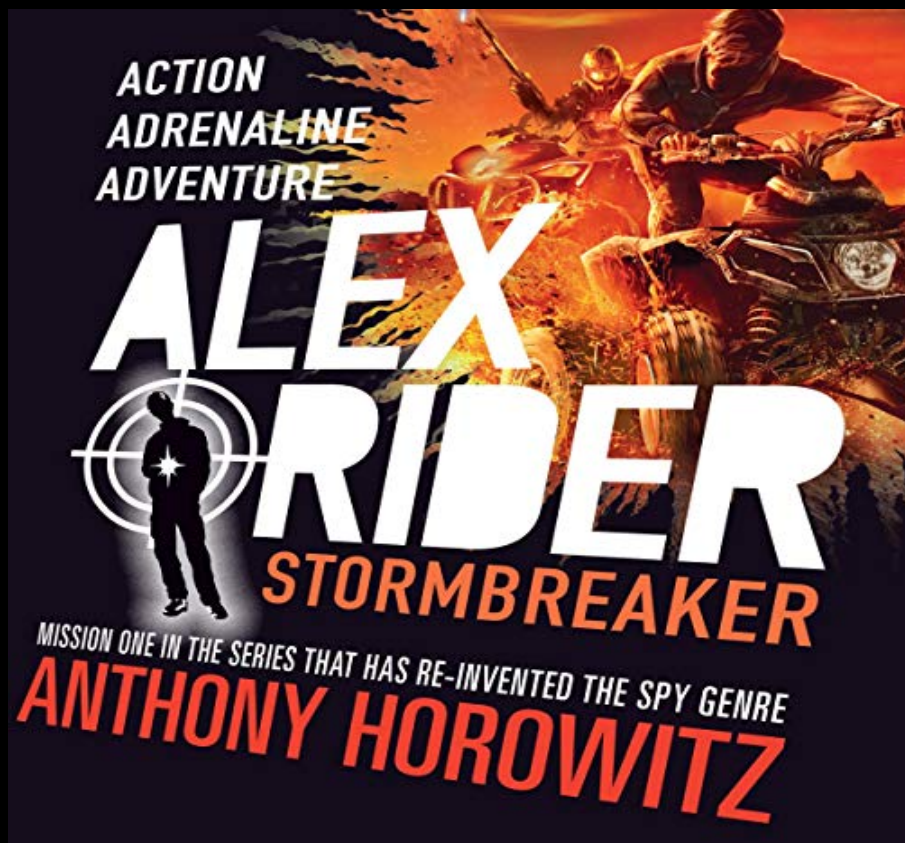


Alex Rider book overview
book 1- Storm Breaker.



***A 14 Year old teenage
spy boy saves London!***

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This is an overview of the first book in the Alex Rider series, of which there are 13 currently out. I have yet to read books 10, 11, 12, and 13, but I will get to the later ones in due time.

Beware of spoilers.

Alex Rider's world is turned upside down when he's told his Uncle, Ian Rider, who worked for the Royal and General Bank, has passed away. At the funeral, Ian's boss, Alan Blunt, (Ian's Boss) says "He unfortunately passed away in a car crash because he wasn't wearing his seatbelt." This is a fucking lie, because Ian was a safety freak, as he wouldn't start driving at all if Alex wasn't wearing his seat belt. Also one of Ian's coworkers brought a gun to the funeral. You don't bring a gun to a funeral.

Alex is invited to the bank, by Smithers, and he goes up to the floor where Ian worked, but he's barred from going into his office which is on the 16th floor, and instead goes into the one next to his. While Smithers goes to fetch some things, Alex sneaks out onto the balcony, and goes into Ian's office.

It's here where he learns his Uncle was not in fact a banker, but a god damn spy, who worked for the Special Operations division of MI6, from Alan Blunt

and Mrs. Jones, his second in command.

