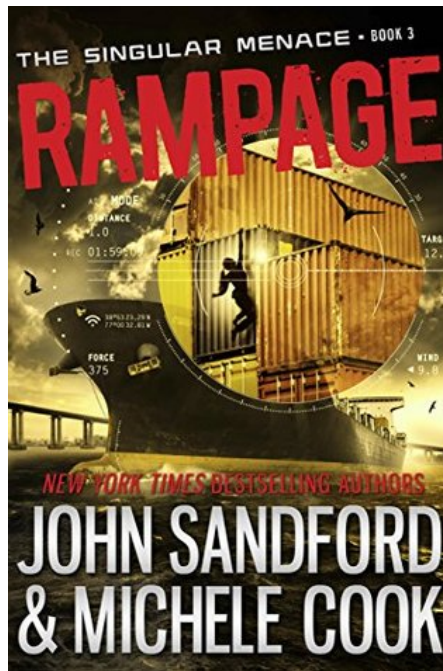




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It will take nothing short of a rampage to stop the Singular menace for good...

Rampage Details

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Eric says

Rampage is a fun and exciting finale to the *Singular Menace* trilogy. This last installment has a little of a Tom Clancy feel to it if you can fathom Tom Clancy writing a Young Adult story. Shay Remby never utters, "next time Shay, write a goddamn memo..." Tara Sands narrates the audio book I listened to and does another great job with this book too. Although I didn't get the opportunity, the best way to enjoy this book is with a big bowl of buttered popcorn and your favorite drink.

The story picks up where the second book leaves off. Like the previous books, the story is a bit of Hollywood in believability. The entertainment value, for me, made it easy to overlook. I added this book to my "fantasy" shelf. Shay Remby's character is a strong kick ass teenage heroine. Cade, Harmon, Cruz, Harmon, Odin, Twist, and X the bionic dog all work on how to bring the evil Singular company to its knees. But there are rich and powerful people who are deadly. One wrong move could literally mean the end for Shay and the gang.

The chemistry between the characters is another facet to the story that I liked. The main story is intricate enough to keep it interesting but not so much as to get bogged down. And, as I had hoped, there is a teaser at the end of the book for a future book featuring Shay going on another "op."

Rampage and the other books in series are exciting and easy reads.

Wendy says

"Rampage" the third book in the thrilling series "The Singular Menace" begins after Fenfang is killed and the freighter with its imprisoned human experiments rams a bridge exposing the corruption of the Singular Corporation with all the media sensationalism. But with the human experiments locked away in a hospital, and Singular's employees working hard to hide corporate records and strip any incriminating information from their computers Singular's CEO and legal Council are killed.

But Shay, ex-Singular security officer Dallas Harmon and their team of renegade activists have quickly realized that the threat has not been wiped out, that there is a top level of management including a billionaire and key members in the government who still have a base of operations in New Mexico. Yet with every step they take to bring justice to the victims of the experimentation and end Singular's tyranny the menace grows, especially when a plan is hatched to bring down the leader of the government.

Fast-paced and action-packed the plot heats up when Shay and Harmon not only rescue the Chinese victim called 8 from a local hospital, but when they begin a reconnaissance mission in New Mexico. Intensity and suspense continually build with rescue missions; a suicide; and a conspiracy to overthrow the highest echelon of government. Yet amid all the chaos and death there are dashes of humor with X's seduction and the resulting litter of puppies as well as Cruz Perez's failed attempts to spend alone time with Shay. Well-written, the tension escalates as events flow towards an explosive conclusion and a decision about Shay's future.

Sandford and Cook have created characters with unique and fascinating personalities that bring the story to life with their depth, passionate commitment, and resourcefulness. Among a host of memorable characters

are sixteen-year-old Shay Remby a former foster kid who's physically fit, strong-willed and feisty; her genius but reckless brother Odin; the strong, pragmatic ex-soldier Dallas Harmon; and the artistic and tense Twist. Yet it's the sinister ruthlessness of a senator and billionaire as well as the cold bloodedness of Singular's chief killer that adds a terrifying chill to the story.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the "Singular Menace" series, each novel a thrill-ride with the last book being the best of all and I hope we see more of this writing duo in future.

Bogis says

A satisfying finale to a great trilogy. Ever since the last book, I've been waiting to see how the story would close. I gotta say, it was good. I don't know what the plan is for Shay after this one, but I am excited to see more of her story.

T says

Third in this young adult series, the mission to take down the Singular company continues.

Harmon, Twist, Odin, Shay, Cade, Cruz and X continue to hunt down the key players of the company that has taken to experimenting on humans in an effort to achieve bionic bodies and immortality. Singular is crumbling, but not going down easy and the fierce troop cross the country trying to expose them and put an end to their madness.

Murder, blood, plots, guns, surveillance, rescues ensue....

