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Reviewed by Jane:

Skills of the Warramunga by Greg Kater is the third and final book in the *Warramunga* trilogy.

Former Army Officer Jamie Munro and his friend and colleague Jacko O'Brien head up the Commonwealth Investigation Service in Darwin, Australia. Jacko is half Aborigine and an expert tracker and, combined with Jamie's Army training together they make a formidable team. When Colonel John Cook, a senior MI6 agent, is kidnapped by bandits in the Cameron Highlands in Malaya, the CIS is asked to help. Jamie and Jacko find themselves heading to the wild and inhospitable jungles of Malaya to try and rescue Colonel Cook. They take with them Jacko's sister, Sarah, who is a full blood Aborigine and whose tracking skills equal or possibly surpass those of Jacko. The trio face the gruelling terrain of the impenetrable Malayan jungle, face bloodthirsty and vicious bandits, and suffer the torment of the jungle creatures in their quest to free the Colonel, who was a former comrade during the War, which makes their mission even more urgent and the team even more determined.

Ironically, all is not as it seems, as after a daring rescue attempt it appears that the bandits are not the Malayan Communist Party, as had first been thought, but a group of unscrupulous Fascists whose ultimate plan is to take control of the country as a ruling party. Just as Jamie and Jacko think their job is done, they find themselves returning to a place they couldn't wait to leave to rescue more kidnapped dignitaries and to disarm, disrupt and ultimately destroy the perpetrators.

Once again, the author, *Greg Kater* has woven his magic in this third and final book of the series, *Skills of the Warramunga*. Set in early 1946, the descriptions, dialogue, and characters are completely plausible and believable. The pace of the story is breath-taking as the tension builds in this amazingly authentic adventure through the wilds of the Malayan jungle. As the spiked plants and bloodsucking leeches combine with the deadly deeds of the Fascist criminals, the reader is led to wonder how Jamie and Jacko can possibly overcome and succeed in their venture. The twists and turns in this story overflow as the reader is taken on an epic adventure that lovers of action will delight in. Clearly well researched, this book encapsulates literally the skills of the Warramunga and shows what a formidable force they can be. Jamie, Jacko, and now Sarah, are certainly a team that are determined and unbeatable. Brilliantly written, wonderfully and visually described, characters that are detestable, others that are appealing, this book has everything a reader seeks in a thoroughly good and enjoyable read.

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