

A desert landscape with sand dunes and a vehicle, overlaid with a speedometer graphic. The speedometer is semi-transparent and shows numbers from 0 to 110. The vehicle is a dark-colored SUV or truck, positioned in the middle ground on a sand dune. The sky is a clear, light blue.

# CHRIS RYAN

Desert Pursuit

Alpha Force: Desert Pursuit, Book 4, Chris Ryan, Random House, 2009, 1407049941, 9781407049946, 320 pages. Mission: Pursuit! Alpha Force are a unique group of five individuals, each with special skills, each ready to go anywhere in the world to help others in need. Undercover, they head for the Sahara Desert, resolved to gather evidence of young landmine victims. But they are catapulted into a desperate race across the desert when they discover a terrible evil - a gang of child-slavers operating in the area . . . High-octane thrills from a master of adventure, bestselling author, TV presenter and an ex-SAS hero CHRIS RYAN. Includes Chris Ryan's top SAS tips on Safety and Survival in and around water..

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Alpha Force: Red Centre , Chris Ryan, Sep 22, 2009, Juvenile Fiction, 352 pages. Alpha Force - a group of five kids dedicated to fighting against injustice in the world - are in Australia, helping with a TV reality show. But when Paulo spots a dangerous ....

Spirit and Dust , Rosemary Clement-Moore, 2013, Juvenile Fiction, 387 pages. Speaking to the dead is nothing for Daisy Goodnight. The living, on the other hand, can occasionally be a problem. Especially when they knock you out and kidnap you. Willing or ....

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Alpha Force: Black Gold , Chris Ryan, Sep 15, 2009, Juvenile Fiction, 336 pages. Target: Assassin! The five members of Alpha Force are training in the Caribbean when an oil tanker runs aground, spilling oil - black gold - into the seas. Diving down to the ....

Alpha Force: Untouchable , Chris Ryan, May 27, 2010, Juvenile Fiction, 368 pages. Set in Scotland, Alpha Force are helping out on a survival outdoors adventure holiday programme for problem youngsters when they stumble across evidence of an illegal drugs ....

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mysterious Sam is her sole companion and her ....

Vampire Beach: High Stakes , Alex Duval, Nov 30, 2011, Juvenile Fiction, 256 pages. Jason thinks he must have just about taken all the challenges that can be thrown at him and Sienna. For once, things seem perfect: great girlfriend, great friends and great ....

Desert Pursuit , Chris Ryan, 2003, Adventure stories, 320 pages. Undercover, the team heads for the Sahara desert to gather evidence of young landmine victims. But the five youngsters soon find themselves in desperate pursuit of a child ....

Death Leap , Simon Chapman, 2007, , 48 pages. "A man is dead, and Jake is the only witness to his murder. Now the hitmen are after him, Jake will need all his biking skill to survive. Can he make the Death Leap?Good ....

Untouchable , Chris Ryan, 2005, Alpha Force (Imaginary organization), 353 pages. Set in Scotland, Alpha Force are helping out on a survival outdoors adventure holiday programme for problem youngsters when they stumble across evidence of an illegal drugs ....

Alpha Force: Hostage, Book 3 , Chris Ryan, Sep 15, 2009, Juvenile Fiction, 288 pages. Target: Toxic Waste Flying to Northern Canada to investigate reports of illegal dumping of toxic waste, the Alpha Force team must dive into an icy river, cross the harsh ....

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I have read 4 books by Chris Ryan; Wildfire, Survival, Rat Catcher and now, Desert Pursuit. Desert Pursuit is probably my favourite Chris Ryan book I have read so far. It is about a group of five teenagers, called Alpha Force who head to the country of Western Sahara to help landmine victims, but find a lot more than they expected.

However, there are some minor bad points. For example, whenever a gun is mentioned, it has to be a Kalashnikov. Now I don't know if this is a very common gun in north-western Africa, but to me it seems that Chris Ryan might have been running out of ideas. This is just one example, there are some other instances like this.

This series continues to impress. Very interesting story topic and was an enjoyable read. Story focuses more on Li than the other Alpha members. Sad to think that child slavery goes on in these sort of countries. Interesting part of the book which I had never thought about was the fact that families will actually sell their kids to people like the scorpion under the impression that they are being sold to a better lifestyle.

During the Gulf War, Chris was the only member of an eight-man team to escape from Iraq, of which three colleagues were killed and four captured. It was the longest esca...more Chris Ryan was born in 1961 in a village near Newcastle. In 1984 he joined the SAS. During his ten years in the Regiment, he was involved in overt and covert operations and was also Sniper team commander of the anti-terrorist team.

Less than a week after the outbreak of the last Gulf War, Ryan and 7 fellow SAS soldiers were sent on a mission to locate and destroy Saddam Hussein's mobile Scud missile launches but it ended in catastrophic failure with three men dead and four captured and tortured by the Iraqis. Chris Ryan was the one who got away and wrote about his experiences in the bestseller, The One That Got Away. Ryan left the SAS in 1994 and is now the author of many bestselling thrillers for adults, has presented a number of TV programmes and lectures in business motivation and security.

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Alpha Force is a series of novels written by Chris Ryan, formerly of the Special Air Service. The books are adventure novels aimed at teenagers. The eponymous Alpha Force are a group of five teenagers with unique talents, skills and personalities who were shipwrecked together in the first book, Survival, and after being forced to work together as a team, created strong friendships with each other. Every school holiday they meet up to complete different challenges to test all of their skills but always manage to get sucked into fighting wrongdoing because of their talents and inability to let injustice go unpunished.

Alpha Force, the series' protagonists. The name originating from the initial letters of the members' first names, it consists of the five main characters in the series, all in their teenage years. Hex had come up with the name in the first book, Survival, both in reference to the connection with the members' names, as well as the fact that "Alpha" is the first letter in the Ancient Greek alphabet, and indicates a new beginning.

Alex is a survival expert from Northumberland. He was taught about surviving in different situations by his father who is a member of the SAS. Despite being rejected from the Army in Red Centre, he still has hopes of following in his father's footsteps. He rarely becomes agitated with people and he always tries to find a logical solution to a situation. He always carries the survival tin that his father gave him and is very attached to it. He is nominated mostly as a team leader by the other four characters, due to his survival skills and experience in the treacherous conditions which he routinely faces. Alex never mentions his family apart from his father, who he helped in Rat Catcher, and mother, because of this it is assumed that Alex is an only child.

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