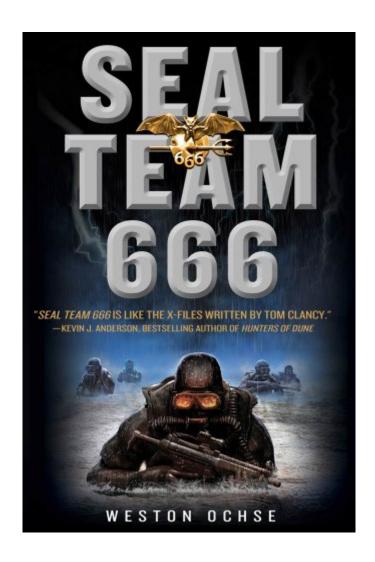
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SEAL Team 666: A Novel





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MEXICO-ARIZONA BOOK AWARDS Weston Ochse's SEAL Team 666 follows Cadet Jack Walker. Halfway through SEAL training, he's still green but showing incredible promise when he's whisked away to join four SEALsâ "and their dogâ "for a special ops mission. Walker soon finds himself in a whirlwind of otherworldly creatures and events as he finds out the true nature of this "special ops" team: SEAL Team 666. Battling demons, possessed humans, mass-murdering cults, and evil in its most dark and primeval form, SEAL Team 666 has their work cut out for them. And it's not long before they realize that the threat isn't just directed against the U.S.â "an ancient and deadly cult has bigger plans, and Walker is at the center of a supernatural conflict with the entire world at stake.

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Customer Reviews

The Seal team bursts into a high security compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. After reaching the second floor, they find their target: "It stepped forward. Glowing eyes. Taloned hands. Dark skin stretched tightly over elongated bones. Demon." And that's just on page 4.Weston Ochse starts what should be an amazingly creative, well-thought-through and multi-layered action/horror series

with his "Seal Team 666". It's a simple concept: Seal Team battles the supernatural. It's Men In Black, but the Men wear body armor and fatigues and battle demons instead of aliens. SEAL Team 666 is a secret unit of the Navy SEALs. The team's sniper is killed during the raid in Pakistan, and a rookie SEAL, Jack Walker, is assigned to replace the fallen soldier. Walker is at the heart of Ochse novel, and he deftly uses Walker's introduction to the team as the reader's introduction to the concept of badass warriors deployed across the world to take out supernatural baddies. Ochse has a military background and his in depth knowledge of weapons and operations is on full display. I'm not, by any means, an experienced reader of military fiction, and Ochse's detailed descriptions of weapons and use of military terminology tethers the supernatural to the realism and believability of the novel. Ochse does a terrific job writing the characters with a subtle introduction of their back-stories and personality traits interspersed within the narrative, providing context and motivation for their actions. He doesn't hammer you over the head with clich A©d characterizations and language. What clich A©s do exist fit well within the military theme and work well with the overall plot. I don't actually know if this is a planned series, but it could be.

I put off reading this book for a few weeks because I didn't want to begin reading and find that the author had allowed silliness to creep in. Thankfully he kept the novel completely serious all the way through which kept the project on enough of a might-really-be-possible level to sustain my interest. I think the fact that Weston Ochse is retired from the military lends his jargon so much credence that it made the entire novel more enjoyable. I enjoy reading mixed genre novels, especially those which involve the military and government departments as do the novels of Christopher Farnsworth with his Cade, vampire protector of the President stories. This novel takes a highly regarded military unit, the Navy SEALs, and has one team of them fighting all things demonic, evil, and paranormal. Evidently the main character, Jack Walker, has some supernatural ability which has been unearthed by the leaders of SEAL Team 666, but which hasn't quite been made clear to me in this first novel. Otherwise I can't totally understand why he was specifically removed from his SEAL training before completing the entire course in order to join this hyper-elite group. Jack is impulsive and seems to have trouble following direct orders yet he is allowed to stay on the team. Perhaps other novels will better explain why this specific man is vital for the group. The plot is stretched a little thin in spots, but the team missions are extremely imaginative and original which made them interesting and attention grabbing for me. I do hope the author will settle on a more or less fixed group of team members though. I'm a little wary now of getting to like anybody except Jack because they may not be around long.

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