellent story!
9 of 10 stars

Ryan Hillis says

Great thriller about ISIS! Pike Logan saves the day again!
