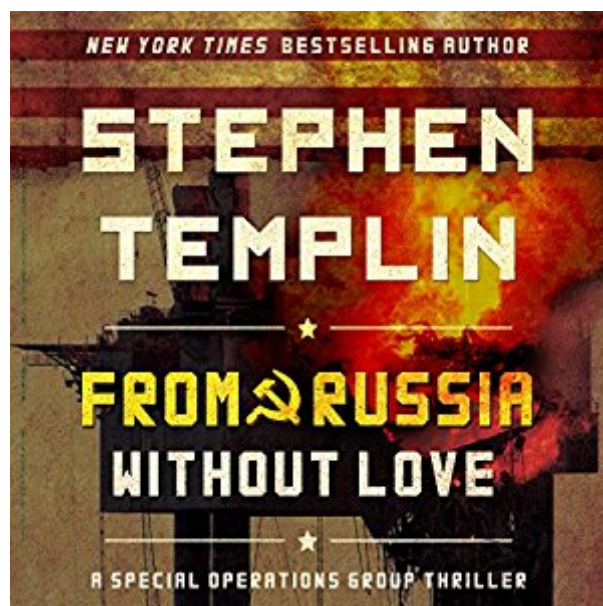


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# From Russia Without Love: [#2] A Special Operations Group Thriller



## Synopsis

SEAL Team Six veteran Chris Paladin left the Navy to become a pastor, but CIA spook Hannah Andrade pulls him back into Special Operations Group to locate the White House Chief of Staff's kidnapped son-in-law before he is executed by Greek terrorists. Cantankerous Army Delta Force operator Sonny Cohen reunites with Chris and Hannah as they race the clock to save the hostage. In Athens, Chris and his teammates discover that Russia is secretly behind the kidnapping, part of a murderous plan to attack the flow of natural gas in Europe. The Cold War has heated up again. Chris and his crew's rescue quickly changes into a mission to capture or kill a Russian spy.

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## Customer Reviews

Since reading Templin's Trident's First Gleaming, where I met the main character Chris Paladin and his mission buddies CIA black ops Hannah Andrade and Army Delta Force's Sonny Cohen, I looked forward to more of their heroics. Paladin, a SEAL who is now following his heart as a preacher, is sometimes called back into the field to apply his specialized skill sets to save lives. In From Russia Without Love, Templin sets up a series of moral conflicts - conflicts between Paladin's calling to serve God and to serve the United States in a special ops capacity; conflicts caused by the act of taking lives to save lives; romantic conflicts caused by a different set of values between Paladin and Andrade, and smaller conflicts in the moment by moment decision making that often means the difference between someone living and someone dying. The one thing that is never conflicted or in

doubt is that Paladin is indeed the best of the best and his actions are heroic. This book starts off with a bang as Paladin joins a rescue mission that leads his team into a search for a dangerous Russian attempting to manipulate Europe's energy reliance. Templin's writing pushes the pedal to the floorboard and never eases up, making this a one sitting - "shush, leave me alone; I'm reading" novel.

Absolutely love this series. From *Russia Without Love* seemed even more fast-paced than the first book if that's even possible. It's amazing that the Author could write two books with so much detail yet the scenarios are totally different. Love the characters and being able to get inside Chris's head. My husband is a retired Pastor and was in the Air Force so I understand his struggles.

This book is phenomenal! Truly gets a standing ovation!! I listened to the audio version of it. The reading was terrific and the writing is superb--It's like you are there in the fight scenes. But there is more to this book than just an exiting thriller. This is one thrilling, thought provoking ride that you won't want to miss. This is my first Templin book and all I can say is that I am hooked! This needs to be made into a movie! Even my family who grew up under communism rule and KGB home inspections found this book to be well-researched and all around quality! So, having said "don't be afraid to start here," in this series, I am going to make sure to read the rest of this author's books. Applause to the author for a story well told, filled with excitement, understated reflective points and characters that make you want to come back for more of this lovable, warrior trio! Chris, Sonny and Hannah will have you laughing, feeling empathy and relating to many of their struggles, making them all the more addicting! Hollywood, take note... this will be your next blockbuster!

Fantastic book I rooted for the hero's. The book has all the twist and turns we've come to enjoy from Steven Tenplin. The ending is so shocking you just won't believe it. This is a book I'll be reading again and again.

Once again, Stephen Templin has crafted a superior action-thriller. The Outcasts are back! For those of us who have read Stephen Templin's previous books in the series; *SEAL Team Six*, *Outcasts*, *Easy Day For The Dead* and *Trident's First Gleaming* know that the characters are well drawn and the action is fast paced and realistic. Chris Paladin, Sonny Cohen and Hannah Andrade are amazing characters and the rapport they share, bound by being in multiple life or death struggles is heartwarming and is good for a few light chuckles as well. The basis of the plot revolves

around the White House chief of staff's son-in-law's kidnapping and subsequent murder by Russian terrorists, and the aftermath involving a terrifying terrorist attack in the heart of London. I won't say more here, save to say that the pacing is fast and frenetic. The action is fast and frequent, enough to keep you reading until the end. You won't want to put this book down. Also have a read of Seal Team Six: The incredible story of an elite sniper - and the special operations unit that killed Osama Bin Laden. This is the autobiography of former SEAL Team Six operator, Howard E. Wasdin, which Stephen co-wrote. This is an exceptional read as well. I highly recommend this novel as well as the others in the series (see above). You will not be disappointed.

Excellent writing with Chris torn between a pastor and special black ops. Mixed in with emotions. Too many lucky happenings for a quick ending that otherwise pitted two professionals in a cat and mouse chase. It was as though the author ran out of time for submitting the book.

This is book two in a series of novels that feature Navy Seal Chris Paladin as the protagonist. The first book in the series was a good read, but the author has really outdone himself with this sequel. I liked how we learned more about the characters' back stories in this one, the bonds that are developing between the team members, all blended together with a compelling story line and nearly non-stop action. I really think it is a better story than the first novel (which was great actually) and I highly recommend both books!

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