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White House Director of Homeland Security, Samantha Reid, receives intelligence about a possible new threat to the country's national security. While she and her staff are inundated with potential issues on a daily basis, this new one is staggering. What if a hostile country or group gets hold of a small nuclear device, and instead of aiming it at one of our cities, they intend to detonate it high in the atmosphere? The result would be the creation of an Electro-Magnetic Pulse or "EMP" sending shock waves that would "fry" all electronics on the ground in its line of sight. There would be no electricity grid, no internet, no communications. . .refrigeration. . .ATMs. It would set us back to the year 1910 Could it happen here?

Castle Bravo Details

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From Reader Review Castle Bravo for online ebook

Emily Boivin says

I WON THIS BOOK ON GOODREADS, AND FROM THE FIRST PAGE I WAS ON THE EDGE OF MY SEAT. THE PLOT IS INTENSE AND THE CHARECTERS ARE WELL ROUNDED. BY THE END OF THE BOOK YOUR HEART IS BEEATING SO FAST YOU THINK IT WILL BNEAT RIGHT OUT OF YOUR CHEST, AND THEN BANG THE NOVEL IS OVER AND YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH ENDING.

Jill says

The cold war isn't really over, just set back. If President Surleimenov has his way, his little country of Kazakhstan will teach the Americans a lesson they will not soon forget. It is up to Samantha Reid, Director of Homeland Security, to understand the intelligence information and plot the correct course of action before electro-magnetic pulses are released, sending the United States back into pre-electric days. Follow along as a lone infiltrator tries to delay launch long enough so that Cameron Talbot and Hurt Daniels can counteract the pulse.

Premise is good, but lacks descriptions and details that would make the characters come alive.

Elaine says

Engaging thriller

Karna Bodman used her clever mind to write a thriller with three strong women leading the way towards a resolution.

If you liked her earlier novels, you will totally be engaged in this one.

Heather says

This is my first Karna Bodman book, and I enjoyed her writing style. Samantha is the head of Homeland Security, but even with a director title, she has trouble getting the higher-ups to take her suggestions seriously.

Bodman deftly brings together an intricate and complicated plot, creating a fast, enjoyable read.

Nikki says

Castle Bravo was an extremely interesting and slightly terrifying novel due to it's plausibility. It is apparent while reading that the author, Karna Small Bodman, is well versed and knowledgeable in her subject matter. The plot was interesting and well researched. It was a fast, easy read.

The reason I did not give Castle Bravo four stars was it's lack of detail and descriptors. I am an avid reader, and enjoy books that stretch my vocabulary and teach. This book was very simply written, it felt somewhat reminiscent of a young adult novel in vocabulary and writing style. It was lacking in descriptors of character appearances, emotions, and environments. I liked, though had a hard time connecting with, the main characters of the novel due to this. I also found the relationships to be slightly maudlin and artificial for this genre.

My objections to this book are completely due to personal preference in writing style. While the novel was simply written, it had me contemplating the hypothetical situation. It was educational and informative. Novels such as these are fantastic instruments to educating the public to the possibility of such an occurrence. Knowing the author was an 'insider' in the White House only strengthens her novel's credibility.

Over-all Castle Bravo is a worthy read for those who are looking for an interesting, easy thriller.

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Rich says

If you're looking for a book that tells a story about how the US might fare after an EMP attack, this is not what you're looking for. It is what I expected, but...

I found there to be WAY too much lightweight background material about the characters to be of much interest. I kept waiting for some action. As of page 100, it was still fluffing around with the characters, two of whom were trying to get reparations for the health effects from bomb testing in the '50s, two of whom were developing a love relationship, and providing a thin background story of trying to convince anybody in the US government to devote any resources to the threat of an EMP attack.

(view spoiler)

I found the Praises for Castle Bravo on the back cover to be overdone. I didn't think that the book was all that well written, nor that it was, "Smart, slick, and exciting as hell". And it certainly did not leave me lying awake at night, wondering how long I would last.

Brenda Bisson says

Interesting plot. Thought it could have been better written.

H.B. Moore says

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David says

Castle Bravo is an exciting page turner with a terrifying scenario written by someone formerly from "inside the beltway". With strong characters and attention to detail this puts Karna Small Bodman a the top of the espionage thriller writer's list. Castle Bravo was the fist book I'd read by this author and I'm eager to read more!

jan weiser says

Fabulous. Book

Karna your you did it again I can hardly wait for your next book. Hurry back to NAPLES you are so talented
