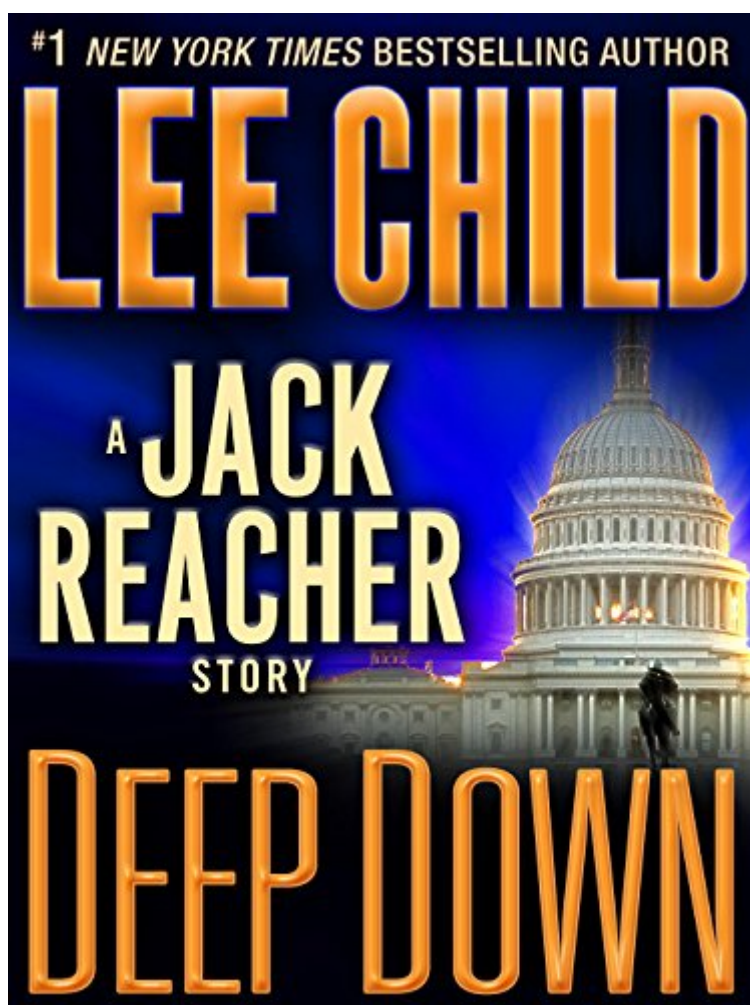


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Deep Down: A Jack Reacher Story



Synopsis

In thriller master Lee Child's exclusive eBook short story, Jack Reacher must track down a spy in soldier's clothing by matching wits with four formidable females. Three are clean but the fourth may prove fatal. Includes a thrilling preview of Lee Child's hotly anticipated Jack Reacher novel, *A Wanted Man!* Summoned by Military Intelligence to Washington, D.C., Reacher is sent undercover. The assignment that awaits him: The army is meeting with its Capitol Hill paymasters for classified talks on a new, state-of-the-art sniper rifle for U.S. forces. But vital details about the weapon are leaking straight from the Capitol and probably into the hands of unidentified foreign arms dealers. The prospect of any and every terrorist, mercenary, or dictator's militia getting their hands on the latest superior firepower is unthinkable. That's where Reacher comes in. His task: infiltrate the top-secret proceedings and smoke out the mole. His target: a quartet of high-powered Army political liaison officers—all of them fast-track women on their way to the top. According to his bosses, it's a zero-danger mission. No need to draw a gun . . . just chat over drinks. But Reacher knows that things are rarely what they seem. And he's learned the hard way never to underestimate an opponent. Or four. Lessons that will come in handy when he starts digging for the truth and gets his hands a lot dirtier than he expected. Child is a superb craftsman of suspense. Entertainment Weekly The truth about Reacher gets better and better. Janet Maslin, The New York Times

