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Review

Advance praise for Without Warning

"John Birmingham's ability to seamlessly merge the gritty realism of Tom Clancy with the raw speculation of Michael Crichton is like no other author I've ever read. Brilliant, nail-biting, thoughtful, and excruciatingly pertinent to our times, his latest novel, Without Warning, is simply a tour de force, a true classic in the making. It should be required reading for the entire world."

—James Rollins, New York Times bestselling author of The Last Oracle

"What would happen if America vanished? Some would like to find out, but John Birmingham's Without Warning suggests that the Pax Americana would soon be sorely missed. It's a gripping story, for Americans and non-Americans alike."

—Glenn Reynolds, InstaPundit

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—Robert Buettner, author of Orphanage

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