AS A U.S. NAVY SEAL, RICHARD MARCINKO KNEW NO LIMITS -- AS THE ROGUE WARRIOR, HE OBEYS NO RULES! SpecWar master Richard Marcinko has revealed classified, kill-or-be-killed operations in a series of New York Times bestsellers: Rogue Warrior, his 1 blockbuster autobiography, and four scorching Rogue Warrior novels. Now in an electrifying new adventure, the Rogue Warrior battles an ultra-secret, ultra-lethal military plot. The Rogue Warriors taking a flying leap -- a high-altitude jump over the South China Sea. His mission: scuttle a Chinese freighters cargo of nuclear hardware and its crack crew of naval commandos. Its a leave-no-tracks, take-no-prisoners operation, and business as usual for Marcinko. But on board he makes a chilling discovery: a cache of state-of-the-art command and control equipment, all made in the U.S.A. -- and primed for Americas destruction! Marcinko takes his findings back to Washington, where he runs into a wall of doublespeak and double deals. Tapping into his own intelligence sources, he discovers the ugly truth -- some of the U.S. militarys most sophisticated technology has been given to our most dangerous potential adversary: the Chinese. Their long-range objective: turning the United States into a third-world country -- and a fifth-rate power. Worse, the Rogue Warrior discovers that Washington has signed off on the deal. But not everyone wants to see America go down the drain. General Tom Crocker, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, unleashes the SEALs of war -- Marcinko and a Pentagon-based unit, SEAL Force Alpha -- to neutralize a global maze of political deceit that begins all too close to home. The Chinese sense victory. They have a mole in the White House, and five thousand years of military strategy on their side. But neither the traitor nor all the wisdom of Sun Tzu are prepared for Marcinko and his men. They, after all, live by the Rogue Warriors Tenth
I've read a lot of Marcinko's books and I have to admit they're starting to bore me. It's the same formula every time; Dick discovers a dirty politician or evil tycoon, has a verbal confrontation with him, goes away, comes back, kills the bad guys' ex-special ops bodyguards, and finally kills the bad guy. Somewhere in there he stops to talk about the size of his unit (and I don't mean the number of guys on his team). What makes Seal Force Alpha a little different from the norm is the amount of effort Marcinko has spent on setting up the enemy this time. The ex-special ops bodyguards that he usually chews through without much trouble are actually fearsome in this book! They're the Chinese equivalent of SEALs and Marcinko & Weissman really make them seem like they could give Marcinko trouble. The way Marcinko describes his fight in the river and his encounters with the Chinese commander are quite interesting and he manages to throw in some real surprises. The inclusion of obscure tradecraft details also makes these sequences quite thrilling. It's a good thing they're here, too--the rest of the book ranges from mildly intriguing to downright sloppy (the ending is very rushed). An average Marcinko book with slightly above average action scenes.

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