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Customer Reviews

First, let's remember that this is a short story. There is not enough time to get too deeply into background, back-plot and character development. "Deep Down" is a vehicle for Lee Child to give Jack Reacher fans some insight into why he is respected in his field and how he earned some of the reputation and medals that are referenced to in the full novels. "Deep Down" puts Reacher in Washington DC at a critical time. Things were heating up in many third world countries and covert intelligence agents were a genuine threat. In this story we see the amazing 'detecting' skills that kept Reacher at the top of his game. We are used to seeing him in a more physical environment and in much more danger. He is assigned to a mundane scenario: attend a high-order finance committee meeting and ferret out the leak. The interesting aspect is that the four suspects are all women, and poor Reacher (who is not comfortable trolling bars) must "man-up" and play the roll. He reads the players well and plays his part perfectly. Just one twist...Reacher-style...he doesn't see the situation the way his handlers do. He is a true Detective in this story. And the reader is asked to be one too. In the end there is still a "beat-um-up" and the trademark Reacher "walk-away". But this is still a great little mystery. As short stories go it has all the meat of a novel with fewer words. It fills in Jack Reacher's past and gives the reader a chance to appreciate his mind and not just his body. I know many reviewers will argue with my 5* rating but I feel "Deep Down" does exactly what the author intends...a quick look into the memory bank of Jack Reacher. Try it. It's priced where a short should be priced and it IS a great read.

As familiar as I am with author Lee Child's name, I had never read any of his books until now. I usually read a couple of Kindle Singles a month, and when I noticed that "Deep Down" was the #1 Single even before its publication date, I preordered it. If "Deep Down" is representative of the Jack Reacher series, I'll be back for more. The story is set in Washington, DC, in 1986. Narrated in the third-person point of view, the story concerns a new sniper rifle that could give US military forces an advantage in combat. It's become apparent that someone is leaking classified information. The "someone" appears to be one of four women officers, all West Pointers, who are giving testimony to a Congressional group and asking for funding for the new weapon. Reacher is called in to play an undercover role to ferret out the one who's leaking information. It wasn't supposed to be a dangerous assignment: just sit in on the hearings, keep a low profile, and chat up the four women

until he figures out which one is the culprit. Using his intuition and powers of observation, he soon learns the truth, but it's something far more sinister than a few leaks about a sniper rifle. And the truth could very well cost him his life as the story built to a suspenseful, violent climax. Prior to reading "Deep Down," my favorite suspense thriller character was Nelson DeMille's John Corey. Now, John Corey will have to share the spotlight with Jack Reacher. The two characters are as different as night and day - Corey's wisecracking sarcasm contrasting sharply with the laconic Reacher - but both are memorable characters. "Deep Down" included an excerpt from Child's next full-length Jack Reacher novel, A Wanted Man. I've already preordered it.

I love Jack Reacher novels and can't wait for the new ones to come out. So I ignored the poor reviews and bought this book anyway. Big mistake. The book was cheap but it is not worth anything. I guess when a writer is super popular he can write junk and still sell it.

Love the Reacher books. This probably took about 20 minutes to write, and less to read. 25 cents would be a fairer price for this light-weight dribble.

This is nothing but a very short story probably written for a magazine. If you like Reacher, you will hate this. In many ways, this is the height of silliness: a plot-less action-less non thriller. It is as if he wrote as a part of some other book and decided to delete it. Do not buy this.

I am a huge Lee Child/Jack Reacher fan. I could hardly believe this short story was written by Child. It was pathetically shallow and boring. Nothing close to the attention grabbing nature of all his other Reacher novels. I hope he doesn't make a habit of what seems to be a way to really gouge his faithful readers.

A very short story that is not anywhere close to a typical Reacher adventure. Save your money! By the time I got into the flow of the story, it was over. Disappointed...

Caught off guard by this book. It ended abruptly and had me thinking I had only downloaded a sample. I like Lee Child but am sorry I paid money for this.

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