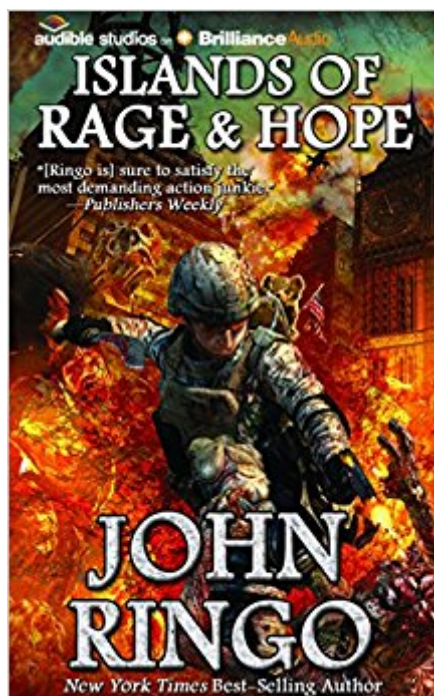


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# Islands Of Rage & Hope (Black Tide Rising)



## Synopsis

Book 3 in the Black Tide Rising series from the New York Times bestselling author. Sequel to *To Sail a Darkling Sea* and *Under a Graveyard Sky*. A hardened group of survivors fights back against a zombie plague that has brought down civilization. With the world consumed by a devastating plague that drives humans violently insane, what was once a band of desperate survivors bobbing on a dark Atlantic ocean has now become Wolf Squadron, the only hope for the salvation of the human race. Banding together with what remains of the U.S. Navy, Wolf Squadron, and its leader Steve Smith, not only plans to survive—it plans to retake the mainland from the infected, starting with North America. The next step: produce a vaccine. But to do that, Wolf Squadron forces, led by Smith's terrifyingly precocious daughters Sophia and Faith, must venture into a sea of the infected to obtain and secure the needed materials. And if some of the rescued survivors turn out to be more than they seem, Smith just might be able to pull off his plan. Once more, exhausted and redlining, Wolf Squadron forces must throw themselves into battle, scouring the islands of the Atlantic for civilization's last hope.

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## Customer Reviews

John Ringo is author of the New York Times bestselling Legacy of the Aldenata series (also known as "The Posleen Wars") so far comprised of *A Hymn Before Battle*, *Gust Front*, *When the Devil Dances*, *Hell's Faire*, and *Eye of the Storm*, plus the related novels *Cally's War*, *Sister Time*, and *Honor of the Clan* (all with Julie Cochrane), and *A Watch on the Rhine*, *Yellow Eyes* and *The*

Tuloriad (all with Tom Kratman). He also co-authored with David Weber March Upcountry, March to the Sea, March to the Stars and We Few in the bestselling Prince Roger series. Other works include the Into the Looking Glass series, the Paladin of Shadows military thrillers and the New York Times bestselling Troy Rising series, presently consisting of Live Free or Die, Citadel and The Hot Gate. Heâ™s a veteran of the 82nd Airborne.

I am old. I am a retired Army Infantry senior NCO, a retired Police Chief (it was a small department but it was all mine) and a retired Federal employee. Retired three times qualifies as old. I started reading science fiction when I was about 10 so that was almost sixty (FREAKING!!!!) years ago. When I was young, my favorite author was Robert Heinlein. There was nothing he wrote that I didn't devour and reread over and over again. He literally was with me during a lot of traumatic times and I really believe that I was a better man for knowing Robert Heinlein's works. Now I am old and I spend a great deal of time reading John Ringo who is every bit as influential with me as Heinlein ever was. This is just another great series by John Ringo. I can't rate this one any higher than any of his other novels because each and every one of them is at the top of my all time favorite list. I reread all of them.

