

The Green Viper by Rob Sinclair

Drugs are the root of greed, leading to violence.

Janet Campbell, terminally ill, summons James Ryker to her hospital bedside. They share their pain once again at the tragic death of her husband, Charles McCabe (Mackie), Ryker's former boss. She knows that his loyalty to Mackie will be enough to force him into finding her son, Scott, who has up and left London with his girlfriend, Kate Green, and moved to New York.

Kate Green isn't just any girl. She's the daughter of a notorious gangster, and it soon becomes apparent that Henry Green is going to inveigle Scott into the "family" business. Scott is appointed as his accountant. He soon discovers the violent side of Henry Green that his wife and daughter have never seen. This shatters his world, but not sufficiently to tell Kate about her ruthless father, nor to turn tail and run for home.

James Ryker travels to the USA under the name of John Burrows, and as he starts sussing out the underground dealings of Green's organisation and that of his rival, Shaun Doherty, his presence flags up FBI agent Jane Chan. She is investigating Green and his cronies.

The big question is whether Ryker will succeed in extricating Scott Campbell from the mess he's got himself into.

We see a different side of James Ryker in this storyline. He has matured. His time spent healing after the shattering events of the past, losing the two most important people in his life, Mackie, his boss at JIA (Joint Intelligence Agency) and Angela Grainger (aka Lisa Ryker) are still raw, but somehow, these two events have brought him a new understanding about life. His genuine concern for Scott Campbell and Kate Green is evident as he takes on the fight this naïve and clueless young couple have become involved in.

I read this latest book and decided that I couldn't write the review until I'd gone back to the very first review I wrote for 'Dance with the Enemy', published in 2014. It was one of my first professional reviews and Rob Sinclair's first book. I've been in the very fortunate position to have read all his books and watched as he's matured as an author. There are not many authors who succeed in maintaining a high standard with every book they publish, but Rob Sinclair has. In fact, each book has seen his writing soar to new heights. I'm just one of the fortunate ones who has been following his career right from the very beginning. Thank you, Rob. I can't tell you the joy I get from watching you go from strength to strength.

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