

# Book Review: Stargate Atlantis: Hunt and Run

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I was very excited when I heard that there would be a novel that focused on Ronon's years as a Runner. That time period has always been a mystery to fans, so the novel [Hunt and Run: Stargate Atlantis](#) by Aaron Rosenberg had the potential to add to the canon in new and interesting ways. How did this man go from the person we saw in flashbacks to the man we know on Atlantis? The storyline is wide open.

As much as I wanted to like it, however, I didn't. The team gets caught in a trap and crashes; hunted by, as we soon learn, friends turned enemies from Ronon's past. Then we're given the split of John and Teyla in one area with Ronon and Rodney in another. Normally I love this split because, the small number of times the relationship between Rodney and Ronon was explored on the show, it

showed the potential of friendship that was developing. That was lacking in this novel, much to my dismay.

Also, the story is not well-integrated. Rodney asks how Ronon knows the enemies hunting them and that sends Ronon off on a long backstory that's all past action, rather than integrated into the current time. I would have preferred to see more back and forth, with Ronon revealing a bit of information at a time and Rodney drawing out more and more of the story as the novel progressed. I seriously doubt either Rodney or Ronon would sit still for the long backstory that we were given in one fell swoop.

And the character voices were off, noticeably on the part of Rodney at first, but then Ronon started sounding out of character. When repeating the dialogue in my head, in the characters' voices, they did not sound true to form. Yes, the story was told, but it didn't sound like the characters we know and love were actually telling it.

If you're a fan who, like me, has the need to collect and read every Stargate Atlantis novel, then you'll be reading this anyway. The question is, will it be one you'll re-read? For me, it's not at the top of my list.