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# Point Blank (Alex Rider Adventure)



## Synopsis

Alex Rider is an orphan turned teen superspy who's saving the world one mission at a time—  
—from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author! When an investigation into a series of mysterious deaths leads agents to an elite prep school for rebellious kids, MI6 assigns Alex Rider to the case. Before he knows it, Alex is hanging out with the sons of the rich and powerful, and something feels wrong. These former juvenile delinquents have turned well-behaved, studious—and identical—overnight. It's up to Alex to find out who is masterminding this nefarious plot, before they find him. From the author of *Magpie Murders* and *Moriarty*.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Powerful, privileged and screwed up, 16 boys in a boarding school suddenly turn into model students. It's up to 14-year-old Alex Rider to find out why and to face the maniacal man who has engineered it all in a bid to take over the world in *Point Blank: An Alexander Rider Adventure* by Anthony Horowitz, the follow-up to last year's *Stormbreaker*. Copyright 2002 Cahnners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr 5-10-After two influential businessmen die in separate freak accidents, MI6, England's spy network, once again calls upon 14-year-old Alex Rider to infiltrate Point Blanc, a private school in

the French Alps for out-of-control, wealthy teens. Armed only with his wits and some 007-type devices, he stumbles upon an evil mad scientist's plot to take over the world using clones as replacements for prominent sons. Spy gadgets, chase scenes, mysteries, and a cliff-hanger ending will keep even reluctant readers interested in the second novel in this series. Familiarity with the first novel is not necessary as the plot fills in past information when needed, but many students will want to go back and read *Stormbreaker* (Philomel, 2001) to see how Alex first became involved with MI6. Kim Carlson, Monticello High School, IA Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

purchased this as a requirement for my sons school. Arrived on time and was as expected

My 12 year old loves these books, will probably buy the whole series.

My daughter loves to read. She really likes Alex Rider books after reading a few from our local library. I bought her the Alex Rider DVD for Christmas which was a surprise to her as she didn't even know there was a DVD for Alex Rider until the week before Christmas. She found the first, 6th, and 7th books at an Ollie's outlet Store and we have been using the rest of the set as fill-ins to get Super Saver Shippings for other products we order from . Soon, she will have the full set, then we will move on to the next set of books she wants to use as fill-ins. I have read these books as well and they are very captivating and hold your attention and you cannot wait until you see what is happening next! Great mystery for even the younger (ages 8 and up) readers who like mysteries that are not extremely scary, but that keep you captivated and wanting more.

I am 38 years old, but I have a young cousin who has read all the Alex Rider books, and I decided to read them myself so that the two of us would have something to talk about the next time he visits. Having read all of the original James Bond novels by Ian Fleming, I am amused by how Anthony Horowitz continues paying homage to Fleming. This time around, Horowitz clearly models *Point Blank* on Fleming's *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*. Both books are set in an isolated mountaintop hideaway from which the villains carry out their evil and elaborate plots, and both books contain narrow escapes, exciting downhill chase sequences, and over-the-top action. Both books are also a lot of fun. I can see why my cousin enjoys them. While I liked the first Alex Rider book (*Stormbreaker*), I think I enjoyed *Point Blank* more. The story seemed to move along faster, especially the last half. The violence, though tame by adult fiction standards, continues to surprise

me but not in a negative sense. This is an action/adventure series, after all. I don't want to give anything away, so I will simply say that I liked the ending, which sets up some interesting villainous possibilities for future books in the series. Could Dr. Hugo Grief become Alex Rider's own version of Fleming's Blofeld? Certainly Eva Stellenbosch, Dr. Grief's right-hand gal, bears some similarities to Blofeld's long-time companion and co-conspirator, Irma Bunt (both women are noted as being especially ugly and completely devoted to their men). I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

Some interesting plot ideas, but I still think this author's style is way too simple -- teens and children can process much more than this. Look at Robert Louis Stevenson, Kipling, Dickens. Children will live down to what is expected of them. Also interesting to note, ideas from this book seem to have been combined with/substituted into the Alex Rider movie of the first book. There are occasional moments where a very cool personality for Alex comes through, and it would have been nice for there to be more of these. I love that Alex speaks up for himself a little against the people who exploit him, and is not fooled by pretty much anyone. (Especially by spoiled, homicidal rich bee-otches.) Fun, but it could be so much better.

Everything it said would be.

This was one of the best books I've read ever! It had so much action and cliffhangers in this book. Anthony puts you in the eyes of a spy. It feels like you are standing right next to Alex where ever he is. Don't even ease you time reading the reviews, Buy The Book! :)

Alex Rider Point Blank is AMAZING, leaving you at nail-biting cliffhangers and action. You get the feel of expectation when he gets his clever (but powerful) gadgets from the one and only Mr. Smithers. Point Blank had me worried about Alex but he always manages to get away with the slightest possibilities. Alex Rider Point Blank is very well written, thanks Anthony Horowitz! I guarantee you'll love Alex Rider Point Blank if you are a fan of action! I totally recommend this book.

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