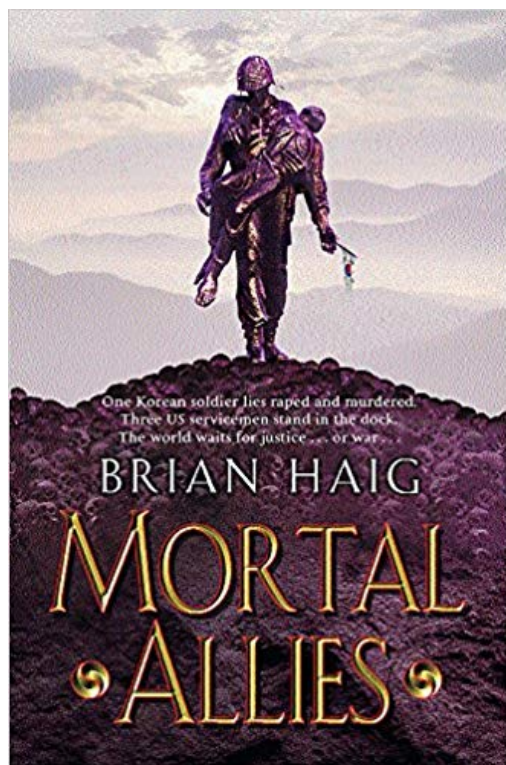


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## Reviews of the *Mortal Allies* by Brian Haig

Small Black

Normally I don't like suspense novels written in the first person because it does not allow developing the action in multiple threads. However, in this series of Haig books I can see no other way to portray the main character's witty, self-deprecating humor that often left me laughing out loud in public. Despite the humor, the controversial story line has plenty of action and suspense. Reading this book leaves no doubt in the reader's mind that this son of General Alexander Haig, a member of president Nixon's and Reagan's cabinets, is a hard core democrat. If the reader can ignore the liberal bias, the book is fun to read. He can even gain a good insight into the military law without taking a class in law.

Gathris

Brian Haig- a most amazing author- I am guilty of letting his other books in the Sean Drummond series slip by without reviewing them. They have been outstanding - delving into world events we all

remember once we start to read. and what a different perspective he presents as JAG officer.. I cannot more highly recommend the reading of these books. Find the series on your reader and sit back and re-learn and re-live the times. I found I was unable to put his books down.

Sean Drummond is a character within himself- funny, analytical about events and delves for truth. His unspoken thoughts are sarcastic, funny and like-'o yeah- this is what I really mean but didn't say' If you like CIA novels, spy novels, Haig presents quite the novels to his readers. Please try them- you , too, may not be able to put them down.

Nuadador

For some reason, many of the reviews of this book here on Amazon.com seem to dodge the fact that this Sean Drummond thriller revolves around the issue of homosexuality in the military. It's as if the reviewers are afraid that a book built around the gay theme will turn readers off. If you believe gays should openly serve in the military, you probably won't like this book. If you think they shouldn't, then you will probably find favor with it. Depends on where you're coming from. As a thriller -- it's a very good one. Haig takes us to Korea where a gay U.S. army officer is accused of a heinous murder of a Korean civilian. Enter Drummond, a sharp wise-cracking lawyer, who must serve as co-counsel to a former law school rival. The outcome is fairly predictable, but Haig throws a lot of surprises at us along the way, which makes the book very hard to put down. There's no question that's it's a well-crafted popular mass-market thriller. But it's your political view that will probably influence whether you like it or not.

Dawncrusher

This is another volume in the series about Major Sean Drummond, an army lawyer whose smart aleck attitude usually places him one wisecrack short of a court martial. In this story he is paired up with a civilian lawyer, a smart lady who can be best described as a finely sculptured ice statue. Don't be taken in by her frigid demeanor, however, as her speech often seems to be ejected from a flame thrower. Do Katherine Carlson and Major Drummond get along? Does a pit bull get along with a bobcat?

Four gay guys are found in a room. One of them is dead, and one of the four, an officer is thought to be the murderer. It's kind of like an old British locked room mystery. How can the accused possibly be innocent? Naturally things are not always as they seem. Both of our lawyers plough along trying to find out what really happened. Major Drummond manages to insult not only his superiors, but also diplomats, U.S. and Korean. The reader begins to feel certain that by page 417 the Major will be standing in front of a firing squad. As time goes by, however, the case becomes more and more sinister, and reaches the point of becoming an international incident.

This is a fun story, as are all of Brian Haig's novels. Even if you haven't served time in the military you'll chuckle as Sean Drummond brings a general or two to the point of apoplexy. The case eventually gets resolved, but, you ask, does the ice maiden thaw and fall into the open arms of our handsome major? Maybe, maybe not.

Ynap

Brian Haig can spin a good story and "Mortal Allies" certainly has that going for it. Though it veers uncomfortably close to a graphic novel from time to time, the book is well-paced and often intelligent as it takes Haig's JAG uber-hero, Sean Drummond, through an amazing number of scrapes and dustups, all in the context of defending a gay American army officer from murder and associated charges in South Korea. While the plot is plausible and even gripping at times, the broadly drawn characters, including Drummond, can get a little cartoony at times. Still the author generally stays on the right side credibility and delivers a stemwinder with a lot of twists and turns before a satisfying resolution to the story. Haig's treatment--as presented through the reactions and thinking of Sean Drummond--of the gay characters and the difficult situation that they face in the military, is at times sympathetic and at other times neanderthalic. Over all though, you can see that the author

is trying to be fair while presenting a realistic view of traditional views of gays by older or more conservative Americans.

This is overall an entertaining book.

Enone

I have never read a book that kept me so interested and intrigued. I can usually put down a book and let it go for a while, but this book was on my mind all the time and I did not want to leave it. In fact I was hoping that it would keep going on and on.

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