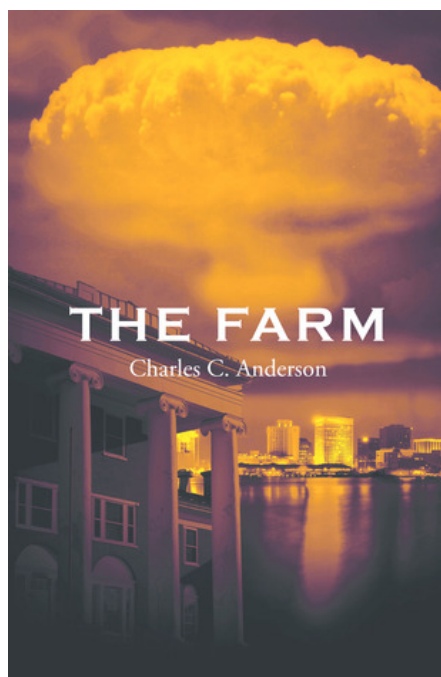




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Carolyn says

Has enough for everyone who has an interest in good plots and a knowledge the military and medicine. The story line is plausible and very edgy. The author clearly has the experience and provides a great story with an exceptionally authentic flair. The plot develops nicely and builds tension without resorting to unbelievable devices. The Farm is a quick read and keeps you drawn into the characters, the main one being Andy Carlson, who is an ER physician and a Navy Seal. The Farm is set in various sites around Virginia that this reader is familiar with and has lived near. My recommendation is read this book, you will not be disappointed. The Farm is the 1st in a series. I'm looking forward to reading books 2 and 3.

Dana S. says

Every book written deserves to be read, some more than others. With so many choices available and very capable aspiring writers needing attention, something's got to pop, whistle, shoot rockets or promise riches to be really successful. When I got the opportunity to read The Farm by Charles C. Anderson, I thought; well, the title didn't exactly make the adrenalin flow, but the bellowing mushroom cloud looming over what appears to be the Potomac River suggests this may not be your annual Farmer's Almanac. The author's bio gets straight to the point to let the reader know, this is who I am, what I've done, and why I'm qualified to tell this story. The second nicety is opening the book and there it is. The story begins, props are in place, the star is on stage and you have to decide if you're ready to go along. If you're not ready, close the book. U.S Navy SEAL Andy Carlson is already in motion.

I must admit, when I hear Navy and SEALs, I think divers in the ocean at night in rubber rafts with lots of explosives. Charles Anderson simply takes that ultimate athlete with military discipline and survival skills out of the ocean and casts him out of a crashing helicopter and into the desert. Lieutenant Commander Andrew Carlson will perform whatever action is necessary to complete his mission including dying or making others die by his choice of weaponry. Andy has skillfully mastered making his own "primitive" bows and precision arrows, stealthily arranging silent and instantaneous death to his combatants when appropriate. Although not a born killer, Andy's ancestry prepares him to accept the ultimate price as well as to provide it to those unfortunate souls daring to cross his country's loyalty or the boundaries of The Farm.

Witness the counter actions of this modern warrior as he also demonstrates his medical knowledge and experiences in responding to emergencies and trauma with equal compassion and capabilities. Join Andy for his unplanned rescue of Sahar, his brief, albeit significant poster bed hurrah with Lindsey, be amazed by his unimaginable series of one-handed self-preservation trauma stabilization techniques, and then become more intrigued by the unspoken truths regarding slavery. And this is before the battle on The Farm. Then it gets really good. How far can the President of The United States rely on his top counter espionage agent to broker the deals of cold war era nuclear devices to hold oil supplies hostage. The seed of greed is all Andy needs to take charge of the battle and when all the players land on his turf, they learn their final lessons. A definite, read.

Brett Anderson says

This book is amazing. Its about a Navy SEAL who gets caught in a governmental conspiracy that follows him past his tenure in the military and into his career in emergency medicine and his life in rural Virginia.

The book was gripping from chapter one, and I found myself having trouble putting it down.

What makes this book truly unique is what the author brings to the table as a retired emergency physician, retired Naval officer, and weapons specialist.

