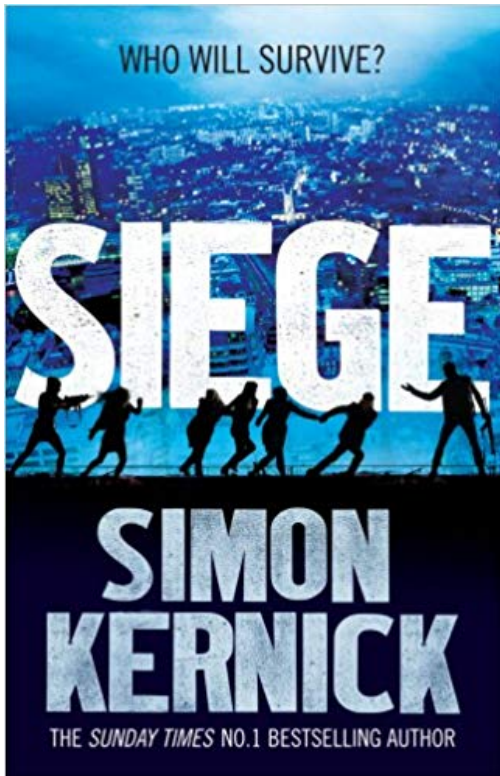


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London is under attack. People are dead. Many more lives hang in the balance as a group of highly trained gunmen storm the historic Lanchester Hotel on Park Lane. The gunmen have given the government just five hours to meet their demands before they blow up the building. Shots ring out. Some guests panic. Others text their loved ones. Still more try to escape. All are united by one thing: fear for their lives. All -- except one man who has information so dangerous that it must be kept safe -- at any price. Darkness falls. The gunmen become increasingly violent. One question is in everybody's minds. Will they survive the night?



Reviews of the **Siege (Scope)** by Simon Kernick

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I'm now a major Simon Kernick fan! A lot of characters, a complex plot that hinges on numerous sub-plots, multiple locations, extensive and crucial dialog and a very tight timeframe, collectively, sound like a reader's nightmare. And from Kernick's notes at the end of the book (which I very much appreciated) , they were also an author's nightmare. However, he carried everything through with a stellar result. The chaos inherent in the storyline was precisely coordinated, if that makes sense. I

soon knew the places, the people, the shock and fear - I couldn't read fast enough. When I finished the book, I was satisfied! Siege is everything a thriller should be.

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Under Siege tells the story of a series of attacks in central London, focused primarily on a massive hostage situation at the Stanhope hotel. Author Simon Kernick doesn't spend a lot of time on characters background, or even giving names to most of the "bad guys." The story jumps right in with several short chapters describing what each character is up to, and it was a little hard to keep everyone straight at first. Eventually the stories all merge together and the chapters get a little longer as the action picks up. The action was frantic and the scenes were well written, but the book definitely didn't strike any major emotional chords. If that's what you're looking for, this would be a great choice.

Still a good enough read to justify 3 stars, but not something to rush out and read immediately.

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When I'm late for an appointment because I find it impossible to walk away from a book with only a couple of chapters left, the author has obviously hooked this reader with a good plot, believable protagonists and antagonists, and plenty of action. Mr. Kernick's writing style flows nicely, and it's refreshing to read about an ex-military hero who is a regular guy, complete with a few warts and foibles. On a side note, I wish Mr. Kernick's anticipation of a true "Arab spring" had come to pass, but, alas, it looks like the Islamic terrorism plot line will be current for an indefinite period if time. Well-done, Mr. Kernick! As soon as I hit the "submit" button, I'll be searching for my next Kernick novel!

SlingFire

This book was a "real time" story that take place in a period of about 9 hours. There are a huge number of characters, each with a side story. In the first part of the book each of these characters was introduced with a separate chapter, so the real action didn't start until well into the book. The real action makes the reader hold-your-breath. Since this is a stand-alone book, the reader has no idea who will live and who will die.

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Every page hooked me deeper into the story.

Imagine staying at a very nice hotel while on vacation only to hear multiple gunshots and people threatening to kill everyone who doesn't come out of their rooms.

While guests struggle to survive amongst the horror, a mystery guest becomes a hidden aggressor fighting against the terrorists.

The book is exciting and gripping from page one. One of the best I've read in awhile. Don't pass this one up!

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... but be forewarned, you won't be able to put it down!

If you like thrillers, this is for you. He's a wonderful writer, inserting just enough plots/subplots to keep you interested without getting confused. You'll wonder who the characters are, and he wraps it up nicely at the end without being trite.

I'm looking forward to reading more of his books.

Note: neither page numbers nor X-ray in this one, and I would have liked both, but the book was too good for me to downgrade it.

Enjoy!

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I have never read a terrorist novel. I thought that type of book would be replete with politics. However, I decided that I would give this book a try since the plot intrigued me, i.e., terrorists taking over a hotel in London.

I was not disappointed. The chapters were relatively short so the scenes kept changing between law enforcement, the terrorists, various guests at the hotel, employees of the hotel, etc. The ending was surprising.

I still get an adrenaline rush thinking about it. If you have even been thinking about giving a book about terrorists a try, this is the one to read..

This is a breezy, quick summer read-true "junk food" in the best sense of the word. You know the type of book-one that gets stained with ketchup and grease as you read with one hand and eat the processed food you only allow yourself on rare summer days. A fun work of fiction that works perfectly on the beach or the deck, with a big bag of chips and a six pack of beer to wash it down.

Give it a shot-you'll enjoy this one.

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