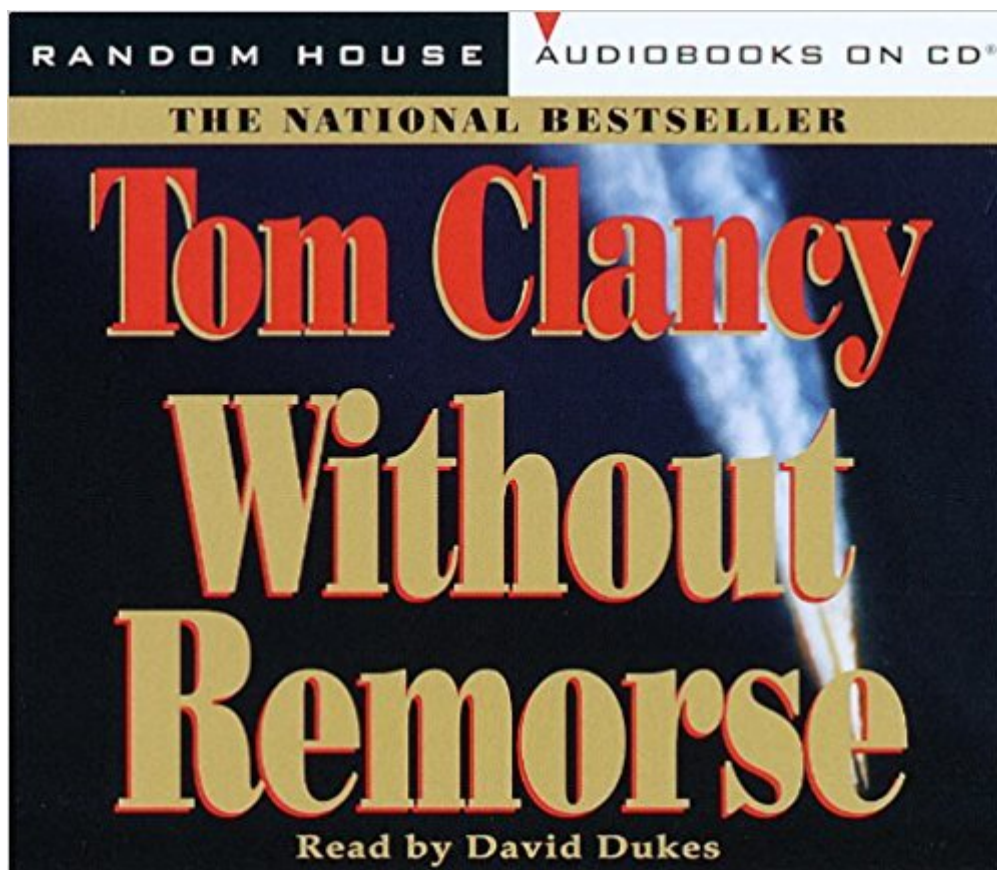




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Customer Reviews

This harrowing #1 bestseller is an unforgettable journey into the heart of darkness. Without mercy. Without guilt. Without remorse. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Avid readers of Clancy's bestselling techno-thrillers (*The Hunt for Red October* et al.) know agent John Kelly, code-named Mr. Clark, as Jack Ryan's "dark side." Here, in 1970, Vietnam vet Kelly gets involved in a secret operation to rescue 20 American pilots from a North Vietnamese prison camp. Betrayed by someone in Washington, the mission ends in apparent failure. Clancy balances the military movements with a dark narrative of Kelly's tragic personal life. While mourning the death of his pregnant wife in a traffic accident, Kelly picks up a young hitchhiker named Pam, a prostitute and drug "mule" fleeing her cruel masters. The pair fall in love and set out to bring down the drug lords, but an error on Kelly's part leads to Pam's horrible demise at the hands of the vengeful criminals. After his own recovery from a shotgun blast, Kelly begins methodically to murder his way through the drug ring. Clancy attempts to rationalize this amoral crusade with passages of introspection by characters who are either noble warriors or human scum, but the technique doesn't wash. Although full of failings of style and moral judgment, this overlong, often melodramatic novel

seems destined to follow its predecessors to the top of the bestseller lists. BOMC selection.

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My only complaint about this story is that it is the first in the JOHN CLARK series, NOT the first in the JACK RYAN series. Jack Ryan has a bit part and no more. But see my last paragraph below. I did like the story a lot, and plan to read the other two books in the JOHN CLARK series. I also just finished the real first book in the Jack Ryan series - Patriot Games - and liked it even more. I expect I'll enjoy all fourteen books in that series.. . . Now that I've read 8 books in the Jack Ryan series and 2 in the John Clark subseries, I now understand that Tom Clancy created a broader "Jack Ryan universe" to contain stories about Jack Ryan and John Clark (who is sometimes Jack's bodyguard). There are also books by other authors set in this same universe, of which I have now read - and enjoyed immensely - about half of them. For more info, google "Jack Ryan universe". I restored the 5th star that I had deducted due to MY ignorance.

John Kelly picks up a young female hitchhiker who in a short period of time loves him filling a place in his heart left when his wife is killed in a car accident. But things turn hinky just as quickly when Kelly rescues a surgeon and his wife who is also a doctor. This leads to a long satisfying tale of drugs, prostitution, gangsters, and a military mission to North VietNam.

I have several bread machine cookbooks, and this is one of the better ones. The recipe content is excellent, and the book itself arrived in excellent condition. The book itself is a little dated (I believe it was written about a decade ago), but the content is still perfectly appropriate. If you own a smaller, vertical loaf style machine, the book is spot on. A great book. If you own a larger machine (like a Zojirushi), you'll need to adapt the recipes to fit its larger loaf sizes... or use it to produce smaller loaves per the reduced ingredients listed in the book.

Good book. It was like watching a good movie or series. Characters are well defined and the book made you feel like you were there. An excellent read and very realistic. I definitely recommend readers to read the book..

I love this book. I wish Hollywood would make a movie of it. I think this is one of the best books Clancy wrote, but it seems to be under-rated by his fans. John Clark is a bad ass, and I wish his character was developed more in the books and in the movies. Rainbow Six helped somewhat, but

there's at least years of this character's life and missions that didn't get told. Too bad.

I have read many of Clancy's Jack Ryan books so this was a natural continuation or prequel. I have to say, it kept me so intrigued about what was going to happen next that I had to keep reading. Was sorry to see it end. I am now reading book 2 of John Clark.

Excellent book. I was eager to learn how John Clark came to be and was not disappointed. A little too dramatic, though, but still one of Clancy's best books.

First off this is hardly a Jack Ryan book despite the title *Without Remorse* (Jack Ryan). Jack Ryan has a cameo in which he talks to his father, who happens to be a police officer in the case (small world huh). This is about Chief Petty Officer and Navy Seal John Terrance Kelly before he becomes Mr. Clark of CIA fame. That cleared up on to the review. Tom Clancy started out with Jack Ryan just being there in *Patriot Games* and for the most part this is how it works with Kelly. He just happens to be there at the wrong place at the wrong time. He gets some attention, makes some mistakes, and then atones for it over the book. I am specifically not giving a lot of details as you should read the book. Do I recommend? Yes I like Clark all the way up to *Rainbow Six* where all of a sudden he and Chavez throw away all their spy knowledge and international relations education and go back to being Delta Force. I think of Clark as the American James Bond who is professionally believable and not getting laid every five seconds.

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