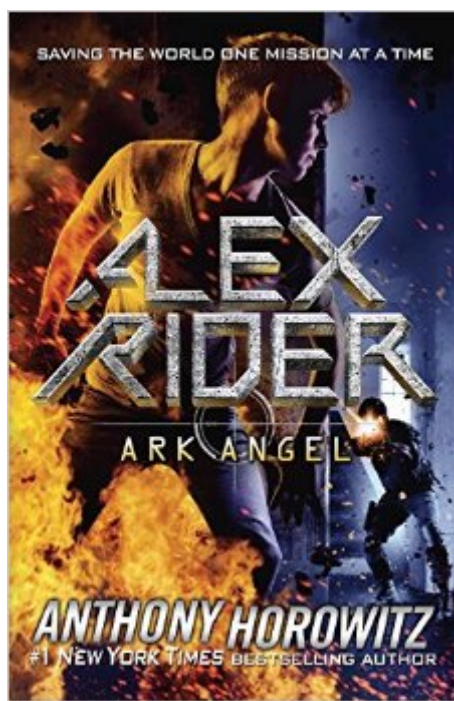


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Ark Angel (Alex Rider Adventure)



Synopsis

The sniper's bullet nearly killed him. But Alex Rider managed to survive . . . just in time for more trouble to come his way. When kidnappers attempt to snatch a fellow patient from the exclusive hospital where Alex is recovering, he knows he has to stop him. But the boy he saves is no ordinary patient: He is the son of Nikolai Drevin, one of the richest men in the world. The eccentric billionaire has been targeted by Force Three, a group of eco-terrorists who claim his project Ark Angel "the first luxury hotel in outer space" is a danger to the environment. Soon Alex discovers that Force Three will stop at nothing to destroy Ark Angel, even if it means sending four hundred tons of molten glass and steel hurtling down to Earth and killing millions . . . unless Alex can stop them.

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Customer Reviews

'Scorpia' is a hard act to follow, being the best and most emotionally draining Alex Rider adventure yet, and while 'Ark Angel' reached nowhere near the caliber of intensity that can be found in 'Scorpia', it is still as fun as ever. Yes people, he's back (you all thought he would be an angel ... shame), and Alex is madder than ever. After being shot by the unforgiving criminal organization Scorpia, 'Ark Angel' picks up in a hospital where Alex is recuperating and ready once and for all to give up spywork and the heartless MI6. However, when Alex befriends the son of Russian millionaire Nikolei Drevin, Paul, in the hospital, everything changes as Alex is pulled along into another action-packed adventure after he saves Drevin's son from a high-stakes kidnapping plot. What follows are the always interesting tropical islands, rockets in space, and of course maniacal

bad guys and trained killers. As usual, this new adventure is full of Horowitz's trademark action sequences, humor, and unexpected plot turns that will keep the reader glued to their seats. Alex is still seething at MI6, but he is nowhere near as mad as he was in 'Scorpia'. As a character, Alex didn't do much growing, but how can he since he grew leaps and bounds in the last book? So no minus points there, but, the only problem this adventure suffers is the sometimes repetitive action sequences. I know it's hard to recreate gun-shot escapes, but how many times can a bullet pass over your shoulder without taking a bit off? The essential political backdrop is there once again, and Horowitz makes it simple enough for any reader to understand. Some favorite characters make reappearances, while others don't. Mrs.

Before you read the review of ARK ANGEL, you need to take into account that this is the sixth book in the engaging, entertaining, action-packed adventure series starring Alex Rider. If you haven't read the first five books in the series, you'll probably want to do that before you pick up ARK ANGEL. Although it can stand on its own, you'll feel more in the loop by reading the previous books first. ARK ANGEL picks up immediately where Scorpia (Alex Rider Adventure), book five, left off. At the end of that book, we saw Alex Rider on the ground, wounded by a sniper's bullet. For those who thought that Anthony Horowitz was planning to kill off our favorite young MI6 agent, please be assured that ARK ANGEL does not in any way imply dead. Alex is alive and relatively well, recuperating in an exclusive private hospital in London. The sniper's bullet missed his heart, instead bouncing off a rib and exiting out his arm. Now, as he's recovering in posh room nine of the hospital, he becomes friends with Paul. The same Paul that turns out to be the son of Nikolai Drevin, one of the richest men in the world. When Alex saves Paul during a kidnapping attempt, Nikolai invites Alex to finish his recuperation at his estate. Alex soon wonders at the wisdom of being in Drevin's company, however, when he learns that an eco-terrorist group known as Force Three has threatened not only the Drevin family, but the safety of the entire world. Nikolai Drevin's latest project, Ark Angel, is in full swing. Designed to become the first ultimate luxury hotel in outer space, it contains everything the world's richest people could want.

In the sixth Alex Rider Adventure, Alex is recovering from his encounter with a sniper who had been sent to kill him. In the hospital, he meets Paul Drevin, son of multibillionaire Nikolei Drevin. While in the hospital, kidnappers come for Paul. The kidnappers are part of Force Three, a group of eco-terrorists who are angry that Nikolei Drevin caused the extinction of several species of birds during rocket launches for his latest project, Ark Angel, a space hotel. However, Alex defends Paul

against Force Three and prevents them from kidnapping him. Rewarding Alex for protecting his son, Nikolei Drevin invites Alex to spend some time with Paul and him in their extraordinary homes, leading up to the launch of one of the most important pieces of the space hotel. Alex finds that Force Three, Ark Angel, and Nikolei Drevin are not what they seem to be and despite Alex's refusal to once again become involved in the world of deception, and spying, he finds himself working to defeat "the biggest criminal in the world." I generally find that books in the Alex Rider series tend to get a touch too repetitive. However, in ARK ANGEL, although it did have some parallels to other books in the series, Anthony Horowitz successfully threw twists into the plot that set the book apart from its predecessors. I also congratulate Mr. Horowitz on the great amount of research he did on topics covered in the book. He even threw in some physics, explaining rotational inertia and some nice examples of Newton's Laws! The setting for the end of the book was very unique and gave the book an exciting ending, but I wish that Anthony Horowitz did not put Alex Rider in so many life or death situations.

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