

The Silver Wolf by Rob Sinclair

5 stars

Vengeance most foul!

Carl Logan and Angela Grainger had both been on one too many “jobs” and had resigned from their clandestine organisation. They had changed their names; now known as James and Lisa Ryker, hoping that this new identity in a spot off the beaten track, would allow them to grow old together. They thought that the steps they had taken to hide were sufficient, but then they were not to know that someone Ryker had crossed paths with, would somehow survive and come back to satisfy his insane “justice” by murdering Lisa.

Ryker knows that there is no such thing as forgiveness for this murder and comes out of retirement to make sure that Lisa’s killers get the justice *they* deserve. With the help of the commander of Joint Intelligence Agency, Peter Winter, he starts hunting the people responsible. Winter does extend some extra help; Eleanor Willoughby, a field agent whom Ryker meets up with in Mexico (on the hunt for two men he knows were in the vicinity when Lisa was murdered. They were just small fry in a far bigger organisation).

The hunt for this elusive “Silver Wolf” is going to take him not only back into JIA, but also to an exotic part of Italy; Lake Maggiore.

I have a confession to make; I love James Ryker/Carl Logan. From the first time I met him in “*Dance With The Enemy*”, I decided that he was a hero with a vulnerable side. Highly intelligent. Someone who would be prepared to lay down his life to save another’s. His training has left him able to tackle some of the planet’s most deviant, deranged and evil people who worm their way into society, causing pain and suffering through all the deals they do whether they be arms smuggling or drugs.

In this storyline Ryker must use all his training and expertise to hunt down the man responsible for Lisa’s murder. The woman with whom he hoped to grow old.

Rob Sinclair writes with a fluidity that makes the reader feel part of the novel. There were some scenes in this book which left me gasping in shock that a man could do such abhorrent things to others and then switch back into a loving devoted father, but then, if there weren’t people behaving like this, there wouldn’t be any need for Ryker having to hunt them down would there?

My mothering instincts always seem to come alive when I read a book featuring Ryker/Logan. Even more so in this novel. I hoped that there would be a happy ever after for him and Lisa/Angela. I must accept that with his training and the type of job that he does, there will never be anything but more scrapes for him to get into – clearing up more detritus caused by man’s inhumanity to man.

A truly riveting, page-turning, fast-paced thriller. Buy it and read it! This is by far one of 2017’s best thrillers.

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