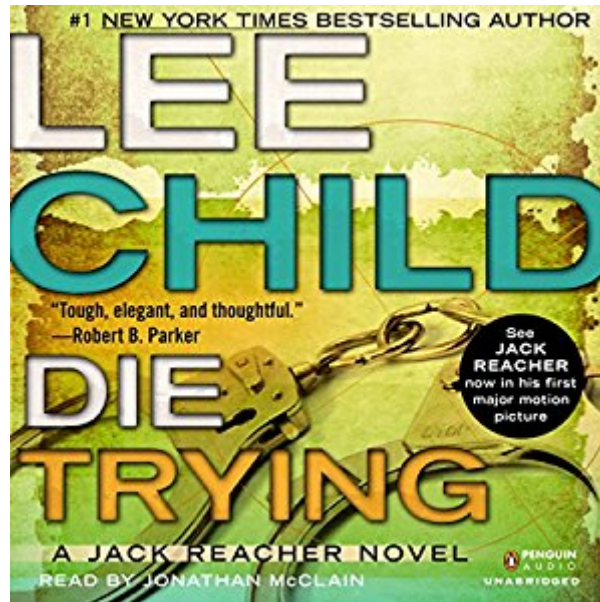




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Customer Reviews

Jack was just helping the lady with her laundry. getting kidnapped was not high on his list. getting kidnapped by inept kidnapppers with no morals really gets to him and he gets mad. the lady is an FBI agent and so much more; this whole thing seems to be about getting her but keeping her safe. but the group that took them has soooo much more in mind with far reaching consequences for all. who are the moles and is Jack really on the right side?super second book picks up just after the first. he is just as feisty as before. the antagonists are superb and well played.

I liked book 2 better than the first. It is funny catching the author (British) in his lack of knowledge about America. In book 1 his use of British English was rampant. The one he missed in book 2 was Reacher said, "I'm as much of a citizen as the president." This was an odd thing to say b/c what makes some as much a citizen as the president is that they are born within the United States (what the Constitution calls a "natural born citizen").. Jack Reacher was born in Berlin. He is a citizen but

not a natural born citizen so he could be elected president (okay, he's a fictional character which really limits his ability to campaign). So Jack Reacher is not "as much a U.S. citizen as the president" but Lee Child is a pretty good writer. I read this book nearly to completion on 6 hours Boston to San Jose.

I have been a fan of the Jack Reacher novels for over a year and I love the way the author, Lee Child, weaves the story in such a way that keeps you turning the pages. This 422 page novel, *Die Trying*, begins on the streets of Chicago. Jack is minding his own business when he sees a woman with a cane who is also carrying clothes from the cleaners. She has obviously has a bad leg and before she looks like she is going to fall, Reacher grabs her cane and clothes. All of a sudden three men grab them both and kidnap them. I never like to give away too much information and spoil the story for the reader; however, it turns out this woman is an F.B.I. agent who eventually trusts Jack after spending hours being handcuffed together. This is a story about some far right fanatics who like all collectivists (These include Nazi Democratic Socialists, Communists, far left and far right politicians etc.) are dictators in disguise. Like all fanatics, the leader controls his group with an iron fist. The story moves along quickly as we discover this lunatic military group has a mole in the F.B.I which puts Reacher and all the other good guys in danger. If you are a Jack Reacher fan you should check out this book. I really have only one complaint about these novels. All the Lee Child, Jack Reacher novels are way too long. How about writing some shorter Jack Reacher novels? Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Martial Art Myths).

I have happily finished Book two in two days. I read until my eyes became dry. I would almost say that this book was better than the last, but I won't. In many ways Reacher always gets the girl, but there is no HEA. Once the mission is over, he leaves for his next destination.

Jack Reacher is back and facing another trying situation. Just when you think you've figured it out, the story changes. Reacher stumbles into a kidnapping and is taken because he is in the wrong place at the wrong time. He soon discovers the kidnapping victim is not quite what she seems. Why did the militant group kidnap her and why is she so special? "Die Trying" is engrossing, fast-paced and definitely worth a read.

If this was the first book I had read of Jack Reacher I would never have read another. It was a

stretch to begin with and so many names & places that it was tough to follow especially at the end. I found myself just thinking, "will this never end." Too much came out of a cripple girl and a chained man that should have been killed immediately. If the villain was so smart he sure did a bunch of dumb things. I was glad when it was over. It was too much of a reality stretch.

I typically don't read "detective books", and don't buy into the whole military training is the best thing that can happen to a person. However this guy, Lee Child, writes a very intense, very nicely paced book. The book starts fast, by like page 3 or so, then basically doesn't let up. I also like how he follows the one main character, perhaps it's lacking finesse or perhaps overly simple, but I don't get that feeling at all. It's riveting. He switches to other characters for a few pages then it's back to Jack Reacher. His choice of wording is what I think other people are trying to emulate in this genre but now that I've read this guy. Well he has talent. Worth buying, and I'm going to read them all.

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