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From Rules of Engagement to Hostile Contact, Gordon Kent has captivated readers with novels that combine authentic portrayals of global secret operations with the passions that go with them: the yearning for family and peace, the deceptions of agents in the field, and the extraordinary risks the bravest and best will take for a cause. His new suspense novel is vintage Kent: a heart-stopping tale of a terrorist strike, its explosive aftermath, and the struggle of special agents in a battle that is reshaping the globe.

To Americans, the scene is agonizingly familiar. The mangled steel of a U.S. warship in a foreign harbor. The revolving loops of CNN footage and faraway streets strewn with debris. But for Lieutenant Commander Alan Craik, the terrorist attack on the USNS Jonathan Harker is part of the job. Fighting terrorism from Pakistan to the Far East, Craik reacts to a spontaneous horror with calm action. But an enemy Craik doesn't know has carried out the bombing in the teeming port of Mombasa, Kenya—for reasons he cannot guess.

While Alan Craik finds himself in the middle of a scene of carnage, his wife, Rose Siciliano Craik, is fighting her own battle, proving her flying prowess, rising to astronaut training school in Houston while trying to hold her family together. Now she herself has been forced to accept around-the-clock protection from NCIS—the Navy Criminal Investigative Service. NCIS special agent Mike Dukas, Rose and Alan's friend, is playing it by the book. But he's also playing his hunches. Dukas thinks it might not be coincidence that Craik was in Mombasa when the terrorists struck—and that a sniper was using the cover of chaos to take a shot at Craik himself.

As agents scramble around the world to find the planners of the attack, and another bomb goes off in Cairo, Craik, his wife, and their friend are at the center of the storm. And as each makes fatal choices, they begin to sense that the fight they're in is not the kind they've planned and trained for—and that whoever is behind the devastating Mombasa terrorist attack may be coming relentlessly after them.

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