Leila says

I'm leaving my review for the full series here. This series is not underrated so much as it isn't well-known enough. If you are looking for a teen espionage series that reads like an adult series, this is the series for you. It's pretty well-written, technical, and has enough action to blend strategy and adrenaline properly. It may be a tad far-fetched, but is close to believable, which says something about the effectiveness of the author's plot and research. I would recommend it heartily for anyone who wants a mature but still not too dense action series that doesn't waste time.

P.M. says

This is the final installment of a totally implausible plot line. Despite that comment, I loved the series due to the characters. Shay, Odin, Cruz, Cade, Twist, and X were truly memorable. The end was satisfying as the bad guys' plans were all blown up (so were the bad guys). The only thing I missed was some closure on Cade and Cruz. I'm glad I delayed reading the first one until the other two had been published. One last thought - if hackers can really do all the things that Cade did to track people, I'm glad I don't have a cellphone.

Donna Siebold says

The horrors of the human experimentation at Singular have been exposed. Their CEO is trying to do damage control when his plane explodes killing all onboard. Will this end the reign of terror sponsored by Singular? Probably not, because the money behind the throne, the people who are desperate to either live forever or live free of a debilitating disease, are still out there, still determined to have what they want.

Thankfully Shay and her friends will not rest until this plan is thwarted. This story neatly wraps up the saga of Singular corporation while still leaving an opening for more novels featuring Shay.

That premise was a bit hokey for my taste, but I do like Shay and I do like the thought that she might have more adventures. I don't especially like the idea that a seventeen-year old would routinely be involved in these life and/or death situations. This smacks greatly of how Sandford has been developing the Letty character in the Prey novels. I may not really like it, but I do like how he handles his characters, so I will wait and see if there are more Shay adventures to come.

Kate Kulig says

I'm a big fan of the Prey novels, though I'm not familiar with Cook, and this looked like a fun series. I loved it. The characters were well fleshed-out, complex, and believable. This book was a great way to end the series.

It starts right where the cliffhanger of Outrage left off and picks up from there. Certain parts were downright fright and something I loved was that Shay and her crew did not escape consequences of their actions.

The action is intense. What's amazing about this series is while a lot of the goings-in seem utterly far-fetched the authors made the resources realistic, the plans detailed, and the action thoroughly believable. A ton of fun and highly recommended for teens or adults.

Keith Bates says

"Rampage," the third book in the series The Singular Menace created by John Sandford and Michele Cook, was an excellent finale to the series. I selected this book because I was already hooked on the series after reading the first two books, and I was excited to see how the series would end. It also got my attention because after reading "Rules of Prey" by John Sandford, I wanted to read more of his books. The suspenseful scenes made this book shine above others for me. The suspenseful scenes were so interesting that whenever I encountered one, I always wanted to read more. It became even more interesting as things escalated, and the main characters Shay, Cruz, Twist, Odin, Cade, and the newly aligned ally Harmon pulled through chaos to achieve their goals.

At the beginning of the book, Odin, who is Shay's brother, was a caring boy who wanted to help Fenfang, a prisoner who befriended the group after they saved her from Singular. She was suffering and slowly dying because of Singular's experimentation on her. However, her life was cut short when she was shot in a raid against Singular. Odin was right beside her when she died, and was heartbroken and enraged by her death, "How did this happen to her? She lived in China. She was going to college and was living her life, and she

ends up in America, with her head cut open like some worthless lab rat.... How did that ever happen?"(Sandford, Cook, 22). This experience caused Odin to change his perspective on life. He realized that many innocent people were dying, so rather than just saving Fenfang, he became an activist to save as many people as he could no matter the cost.

"Rampage" is a book written for teenagers and young adults. These readers will easily relate to the characters and be engaged by the plot. Because of the language utilized throughout the book, it is not fit for younger readers. The readers who will thoroughly enjoy this book are those who enjoy action and suspense, but prior to reading it they should read the first two books in the series to thoroughly understand and enjoy it. Readers will be intrigued by the many confidential missions that define the fate of the world. I loved the story and the suspenseful moments, and I am sure that the ending will leave all readers satisfied.

Sandy Schmidt says

All because some billionaires do not want to die! The conspiracy to use human subjects in illegal experiments with the North Koreans is now found to involve people in the highest levels of our government and includes a plot to assassinate the President. Also seemingly ripped from today's headlines, a number of subjects who have been turned into zombies by the neurological studies done of them are rescued; although most can no longer function and will not survive the experimentation. An exciting story following Shay Remby, her brother Odin, Twist, and the others from Books I and II, which involves twists, sub-plots, and cover-ups. A great read.

Loy says

Ok I enjoyed this final book in the trilogy. I was glad to see there may be more about Shay. But if not we know she is continuing her life.

I thought the first book and the one was better than then middle one

But all three were worth a read.

Albert Riehle says

Excellent book. Excellent series. Highly recommended.

What? You need more than that? Okay, fine...

