

Reviews

Hidden Battlefields

Five stars by amts on Amazon

Hidden Battlefields, the sequel to *The Iranian Scorpion*, finds Robert Dawson that book's main character off on another assignment as an undercover agent for the DEA this time not in the Middle East but in Peru dealing with the guerilla group, the Shining Path. Other characters from the first book make appearances here, too, as they work out some of their personal struggles dating from that time. There is Robert's father, David; David's fiancé, Mary Jo; a journalist Kate, friends to both Robert and David. If you are curious about the intricacies of the international drug trade you will learn much from *Hidden Battlefields*, as Robert's work takes him from the jungles of Peru across the Atlantic to Africa and concluding in Italy. One admirable attribute of Mr. Peace's work is the incredible research he does in preparing his stories. One will not be disappointed, as we learn the details of international drug smuggling in several different countries and the behind the scene deals that are made, some involving governments, including ours. Mr. Peace's novels are not one dimensional. We have the plot of the drug trade, but once again we are treated to philosophical and theological discussions. Mary Jo and Robert discuss belief and free will, established churches and native rituals. However, we also have stimulating debates between Robert and Comrade Vancho, among others, who express their approval of Maoist socialism. But there is always a third thread woven into Mr. Peace's books and that is the tension in human relationships. In *Hidden Battlefields* we have an examination of parent/child relationships. Robert and his father have always had a "distant" personal relationship made more complicated in this book by Robert's involvement with his father's "fiancé." That fiancé, Mary Jo is also dealing with her relationship with her father. The dynamics of both of those make for interesting reading and the solution to both have a satisfactory conclusion, thanks to a talented writer. Similarly, the author comes to a clever resolution of the romantic triangle - or should I say square. If you like adventure, philosophy, human relationships and romance this book will be your cup of tea. You won't be able to put it down.

Readers' Favourite Review 22/4/15

This thriller features Robert Dawson, US DEA agent, as he infiltrates the Shining Path terrorist guerrilla organisation in Peru to track a quarter billion dollar shipment of cocaine down the Amazon River, across the Atlantic and northwest Africa to the 'Ndrangheta criminal organisation in Italy. His progress is followed by his ex-lover, Kate Conway, the Pulitzer-Award-winning journalist, and his new lover, Mary Jo Mignot, a military contractor with a top secret clearance. Robert's father, David, a retired US Army general involves himself with his son and the two women. In addition to the gripping action, this novel explores the internal conflicts that define us as people.