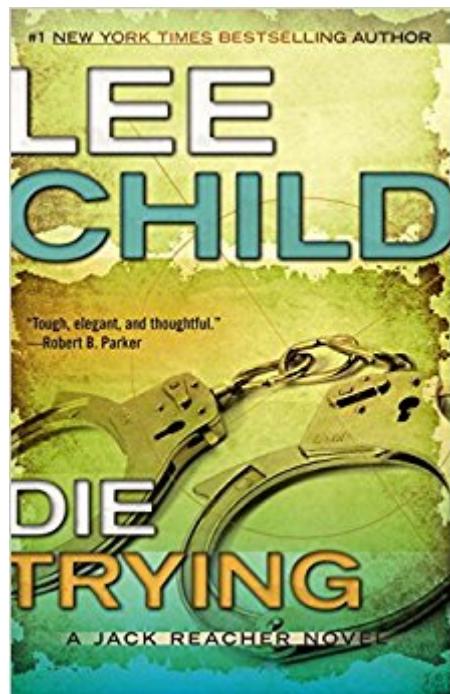


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Die Trying (Jack Reacher)



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Television writer Lee Child's otherwise riveting first thriller, *Killing Floor*, was criticized by some reviewers because of an unconvincing coincidence at its center. Child addresses that problem in his second book--and thumbs his nose at those reviewers--by having his hero, ex-military policeman Jack Reacher, just happen to be walking by a Chicago dry cleaner when an attractive young FBI agent named Holly Johnson comes out carrying nine expensive outfits and a crutch to support her soccer-injured knee. As Holly stumbles, Reacher grabs her and her garments--which gets him kidnapped along with her by a trio of very determined badguys. "He had no problem with how he had gotten grabbed up in the first place," Child writes. "Just a freak of chance had put him alongside Holly Johnson at the exact time the snatch was going down. He was comfortable with that. He understood freak chances. Life was built out of freak chances, however much people would like to pretend otherwise." Lucky for Holly--whose father just happens to be an Army general and current

head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, thus making her a tempting target for a bunch of Montana-based extremists--Reacher still has all the skills and strengths associated with his former occupation. And Child still knows how to write scenes of violent action better than virtually anyone else around.

--Dick Adler --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jack Reacher is in both the wrong and the right place at the same time when FBI Special Agent and daughter of the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Holly Johnson is abducted from a Chicago street. It is the wrong place because Reacher, a former army major drifting around the country, is kidnapped as well. It is the right place because only he has the instincts to foil the complex, deadly plan of the kidnappers, a Montana militia group headed by a charismatic, brilliant, but psychotic leader. Child's tale, very well read by Dick Hill, engrossingly portrays Reacher's efforts to manipulate the captors; the behind-the-scenes maneuvering of the FBI, the army, and the White House; and the many unexpected roadblocks thrown in his path. Child devotes too much time, however, to the predictable rantings of the militia. Recommended for public libraries. ?Michael Adams, CUNY Graduate Ctr., New YorkCopyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jack was just helping the lady with her laundry. getting kidnapped was not high on his list. getting kidnapped by inept kidnappers 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 present (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. Truncate (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 Teacher 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-pace 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." To much came out of a crippled 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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