Alan informs Alex that his housekeeper/ guardian-Jack Starbright, will have to leave because she came from America, not Britain and her visa will expire soon, so he really doesn't have a choice here. Alan then informs Alex that Ian was investigating the Stormbreaker, a revolutionary learning device made and developed by Sayle industries (stationed in Cornwall) and its CEO, Herod Sayle, who is a

friend of the current Prime Minister (who will also be doing the opening for the Storm breaker computers) from high school, however, Ian was killed by an assassin working for Mr. Sayle-a Russian by the name of Yassen Gregorovich.

Since Ian is dead and they have no agents, Alan and Mrs. Jones give Alex eleven days of SAS training with K unit as code name "*Cub,*" along with "*Wolf, Fox, Eagle and Snake.*", before he's sent to Sayle Industries as Felix

Lester, another teenager who won a lottery to experience the Storm Breaker early.

Before he leaves, he's given some gadgets and a warning from Mrs. Jones-“If you see Yassen Gregorovich, contact us immediately and we'll pull you out.”

After heading to Sayle industries, he meets Mr. Sayle, his pet jelly fish *PHYSALIA PHYSALIS* (a Portuguese Man-O-War) and two people that work for him, Mr. Grin (who takes Alex to his

room.) and a lady named Fraulein Vole.

While he's staying there, he does wonder around without Herod knowing and finds a giant steel door at the bottom of some stairs, though he is caught, he's not killed as he gives the classic excuse of needing the bathroom, but he did hear about a submarine with a shipment arriving at night before he's taken away.

Wanting to know what's going on, he leaves his room and

notices Yassen coming out of the sub with the shipments, but ignores Mrs. Jones warning and investigates further.

While the sub is being unloaded, one of the workers drops a crate. The worker apologizes, but Yassen kills him in cold blood.

The next morning, (which is his last day there) Alex goes to the Cornwall library to see if Ian left behind any clues, which he did.

Turns out it's a map of an underground passage that Ian found. Following it, Alex

discovered it lead to the other side of the steel door, and it's here where we learn that the Stormbreakers are being infected with smallpox.

He is then discovered as a spy and is knocked out by the woman. Herod is pulling no punches. Today is the day the Storm Breaker machines go online, but he does give a good reason as to why he's doing this.

Herod came from a poor family and a poor country and got a

scholarship at the high school where he was bullied, but there was one main one. That person is the Prime minister, or as Herod states-“The bliddy prime minister”. So he’s going to make the Prime Minister launch the machines and make him look the bad guy.

Herod and Mr. Grin go to the launch of the machines while the lady deals with Alex. She pretends to help him, but she traps in with the jelly fish. One of the gadgets Alex was given was

an explosive gel, so he uses that to escape.

Sayle is already on his way to the launch of the machine, at the National science museum, but Mr. Grin is flying a cargo plane out of Sayle industries.

Rushing to it, Alex gets on and threatens Mr. Grin to fly him over to the Museum. After getting near it, Alex grabs a parachute and jumps out, aiming for the roof.

Mr. Grin tries to take him out mid-air, but Alex predicted this

and used one of his other gadgets, a Nintendo DS with a cartridge that caused it to explode, killing Mr. Grin.

There wasn't much time before the launch, but Alex makes it onto the roof and starts shooting into the building, aiming for Herod. He runs out of bullets, but then Herod is arrested and Alex gets a debrief, but something bugs him.

After exiting, he gets into a taxi, but it's being driven by Herod

and he warns Alex to not do anything.

He drives over to a tower and takes him to the top floor, where a helicopter is waiting. Inside that helicopter is Yassen, who kills Herod, his reason being-“He had become an embarrassment. It was better this way.”

Alex replies-“Not better for him”, but Yassen just shrugs.

Alex asked-“What about me?”
Yassen replies-“I have no instructions concerning you.”

Alex then confronts Ian about the death of his Uncle, Ian Rider and states that one day, he will kill Yassen Gregorovich.

All Yassen replies with is-“Believe me, it would be better if you just went back to your normal daily life. You’re still a child.”

Yassen then heads back into the helicopter and flies off, but raises his hand behind the glass. Alex then stays there until it disappears.

End of overview.

