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Review #3: Review by Ruffina Oserio

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Review Rating: 5 Stars

Skills of the Warramunga by Greg Kater is a gritty tale of espionage, a rescue mission with untold challenges, featuring likeable characters. Jack "Jacko" O'Brien and Jamie Munro are charged with the difficult task of rescuing Colonel John Cook, a senior MI6 operative kidnapped by an unknown, dangerous group in the jungles of Malaya. While they have unusual skills in the army and have a long history working together during WWII, they are about to be tested by challenges they never envisioned, including the harsh terrain, the fascist criminal organization which is about to thwart the creation of the Malayan Union by the British Military Authority. To succeed in this mission they will have to rely on the unique skills of the Warramunga to prevent the worst from happening.

Greg Kater is a great storyteller and readers are introduced to the conflict from the very start of the novel. John Cook is taken by the bad Chinese guys and readers become intrigued, interested to learn what happens to him next as they follow them through dangerous lands. Yes, the action begins from the very start of the narrative and only grows in intensity. The story is emotionally rich, with twists no one could predict and tight spots that will have readers on the edge of their seats. The prose is gorgeous and I enjoyed the author's ability to paint vivid images of the landscape and create a direct link between the environment and the characters. Skills of the Warramunga is character driven, but the focus on conflict and the skilful handling of plot make it a 'hard to put down' military thriller.