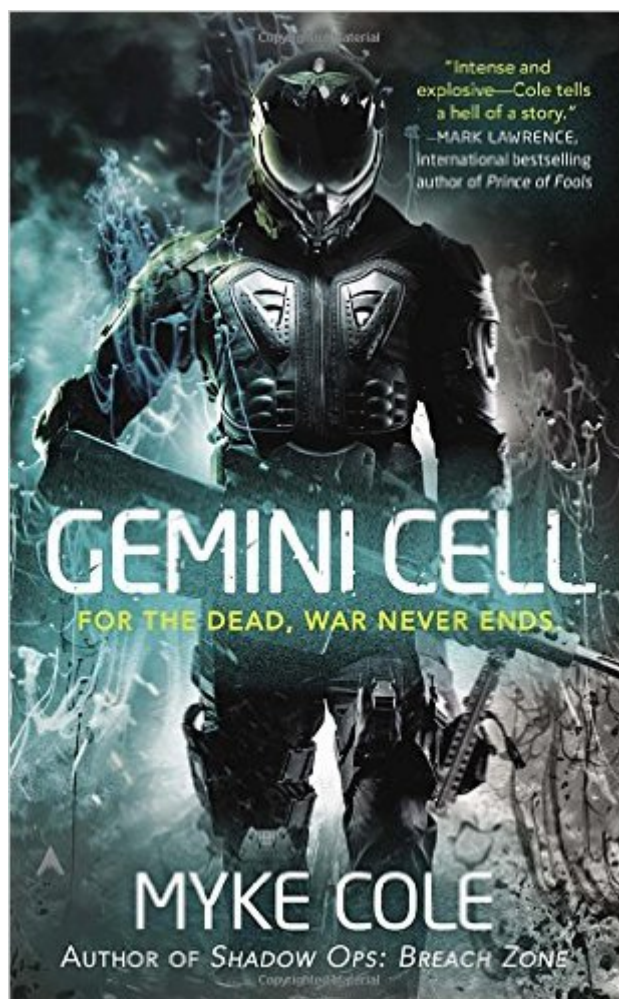


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Synopsis

Myke Cole continues to blow the military fantasy genre wide open with an all-new epic adventure in his highly acclaimed Shadow Ops universeâ”set in the early days of the Great Reawakening, when magic first returns to the world and order begins to unravelâ” | US Navy SEAL Jim Schweitzer is a consummate professional, a fierce warrior, and a hard man to kill. But when he sees something he was never meant to see on a covert mission gone bad, he finds himselfâ”and his familyâ”in the crosshairs. Nothing means more to Jim than protecting his loved ones, but when the enemy brings the battle to his front door, he is overwhelmed and taken down. That should be the end of the story. But Jim is raised from the dead by a sorcerer and recruited by a top secret unit dabbling in the occult, known only as the Gemini Cell. With powers he doesnâ”t understand, Jim is called back to dutyâ”as the ultimate warrior. As he wrestles with a literal inner demon, Jim realizes his new superiors are determined to use him for their own ends and keep him in the darkâ”especially about the fates of his wife and sonâ” |

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I have read Myke Cole's previous books in the Shadow Ops series and enjoyed them, so I was eager to read Gemini Cell. First, Gemini Cell is not a continuation of the previous series. It is a look at another part of that world, probably happening before the first series begins. With that said, I like the idea of discovering how magic affects other characters, and how they deal with it, so this approach is welcome. When Navy SEAL Jim Schweitzer was attacked and killed, it appeared to be

the end. However, he finds himself awake, and his body no longer occupied by him alone. It seems he now shares his body with a Jinn, which brings with it incredible abilities but incredible danger as well. With the constant inner struggle to battle and the quest for his family to sustain him, Schweitzer becomes a new kind of soldier, a weapon of magic, for the military. I've got to say that I didn't enjoy Gemini Cell nearly as much as the previous Shadow Ops books. It moved very slowly through the first 2/3 of the story, with much of it inner dialogue between Schweitzer and the jinn. That in itself isn't bad, but many of the themes and ideas were repeated over and over. Occasional perspective shifts helped me muddle through this early part, but I never found myself excited to read, it was more of a chore. The last 1/3 helped somewhat, as events picked up speed, and the characters began evolving, rather than remaining static. As the storylines converged, the book ended, setting the stage for at least a sequel. The character of Jim Schweitzer was interesting. He walks a fine line as a SEAL, willing to do bad things for the greater good and the service of his country.

GEMINI CELL is the rare military action thriller that isn't defined by the action or the plot. Instead, Myke Cole's fourth book is all about the characters, and the relationships that define each of them. Jim Schweitzer is a U.S. Navy SEAL whose team conducts covert missions around the world, relying on their unity and training to return home again. But when Jim and his team see something they were never meant to see, Jim's dangerous work life follows him home. This time, the odds are stacked too high against Jim, and he dies trying to defend his family. But everything changes when Jim is resurrected with a bloodthirsty jinn named Ninip trapped inside his body alongside him, forcing him to constantly battle for control of his own limbs. Now, Jim is asked to continue serving his country as part of a top-secret military unit called Gemini Cell while trying to learn more about those who attacked him and his family. Cole's focus on his characters and his ability to define those characters by their relationships with one another make this his best book yet. The relationship between Jim and his wife Sarah drives the story, and while this book seems like a strange story to be driven by romance, Cole does an excellent job of making this relationship between two very different adults believable. Cole doesn't shy away from the challenges of their relationship, but somehow he manages to make it believable. Slowly, over the course of the entire novel, we begin to understand the bond between these two in a way that feels very real. Jim and Sarah don't mark the only relationship in the book though. Jim's constant battle against Ninip provides us another insight into Jim and how he views himself as a warrior.

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