Another action packed read by John Ringo. A few concepts need work, notably vaccine production and firearms duty cycle/cooling.... I would be amazed at an M4 going over 4 mags in 3 minutes and not experiencing major stoppage issues including cook-off.... sure, a heavy barrel or other enhanced M4gery might make it but.... Also -- stock trigger guards and bunker gear=no trigger control -- a Tavor would work but not an M4.... Strangely I have few problems with Saiga overheating -- a 12 GA generally uses the same weight of powder that a 5.56mm uses... in an 18.5mm diameter bore for about 9X greater surface area to dissipate heat.... And the shotgun round runs about 1/4 the pressure as well making the combustion temperature lower in the first place by about a factor of 4..... On the other hand -- have you ever tried for a fast reload on a 10 round Saiga magazine? I can assure you, fast it ain't. Also -- just how many 30 round M4 Mags do you think can be carried in/on a tactical vest? 40 seems excessive when you have characters with n+1 pistols and M+1 magazines for them and knives and a Halligan? Other than these minor technical points that I am certain Mr. Ringo is taking deliberate artistic license with this series is entertaining and well worth it.

Woo-Hoo! Oooorrrraahhhhhh! This is another rock'em, sock'em installment from John Ringo. Strap

in and pull'em tight, 'cause this book is a non-stop thrill ride from beginning to end. Yes, you do have to suspend disbelief frequently, but this is not a history book you maggots, this is an absolutely amazing military fantasy that hits every sweet spot in the military scifi/fantasy pantheon. Bring a big bowl of popcorn to this one 'cause once you sit down you are not going to want to get up until you are finished. Seriously, I loved this book!! Oh sure, its hokey in parts and complete fantasy in others but that's what makes it so much fun. It is a few hours of absolute escapism. If you love movies where very many things blow up spectacularly then you're going to love this book too. I eagerly anticipate the next book, which is sadly the end of the series. Then we'll just have to see what John dreams up for us next. Would I read it again? In a heartbeat!

MINOR SPOILERS: I can now say (after my last order before this one) that, to the best of my knowledge, I know own every book that John Ringo has written and had published. I had issues with the 'collaboration' with Ryan Sear, so I waited until that one was in paperback. So that gives you an idea of my mindset as far as his books - if you don't own them and read them, then you're probably (as Tom Kratman would say) a tranzi. I do not qualify for that label... Anyway, on to my review of this book. I titled my review as I did because during the course of this novel, Wolf Squadron manages to run into some Gurkha soldiers. In the novel by S.M. Stirling, 'The Peshawar Lancers' - which is an alternative history where the British Empire is now headquartered in India - there is an excellent description of how Gurkha soldiers are truly magnificent warriors ... if they have a proper leader. If you've read the other novels in this series, you remember how Captain Wolf ... er, Smith ... named his youngest daughter after the airplanes used in the British defense of Malta - and how even under the worst case situation, they always had Faith. Well, now the Gurkha warriors that are found in this novel also have Faith to lead them, Faith to guide them, and Faith to follow into war. You'd almost feel sorry for the Zombies .... If, of course, you've already read the other books in this series, what the heck are you still doing reading his review? Go buy the thing already, and read it. It showed up in my mail today, and I started reading it eating supper. Could not put it down - devoured it in one sitting. And will go back and re-read it. We've seen the idiotic movies, like World War Z, and we've had a lot of other movies and books regarding a Zombie Apocalypse. This series is probably the best one about the entire premise. And while you may not like that it's basically about a 13 (soon to be 14, unless she clears Arkansas first) Zombie Killer ... well, keep in mind that while this is fiction, it's a very plausible fiction, all things considered. And yeah, there are bits of expository in the book. I've seen some reviews discussing whether there's too much. Thing is - when it was small, less than really a couple of hundred survivors, then no one WOULD question

Faith or Sophia and their rank. But through in some fobbits, and that's when questions start. Add in the general teenager angst that suddenly your peer group doesn't have trust in you .... yeah, the expository was needed. Oh, and one additional minor spoiler - figuring out the actual celebrities was fun. Is it too much that I enjoyed them killing Snooki? (Er, Snoopi ....)

Ringo continues this series with more action than the previous book. However, as the group grows and they find more "real Marines", rules and paperwork creep in making it harder on the child Marine and her sister to deal with the new order. Not talking about the zombies, the bureaucratic military. Been there, done that, know what I speak of. Anyway, I'm anxiously awaiting the conclusion and the girls don't let the paperwork slow them down very much. Aside to Mr. Ringo: Please write a conclusion book to the Prince Roger series so we'll know how the spoiled prince turns out. Thanks

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