In a Hollywood style action-thriller or drama, protagonists are seemingly unchecked by the physical limitations of the human body, particularly in their capacity to withstand injury. In contrast, Dr. Anderson has the expertise to depict vivid combat that is grounded to medical reality. This makes this novel grittier and all the more shocking! This theme of medical accuracy was an important quality that really iced the cake in both this novel and his other recent publication, *The First To Say No*. I highly recommend giving this a read!

Shelly Donaghey says

THE FARM is the kind of action packed thriller that grabs you by the lapels and drags you through to the very end, which is good because if you stop along the way and look around you will find some faults. On the plus side you have a super-soldier turned doctor who is ready to tackle any problem that arises, which is good because there are tons of problems that arise. I'm not going to specifically outline who the bad guys are, but there are a ton of them.

Andy Carlson, as a Navy Seal on mission in Saudi Arabia to locate several nuclear warheads, which he does, duly reporting their location to his CIA contact Harrison. But his mission mate was killed and apparently that was the straw that broke... anyway Andy quits the military and is soon an ER doctor near where he lives, the Farm of the title.

Andy has no real success with women (apparently women aren't attracted to Navy Seal/Doctors, who would have thought) but he does get a nurse to have a date with him out at the Farm. Naturally she tries to drug him, knifes him and reveals herself as an agent working for Harrison. Before you know it there is a container ship that contains nuclear weapons sunk at the President's orders and Andy is battling against terrorists, the domestic kind located within our government.

The star of the show is the Farm, Andy's ancestral home. Picture a James Bond villain's lair but with a positive end in sight and you have some idea of how the Farm operates, minus all the evil henchmen.

I was a little drawn back by the extensive medical scenes within the story. I have read that the author himself is an ER doctor and so the material is valid although it does go on, page after grueling page, chapter after chapter. We get it, Andy is self-sufficient and can deal with all situations, but you don't have to pound it into our heads so much. And author Anderson does live on The Farm that appears in the book, so there is that to add a dose of realism to the story.

This is a Goodreads winner that is best read quickly and enjoyed as it is without too much thought thrown its way.

Julie Barrett says

The Farm by Charles Anderson

I had read book 4 in this series and loved it so much I went and bought the first 3 books and just now getting to them.

This story starts out with Josiah and his buddy Andy exiting a crashing helicopter but he doesn't make it. Carlson will still continue the mission and does on his own but doesn't find what he was expecting.

Later he's at his night job in the US at the ER and he comes across a few Saudi Arabia princes who have been beat up-they will be returning home now that classes are over for the summer months. Problem is his

RN Lindsey will be going with him to the farm for 3 days and they discover something not quite right. Thing is we hear Lindsey's side to the story also and Andy is clueless, so far but he knows things are not adding up.

Love all the technology, weaponry and discovering the hidden treasures at the farm. Love the history in this book about the area.

Lots of action, travel, adventure and romance and I learn so much about things I don't have a clue about. US and other countries are involved and he is gathering the clues to solve the mysteries.

Eric says

A homespun nuclear terrorist runs afoul of our hero, an Emergency Medicine Doctor and former Navy SEAL who uses his ancestral home in rural Virginia to violently confound the bad guys using his skill and secrets that have been kept for generations! I like a hero that can patch himself up and his comrades like no other! I might even ask for a tour since I know the author personally! I'll see if I can find a bar of that Confederate gold! The hero makes good on correcting some of the misbehaviors of his ancestors!

Marilyn Rondeau says

Andy Carlson was a Navy SEAL but when he realized that representatives of the U.S. Government were secretly buying old Soviet tactical nuclear weapons for purposes other disarmament, he did what any red-blooded American would do - he basically told the government to take their job and shove it! Resigning his commission and having been thoroughly disillusioned, Andy decided to settle down at his family's Virginia farm and resume his career as an emergency physician. However, as he decides to take a chance on love, or a reasonable facsimile, he finds himself in the middle of a covert operation where he and a colleague (later found to be a female operative sent to ensnare him) find themselves caught between a Russian arms dealer and his own government.

