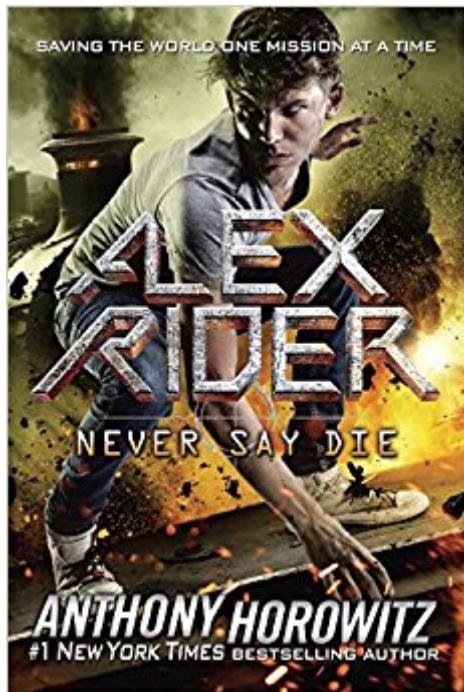


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# Never Say Die (Alex Rider)



## Synopsis

The world's greatest teen spy is back in action in a thrilling new mission: destroy once and for all the terrorist organization SCORPIA. Americans may have purchased more than 6 million copies of Alex's adventures, but now, more than ever, we all need his heroics. Following the events of *Scorpia Rising*, Alex relocates to San Francisco as he slowly recovers from the tragic death of his best friend and caregiver, Jack Starbright, at the hands of terrorists working for SCORPIA. With Jack gone, Alex feels lost and alone, but then, out of the blue, he receives a cryptic email--just three words long, but enough to make Alex believe that Jack may be alive. Armed with this shred of hope, Alex boards a flight bound for Egypt and embarks on a dubious quest to track Jack down. Yet SCORPIA knows Alex's weakness. And the question of whether Jack is alive soon takes a backseat to a chilling new terrorist plot--one that will play with Alex's mind as he grasps the magnitude of what is at stake. From Egypt to France to Wales, from luxury yachts to abandoned coal mines, Alex traverses a minefield of dangers and cryptic clues as he fights to discover the truth. A #1 New York Times bestselling series, perfect for fans of James Bond and Jason Bourne, is back with a vengeance! Praise for *Never Say Die* "Once again amid races, chases, hails of bullets, and increasingly spectacular explosions, the teenage James Bond pulls off one awesome feat of derring-do after another. [This] fresh caper . . . roars along to a (naturally) explosive climax." •Booklist "In his usual breakneck fashion, Horowitz whisks Alex from one improbable situation to another . . . this installment is sure to please Alex's legions of fans." •Kirkus Reviews

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I've been a huge fan of these books since he first published *Stormbreaker*. Good to see this is just as good.

I was originally super excited to see that a new Alex Rider book was going to come out as I am a fan of the series. *Never Say Die*, although, still followed the usual style, failed to make any significant breakthroughs in terms of the storyline. To me, the Alex Rider series has really come to an end and I would love to see more on other major characters, for example Ian Rider or Alan Blunt. Instead, it seems that Anthony Horowitz still wanted to go with the series. To achieve this, however, he must recreate the classic suspense and surprise that is urgently needed in this installment. In short, if you are a huge fan of Alex Rider, you should buy this book. Yet, you should also be prepared to face the fact that it would not be as thrilling as you would expect.

The Alex Rider novels concluded in a natural ending with Alex maturing through the series. The return ride (sorry bad pun), seems a bit forced with Alex himself lumbered with a clumsy plot starter, the old device of a partial message from someone meant to be dead. The author seems torn

between trying to fit Alex into a mature prototype James Bond (a weary 15 year old) while chasing a near farcical plot that both borrows from Fleming and seemingly parodies the excesses of the Roger Moore years of Bond. That said it is good to see a reboot of the Alex Rider series and hopefully the next entry will see him tackle a worthy plot rather than a muddled excuse to bring him back. As a disclaimer I am not a young adult but do enjoy the spy genre. In my time as a teenager we read the Bond novels and not teenage versions of them, but it is good to have you back Mr Rider.

I don't even need to read it to know it is going to be amazing! It comes out the day after my birthday lol I got trolled! Love U anthony horwitz

A good continuation of the series. Looking forward to the next one as I think there is more to Alex Rider's story. Hopefully Horowitz develops the series to suit a more mature audience.

Loved the whole series, fought over who got the books first at our local library

Another exciting adventure in which the story of Alex Rider continues - a character reappears and, for a change, it is technology from the 19th century that dominates the stunning finale. A must read for all Alex Rider fans.

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