

Question and Answer with Rachel Amphlett, author of *Three Lives Down*

1. What can you tell us about *Three Lives Down*?

Dan Taylor survives two attempts on his life, and discovers the rest of his team missing.

Now a terrorist group has stolen a radioactive isotope from a top secret government project.

With the Prime Minister determined to re-negotiate the country's place in the European Union, and deals being struck behind closed doors, Dan stumbles across a plot that will shake the country to its core.

Can Dan stay on the run long enough to prevent a nuclear disaster on British soil?

If his mission fails, his enemies will overthrow the British government, and Dan will be a wanted man.

If he wants to succeed, he'll have to sacrifice everything.

2. What sort of research did you do for *Three Lives Down*?

Most of my ideas come from reading something in the news – the Dan Taylor and Eva Delacourt books are all loosely based on fact. I'll sort through newspaper articles, scientific papers, and I read a lot of military non-fiction.

Once the manuscript starts to form and I'm actually writing, I've got a "go to" team of experts who I can email and ask for advice.

I also like to do "hands on" research wherever possible, and for *Three Lives Down* that included learning pistol shooting and flying a Blackhawk helicopter simulator!

3. Does the Dan Taylor series need to be read in order?

No, not really. I really liked what Clive Cussler did with the Dirk Pitt series – you could pick up any of those, such as *Sahara*, read it, get to know the characters a bit, then go back to the beginning of the series and catch up.