*** Exciting and chock full of action to say the least! Wow, and double wow! I could not put this book down and read it in one sitting because I couldn't lay it down. [I actually tried but was so caught up in the story, I got back up and finished it!] Author Charles Anderson, has written an amazing fast-paced and enormously action-packed volume. I loved the way, his hero (and mine), Andy Carlson used his intelligence and gifts of warfare, weapons, and medicine to create this action-packed tale.

There were many facets to Andy, and Charles Anderson unveiled them all. Having lost his best friend in the war, Andy not only suffered from PTS but seemingly treated himself by attempting to drink himself to death with binge drinking. Although, he only binged when he was not practicing medicine so that he could function brilliantly to save lives. And he didn't also didn't drink when his 'ward' a teenaged Saudi girl, he just happened to smuggle into the U.S. was around. Other than his binge drinking, I could really go for our fabulously capable and fearless hero!

The plot of the arms dealing with Russians and our government playing games with one another to the detriment of our country was a real explosive and compelling story-line. Couple this with the authors exceptional knowledge in the areas of weaponry and medicine, along with age-old secrets and glimpses of the authors actual farm in Virginia and this turned into an absolutely stellar read for me.

Bottom Line: THE FARM should be on a best seller list somewhere - I positively loved it from start to finish!

Marilyn Rondeau, for www.ck2skwipsandkritiques.com

Shawn Borich says

Charlie Anderson's "The Farm" is an action packed thriller from start to finish. If you enjoy modern political tales mixed with a good dose of American History and medicine, "The Farm" is the book for you.

The main character is Andy Carlson, a soon-to-be retired Navy Seal, who not only happens to also be an Emergency Physician, but who also carries a healthy distrust of governmental authority. After foiling a domestic terrorist attack which was designed to be attributed to the Saudis, he discovers the true culprits were insiders in the US government. To complicate matters, his newly found love interest, Lindsey, happens to be a CIA agent working for the very folks who planned the terrorist activity. I don't want to go into much more of the plot to avoid spoiler status, but let me say the action is non-stop from start to finish, and in the end Andy not only saves the day, but gets his girl as well.

If you happen to be a real American History buff, this novel will be a great thought provoking read. One thing that may be helpful to keep in perspective is that the Carlson family has owned and worked the land of "the Farm" since before the United States was even a country, which helps to justify Andy's loyalty to his family's legacy, it's land and to do what is right as opposed to simply following the actions of a few corrupt government individuals or agencies. His redeveloped relationship with a neighboring family and the exploration and usage of the land (and underground tunnel system) also benefits from the historical context of his family's legacy with the land.

Overall, this is an excellent, action packed thriller, which seamlessly blends modern day political events with a multitude of historical influences and factoids that increase the development of the plot. I highly recommend "the Farm" to all book lovers.

Lynn Demsky says

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This is one of the most incredible books I have ever read! The main character is a Seal of the National Reserves, an MD medical doctor working in an emergency room owning a farm, with his two brothers, which have been in the family since the mid or late 1600's. It had intrigue, suspense (something was going on every page), politics, war, history and everything a book could possibly offer. The details of everything going on made the story so very believable, accurate --- I am anxiously awaiting the next in the series. I would recommend this book to anyone, anywhere who likes to read - it just caught me from the first page and wouldn't let me go! A GREAT read!

Jill says

Farmville has a secret that Andy Carlson will use to his advantage, when the old Soviet tactical nuclear weapons are being bought by the United States. As a former SEAL and emergency physician, he knows when to ask for help and when to handle it himself. Now that the CIA and government want him out of the picture permanently, he needs to be ready for battle.

This Virginia estate becomes a prime piece of property.

Virginia Hardwick says

I am not usually interested in reading about government plots and weaponry, but this story grabbed me from the start and wouldn't let go! Andy Carlson has good reason to be cynical about our government. He uncovers a plot to steal nuclear warheads and goes head to head with the president of the United States. While parts of the novel lean to the implausible, he backs it up with clear expert knowledge of medicine, the history of the area and all kinds of weapons. Andy is prepared for anything, kind of like MacGyver, and it's a good thing too! The author does an excellent job of bringing to light our own doubts of politically motivated government decisions. I am looking forward to the next book in the series!
