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*After surviving the attacks on September 11, 2001, Dan Lenson finds himself quickly drawn into a covert SEAL team in search of the terrorists responsible. Their mission: kill Osama Bin Laden.*

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Commander Dan Lenson is visiting the Pentagon, and his wife is at a job interview at the World Trade Center. In the action-packed scenes that follow, Dan fights his way through flames and destruction to safety, and tries to reach his wife on her cell phone, but the terrifying few seconds before they're cut off do nothing to calm his fears.

Dan immediately becomes involved in the military reaction to the attack. His SEAL team is assigned to Task Force Rhino, a mission that takes him to Afghanistan and the borders of Pakistan in order to hunt down, capture, or kill Osama bin Laden and other senior members of the Taliban government and al Qaeda leadership.

The 13th Dan Lenson novel, *The Towers* is a fascinating, accurate depiction of the events of September 11 and the military response, informed by sources in the Navy, the SEALs, the NCIS, and the author's own military experience. Full of fast-paced sequences and heart-pumping drama, David Poyer takes the reader into the center of the action and face-to-face with the terrorist enemy.

## The Towers Details

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### **Larry says**

There are a number of Dan Lenson books 912 or 13). The series takes him from a young naval officer to a highly-decorated but undervalued Commander on the brink of retirement. This book's action centers on the obvious towers of the World Trade Center (his wife, Blair Titus, is badly injured at the site) and the Pentagon (where Lenson is damaged while helping others to escape). The result of the terroristic attack gives Lenson's career a new lease on life (and invigorates Navy Seal Tedd Oldberg's life). The book is always interesting, though it doesn't rank with a couple of the series ("The Med," say).

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### **Chuck says**

Realistic

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### **Peter says**

The pages on the World Trade Center and Pentagon are gripping. Then Poyer seems to be out of his element describing SEAL ops.

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### **Craig Pearson says**

Good read for the early events in Afghanistan but not up to the expected standards of David Poyer. This book had nothing to do with the Navy, well written but could have been a stand alone novel.

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### **Gerald says**

Early on the morning of September 11, 2001, Navy Commander Dan Lenson, having just been passed over for promotion to Captain, is heading for an interview at the Pentagon, expecting that it will essentially be the end of his military career. At the same time his wife Blair Titus, a former Under-Secretary of Defense, is flying to New York City for an interview at the World Trade Center. Each is caught in the wrong place at the wrong time when the terrorists fly their planes into the Pentagon and World Trade Center Towers, respectively. David Poyer paints a vivid picture of the harrowing events that followed those crashes and how, both Dan and his wife very narrowly escape being incinerated. Although his injuries were fairly significant, Dan recovers quickly, and soon finds himself in Afghanistan as a member of the Joint Special Forces team responsible for overthrowing the Taliban government.

The second and third of the three main characters in THE TOWERS are: NCIS Agent Aisha Ar-Rahim, a Muslim-American on assignment in Yemen at the time of the 9/11 attacks, and former Navy SEAL Teddy Oberg, who is trying to sell investors in Hollywood on making an action military movie at the same time.

Agent Aisha Ar-Rahim soon undertakes a most dangerous mission to find to learn the current hiding place of Osama bin-Laden. Meanwhile, Teddy rejoins the SEALs and becomes the senior enlisted member of a task force assigned to hunt down and kill bin Laden and the senior Taliban leadership.

The author uses alternating chapters from the points of view of each of these characters to tell the harrowing roles played by these diverse members of the war on terror and how each made their own important contributions.

David Poyer is a great storyteller, and THE TOWERS is no exception. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I most definitely recommend to readers who enjoy such books.

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### **Gary Weinman says**

As with previous books. If you like Poyer and the Dan Lenson series you will enjoy this book. I can't determine if we are supposed to like or loath Oberg, but I think I lean more to loath. I will probably read book 14, but I'm really hoping the author goes back to focusing on Dan instead of these other characters that he seems to be putting a lot of effort in to.

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### **Ron Wroblewski says**

Another great Poyer book. Dan Lenson is in the Pentagon when the plane strikes on Sep 11 and his wife is in one of the towers. They both survive and then Dan gets in the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, as a computer expert in both weapons programming and programs that gather intelligence, analyzing, and making estimates on enemy movement. The book goes back and forth between Dan and a SEAL team that is in on the hunt. Well written.

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### **Kenneth Flusche says**

Tough book to rate: It's not a manly-man book in fact it lacks the fast paced action of a manly-man book. It's still too fresh to be a historical fiction book. Brought back lots of memories, but is lacking in some of the emotions A must read for any Poyer fan but not good memory lane books like early Lenson novels nor manly-man like later Lenson novels

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### **D.w. says**

Dan Lenson, our modern day Naval hero, comes back again.

At first the story is contrived. Very much so, and for this I fault Poyer who has spent the years weaving our modern day navy responding to fictitious events on the world's stage. He has a great ability to do this and instead focused the first 20% of the tale with reality that is flawed in that he has Dan and Blair both involved in the 9/11 attacks.

One perhaps, but both? In any event Dan is tasked with Naval response again at first in a believable way, and then as the intelligence aspect gets into higher gear, not. Dan has enough on his plate to be tasked with functions that others better suited to the job would be makes Dan less of a hero. And as we find Dan getting more compartmentalized though he isn't we see more of the other characters that have been introduced so that Poyer can tell us more about SEALs for instance.

It is a thrilling suspense read, and perhaps one day when the story of Lenson is complete, worthy of a reread, but for keeping us abreast of the modern navy, this is a let down. Almost a bridge between one part of the Lenson career and the next.

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### **David Rubin says**

I am a great fan of David Poyer and his Dan Lenson naval novels. "The Towers" is a bit different than the rest. Poyer places Dan Lenson and his wife in the very heart of the terrorist attacks and Lenson himself as part of the retaliation against the terrorists in Afghanistan. But, Commander Lenson's story occupies only about a third of the book, the other two-thirds involve two other main characters and their roles in the anti-terrorist strikes. The most compelling of these stories revolves around a SEAL platoon and its hunt for Osama Ben Laden (the unsuccessful, fictional hunt, not the later, successful operation).

Poyer has the gift of creating and sustaining a cast of believable, three-dimensional characters who are both gifted and flawed, heroic and anxious, scarred and recovering. It is Poyer's command over character which differentiates his writing from other authors in this genre. In fact, the only author to whom he can be compared in this regard is John le Carre. That, indeed, is high praise.

If you are interested in military/thriller writing, you can do no better than Poyer's earlier novels involving Dan Lenson

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### **Johnny says**

A most trying time and many courageous people came out with determination and duty to right the wrongs to innocent people. My compliments to the author for the handling of this time so many of us have lived through.

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### **Marianne says**

Gosh, this guy is a good author! He captures war, and politics, and those who fight with profound realism. And the frustrations of the bureaucracy which hampers those on the front lines of battle.

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### **Anna Lopez pugsley says**

**Tense reading**

The book reads real, not too much over the top scenes. You get caught up in the characters and you start caring about them.

I wasn't a Seal, I was in the Marine Corps, but I knew a few Seals and they are all high speed low drag and the word can't doesn't exist in their vocabulary.

I think you'll enjoy the story.

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**oliver hamilton says**

**Excellent book and a great read.**

Power is like a gritty and realistic tom Clancy; readable but authentic.

Next two books in the series are a change in scene

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