I want to start, once again, by praising Sandford and Cook for their respect of the reader. We read so many books and with these series being a year apart, in terms of release, those of us who read them can all use a quick recap at the start of each installment as to where things are and how they got there. The problem is that so many unskilled writers either choose not to do this at all, or basically re-tell the whole story from scratch, to the point that it feels redundant. In the second, and then third installments of this series, Sandford and Cook find plausible ways to update the reader as to where they left off and bring them to date without it being clumsy or redundant or irritating.

I chose to re-read the first two books leading up this release--mostly because I enjoyed them so much, but

had I not, the authors respected me enough, as a reader, to both continue the action and bring me back into the story and refresh my memory about what I'd read a year previously.

Too few writers bother to do this or do it so poorly that it's bothersome. It may seem like a tiny detail but it means the world to me when it's done right. That's a writer(s) telling me they understand I may not have time to re-read the first two books in the story before reading the latest installment and caring enough to catch me up and suck me back into the plot. I love that these authors seem committed to that kind of serial storytelling.

Obviously, there's more to this book and series than that though. The cast of characters in this book is phenomenal. I felt connected to all of the protagonists and each had their own, unique and well-drawn personality. Each had their own reasons for being a part of the story and each was well worth rooting for as the story went onward.

The plot was fantastic. It's a great story idea and it's well executed. Like in most of Sandford's books, the pace is crisp and the plot rolls downhill. It's non-stop action and excitement. Every action sequence leads to the next and the plot supported those action sequences with a lot of intelligent framing.

The bad guy were sinister and I really liked that, as the series went on, the bad guys even changed a bit. Some were there for the long haul, but others were conquered and vanquished. Each time our heroes thought they were making a dent, they found that the onion had another layer. In this, final installment, we come to true evil ones, the plot's masterminds and their downfall was delicious.

I'm not without complaint. The first two books set up something of a love triangle and the final book gave it a resolution that seemed disingenuous--and without any real sense of why it was resolved the way it was and without any after effect whatsoever. It's a YA book and the characters are teens and I felt like no love triangle between teens ends that cleanly. It was a bothersome point.

Another point that I felt was overlooked was the failure of Sandford and Cook to channel their inner George RR Martin. A bunch of kids don't take on a high powered corporation and two governments without more carnage. All of the characters were really likable and I'm sure it would have pissed some people off to lose their favorite, but I felt like the characters who did pay the ultimate price were far enough out on the edge that they didn't register on the emotional scale. I feel like story needed one more of the gang to get offed to really strike an emotional tone, in the end.

The resolution was also a little lacking for me. I thought they did a great job of resolving the main character, but when you have a team involved in a story, as this plot did, I think you have to give some idea of what happens next for everyone. That's the price you have to pay for happily ever after.

This is me nitpicking though. I loved these books and I couldn't put any of them down. Even in re-reading the first two I found myself sailing through them at a very fast pace. The final installment was great. It wasn't perfect, but it was everything it needed to be to cement this as a great series to read.

I can happily and easily recommend this book and the entire series to anyone who enjoys a good action story. It brings in some great issues, like animal experimentation, the good and evil side of science and experimentation, man's inhumanity toward man, the power of the wealthy, the arrogance of those who seek immortality and how power corrupts.

Start at the beginning. Read them all. Enjoy them! Don't wait. Do it now!

WARNING: This book is for a YA audience--though it's perfectly fun for actual adults--however, it does involve a scene where a two dogs have sexual intercourse and make puppies. Parents with sticks up their butts may want to shield their kids from such depravity. And helicopter parents beware! Teens talk like teens

in this book and that includes a carefully selected swear word when it's needed. Your poor, sheltered child may freak out upon hearing such terrible and destructive words. They could seriously ruin your kid's life. So, if you're a shitty parent and want to continue to be a shitty parent, please make sure your perfect little child isn't ruined by such filth. Good parents: feel free to buy this series for your kids and thank you for respecting both their intelligence and maturity. They appreciate it--as does society, in general.

Reid Ginoza says

Like others, I enjoyed the first two books in the series a lot. The psychological drama seemed equal to the physical action, in a good way. This third book, though, seemed just a wrapping up of the story without the same excitement. Nothing was so surprising in this book that I worried over it, the way I did with the previous two books. The trilogy was a good read, but I don't think I'll read it again.

Tonya Ellis says

I realize this is a YA book but I found the first two in the series to be interesting. This edition, however, annoyed me. It seemed to be less about the characters and more about ending the farfetched storyline that had evolved. This was more clichéd than the previous efforts by this partnership of authors.

Ed says

#3 in The Singular Menace trilogy. Finale in a fast moving trilogy about a band of (mostly) teen-agers out to bring down the Singular Corporation. They got involved when Odin, an animal rights activist, was captured in a raid on one of their facilities. That got his sister Shay involved and in rescuing Odin, it was revealed that in addition there were human subjects as well as animals being experimented on. Non-stop action and even with the help of some unlikely allies, it's tough to believe that a small group of untrained teens can bring down the politically connected Singular Corp.

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