

Book Review: Rescue Run  
By John Winn Miller

Thanks to NetGalley and Bancroft Press for this advance reader's copy, in exchange for an honest review. "Rescue Run" is scheduled for publication on March 4, 2025.

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"Rescue Run" is the sequel to author John Winn Miller's "The Hunt for the Peggy C", and features the exploits of Capt. Jake Rogers. He's now the commander of a U.S. Liberty ship in the North Atlantic during World War II. But when his ship is destroyed, he and his crew end up in Ireland where he learns the Nazis have arrested Solomen Maduro, the father of the love of his life, Miriam.

Thus begins an exhausting trek from Ireland to Amsterdam, throughout Brussels and France, and eventually ending in Spain. I say exhausting because the journey to safety seems to never end. And somehow Capt. Rogers, his small band of crewmen, the rescued Maduro, and his daughter Miriam, manage to elude the Nazis and everyone else looking for them.

And that seems a bit unrealistic. Every time they clear one hurdle and appear to reach their goal, there's another roadblock. Another setback. It made me wonder, how many lives do these people have?

Oh, and if things weren't challenging enough, at one point our band of heroes have to protect and also transport six children of varying ages. And somehow they do all of this completely unnoticed by the authorities? A bit unrealistic.

Of course, with all the new roadblocks that crop up there are some interesting plot twists that are not necessarily shocking, and you may even see them coming. But they at least keep the story moving at a decent pace.

I didn't read the first book in the Capt. Rogers saga, and you don't have to in order to understand what is happening in "Rescue Run." But I did come away with a strong feeling that Rogers was cultivated (or could have been cultivated) from an Indiana Jones model. A youthful Harrison Ford could easily slip into the role.

Without giving anything away, there's a provocative ending (that also shouldn't come as a complete surprise), and clearly paves the way for a third installment in the series.

I give "Rescue Run" 3 out of 5 stars. It has its moments, and some of the characters are drawn from history, so it's also interesting and informative. There are just too many spots where the narrative borders on the unbelievable.