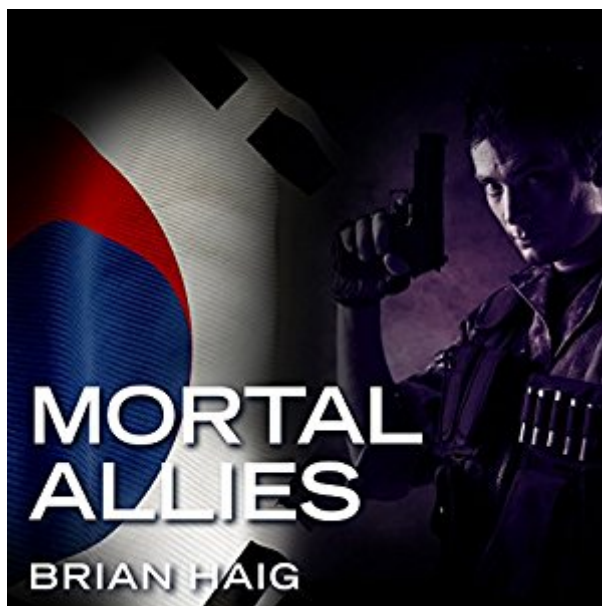


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Synopsis

JAG lawyer Sean Drummond has gotten himself in way over his head - with a case that challenges his deepest fears and a co-counselor who challenges just about everything else. Assigned to South Korea as an advocate for a gay officer accused of brutally killing the son of a South Korean war hero, Drummond is teamed up with an old law-school nemesis. Katherine Carson is a curvy, liberal, William Kunstler-like attorney with a reputation for manipulating the media on behalf of her mostly gay clients. Drummond is as distraught to be working with a woman who knows how to push all his buttons as he is to be defending this client. However, it's just this lack of political correctness that makes him the one man the CIA can trust with its disturbing secrets, and Drummond quickly learns that what appears to be an open-and-shut case is really just the top layer of a deep conspiracy.

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Customer Reviews

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.

I was expecting so much more when the reviews compared the author to Lee Child and such, but man, what a disappointment. First of all, the wisecracking first-person narration doesn't go well with the heaviness of the story. Imagine a political thriller written in a comedic tone. Sounds great in theory, but in practice it really didn't work. And the author's not-so-subtle political leanings come through over and over, time and time again. If they're not his, but his character's, then they've gone way beyond parody and straight into caricature. Also, there was a lot of fluff in the book that didn't advance the story very much, like when the character is watching TV and offering his thoughts and philosophy about what he's watching. Pure dreck at that point, just another excuse to spout political dogma. No, I'll never buy another book by this author again.

I like good story, one with lots of intrigue where the story line is complicated and hard to guess where it will end up. And where all of the purposeful loose ends ultimately come together. This was well done!

This is one of Brian Haig's best books, and that's saying a lot. My attention was held right from the start, and I learned a lot about the military justice system. That fact that I liked this book and hardly ever read or listen to fiction highlights the book. The Army lawyer, Sean Drummond, was a believable character and one the reader naturally roots for supportively. The action was continuous. I got a sense of how the Korean people feel about U.S. soldiers and our country too, given their unique situation and perspective.

For some reason, many of the reviews of this book here on .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.

Very clever plot like several in the Haig's collection of the Sean Drummond series. Unfortunately, the main character Drummond's interactions with others makes him a tiring idiot. How many times is "fast Eddy" the best, meanest lawyer in the universe, or how often does Drummond get baseball bats from him, or how incredibly beautiful or well built every female is. Or how often do we have to read how Imelda is the absolutely meanest/best paralegal who ever walked this planet. Haig's repetitiveness really kills what is overall a great plot. This was my fourth and last

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.

Brian Haig is one of the best authors I've discovered in a long time. I find his writing to be witty, intelligent and downright entertaining. I've now read all of the Sean Drummond books and I can honestly say, I love and will miss the character until the next Sean Drummond adventure is written. I've learned so much about the various cultures where his adventures take place and I enjoy the Sean Drummond character so much. He's smart, sarcastic and just a blast to read. I have been and will be suggesting Brian Haig's books to my friends! I haven't read anyone quite like him, perhaps Nelson Demille might be the closest, another of my favorites. Read Brian Haig and enjoy the ride!

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