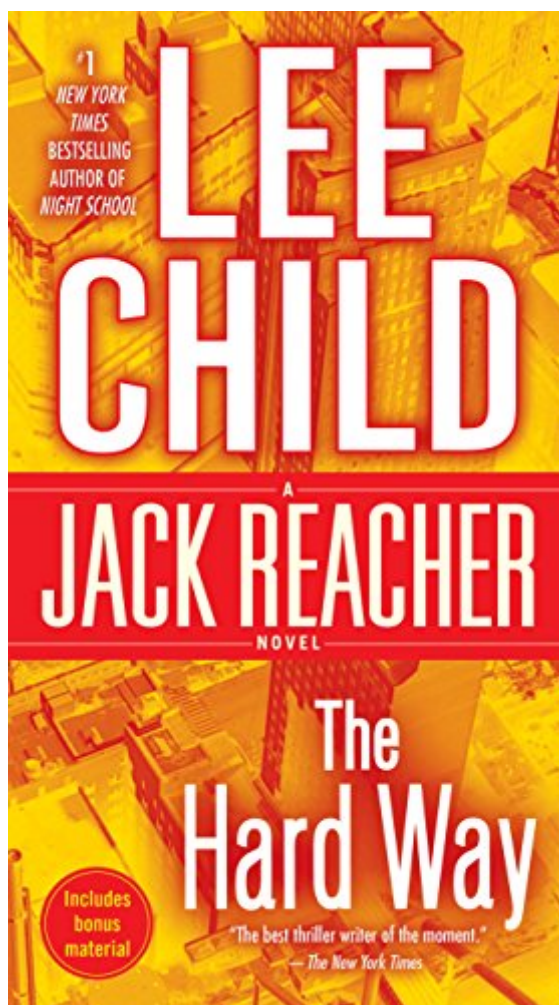


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Lane' s paramilitary group and Jack worked initially to find Lane' s kidnapped wife, Kate and his step-daughter, Jade, then parallel to get just for the possible murders of Kate and Jade. But he also realized seconds before divulging Taylor's location, that it was a charade, a clever misdirection feat employed to get Kate and Jade away from the brutal Lane, and to bring the fight to England on Taylor's turf. Jack's deduction of the clues were impeccable and Pauling's assistance as his partner and temporary bedmate made the plot and storyline that more interesting. Great action scenes, great editing and dialogue. Retribution for the first Mrs. Lane was divine!07/15/17

I'm not sure Lee Child knows how to write a bad book. This one definitely lives up to the quality of any others of his I have read and the storyline makes it difficult to put the book down, even when my eyes will barely stay open. I love the ability to think along with Jack while he is going about his day figuring out the impossible solution to the mystery he is thrown into. I love that he is still himself and hasn't changed. I actually heard this one on audio and reading it anyway. It's a whole new story when it is digested slowly and just as good the second time, even if I know the ending!

I am a hard grader. Very entertaining novels with little ambiguity or gray ethical issues to disrupt the flow of the action - the villains are fully or partially unmasked early on and the suspense results from how Reacher, not Reacher and the army or the police or some magic gadget, but Reacher more or less single handedly mitigates or stops the harm to innocents. Some of these books not including this one contain improbable coincidences that stagger credulity and disrupt the suspension of disbelief necessary to appreciate more suspenseful more subtle and more nuanced fiction/I read these books and I will read every one of them in order because they are fun.

In his 10th Jack Reacher novel, Lee Child again places his hero, the giant with frozen turkey-sized fists into a scenario in which he's arbitrarily selected to participate in an intense unfolding drama. This one puts him in the employ of one Edward Lane, angry, ex-military and vowing revenge and destruction on whomever kidnapped his beautiful wife. Then we find out there's a kid involved. Lane

didn't mention it at first. It's the first indication readers get that this man, who now heads a seemingly top-notch private security team, is not as above board as he first would seem. Lane promises Reacher a bucketload of money to find his wife, and Reacher takes the case. Nothing works out for Reacher. But Child strings out the clues from the first details in which Reacher spots the purported kidnapper getting into and driving off in a Mercedes. Tension builds until the last third of the book when the whole case evolves in Lee Child style. Then the action takes off and Reacher does some serious ass kicking. He always does, right? Which reminds me of bumping into another Reacher fan in a used book store. He had three Reacher books to go and hadn't read them in sequence like I did. He said whenever he spots the Brit phrasing in the dialogue it drives him a little nuts. I can't say that I've been put off with it nor did I really spot anything. But now I'll be looking for it.

I really like most of the Jack Reacher novels. This one, for me, was a disappointment though. Not enough action, too much detailed analyses and not enough tough-guy Reacher. I found the story line a little difficult to follow. The Reacher personality did not wake up until the end, where Jack finally made things right and got the justice we're used to seeing, I just like Jack's character sprinkled throughout the book. But, I'm hooked on Reacher, so I look forward to the next one. Thanks Lee.

Jack Reacher is the ultimate literary hero character. But the supporting characters are amazing. Each is sympathetic and a fundamental structure in the plot. There is a common structure in each book, but in each, the reader always emerges cheering, as Reacher's justice rectifies and balances. I love the pace, the logic, and especially the lack of specific descriptions in the sex scenes. This is wildly entertaining.

Classic Reacher. Lee Child is a must buy, must read author. Stand-alone that is easy to follow. Graphic brutality, no drag-you-down drama. The storyline has plenty of twists to keep reader's interest. Believable characters with distinct personalities. Thought-provoking and informative dialogue. I will re-read this story and always look forward to works by this author.

This is the third Reacher I've tried. It's pretty formulaic and tiresome in that way -- taciturn Reacher, incomplete sentences to show imminent action, always a woman he loves but has to leave for his solitude. Very violent and the villains are often laughable caricatures of evil -- e.g. fat (for bad),

squinty eyed (for calculating), sadistic (almost always). Evil is actually pretty subtle in most of life.

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