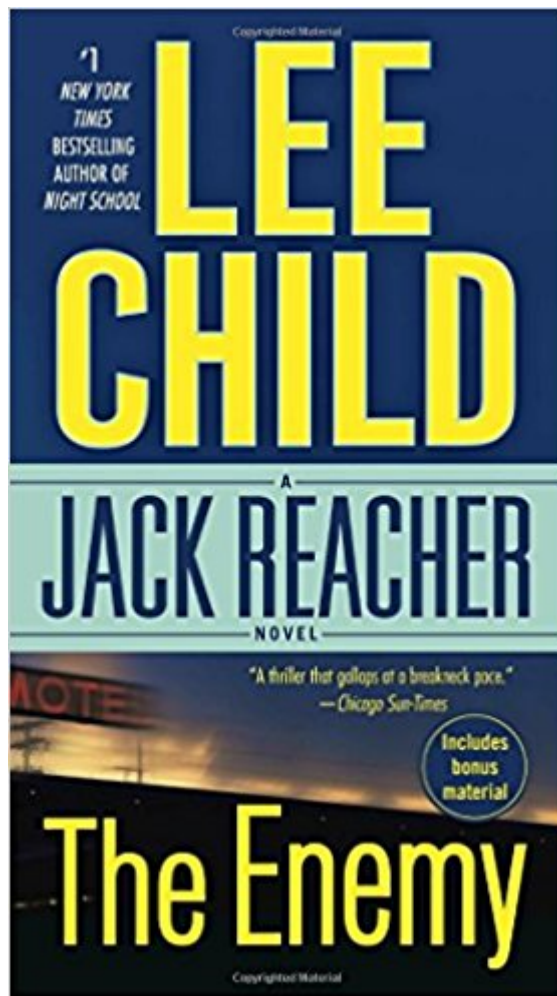


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The Enemy (Jack Reacher)



Synopsis

Jack Reacher. Hero. Loner. Soldier. Soldier's son. An elite military cop, he was one of the army's brightest stars. But in every cop's life there is one case that changes everything. For Jack Reacher, this is that case. New Year's Day, 1990. In a North Carolina motel, a two-star general is found dead. His briefcase is missing. Nobody knows what was in it. Within minutes Reacher has his orders: Control the situation. Within hours the general's wife is murdered. Then the dominoes really start to fall. Somewhere inside the vast worldwide fortress that is the U.S. Army, Reacher is being set up as a fall guy with the worst enemies a man can have. But Reacher won't quit. He's fighting a new kind of war "against an enemy he didn't know he had. And against a conspiracy more chilling, ingenious, and treacherous than anyone could have guessed.

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Customer Reviews

Child (The Persuader, etc.) brings back his intrepid hero, Jack Reacher, for another excellent mystery, which steps back in time to the eventful first few weeks of 1990. The Berlin Wall has just come crashing down, marking an end to the Cold War, and as a result, the U.S. Army is facing a massive restructuring of purpose and personnel. During this turbulent time, 29-year-old Reacher, an MP major stationed to a base in North Carolina, is called on to investigate the death of a two-star general found dead in a seedy motel. Veteran reader Wolf, who has given voice to Reacher in seven previous novels, slips easily into this character; his calm, thoughtful delivery fits perfectly with Reacher's contemplative first-person narration. Wolf uses his voice to draw listeners into Reacher's

investigation, as the MP ponders each clue and follows a trail of cover-ups and murder to the highest echelons of the military. Although Wolf struggles a bit with his French accents, his narration complements one of the best novels in Child's series. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Child continues to knock out his action sequences with flair, but in *The Enemy*, he takes time to depict the piecemeal construction of a criminal investigation. He also spends energy on the hero's relationship with his mother and brother, an effort that further fills in Reacher's background and will surely please long-time fans of the character. It's true, Child throws in some clichéd elements to this otherwise first-rate story. But most reviewers easily looked past that flaw. "After reading these books for so many years, I'm not easily kept in the dark," claims the *St. Petersburg Times*, "so it's always fun when I'm still guessing toward the end." Copyright © 2004 Phillips & Nelson Media, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Love it, but I am a huge, giant Lee Child Jack Reach fan. I read every book about Jack Reacher. Just fascinated I guess. Love the plots, the writing, the descriptions, the bad guys, the good girls and guys, all of it. Every word, every page.

The Enemy is one of the better Jack Reached books. It has a deep story line that is plausible, that the Army needed to undergo massive restructuring after the fall of the Soviet Union, evolving from a relatively immobile tank based artillery force to a more nimble air based force. I don't know military history enough to know if this was true, but the fact that it was at least plausible really made this story enjoyable for me. I should say that the character development was also very good in this book. On to the next Reacher story!

You never quite know who the enemy is until later. You have an idea, but you can be wrong. Another fast paced, hard to put down book by lee Child. You think that there is a rhythm to his books and start to predict, but then you find out that you are wrong. Sometimes you can be right, but you really have to pay a lot of attention to details. Set your alarm to put it down, or you will either be late in the morning or go in without sleep. Somewhat like attending a business convention in Las Vegas.

Author Lee Child takes a step back with "The Enemy," taking the reader to the dawn of 1990 when Jack Reacher is a major in the Army. He's just been given orders to leave Panama in the middle of the Noriega take-down and dumped unceremoniously into a fictitious North Carolina military installation called Fort Bird. Soon after settling in and while New Year's celebrations are taking place, Reacher gets a call about a dead general. No big deal, right? Happens. Unfortunately there's a big back story that takes our hero all of the book to figure out. He's taken down a notch right off the bat by a nasty little runt of a colonel and is dogged at every step. There's a detour with his brother Joe and their mom in Paris that's excellent for continuing readers and quite sad. Reacher's younger here and we see a little of his development and why he's so good in the other books. The flashback offers insight and fleshes out our character.

I have read all of the Reacher books and this one is one of the best. I have problems with the violence in some of his books. This one is a mult-murder mystery so there is some implied violence (analysis of the bodies/evidence) and there is the usual Reacher fights, but the violence is not gratuitous. The story is from when Reacher was still in the military and Joe was still alive. Other books had made reference to the fact that Reacher had been a major, got busted down to captain and the rose again to major. This is the story behind the change to captain. We also get some interesting backstory about Reacher's family. LOVED the ending. Reacher takes the high road, and yet he still has his "off the books" low-road moments that make him such a rebel. This is a truly good book.

I came late to the Reacher franchise and have read through the first 8 volumes quickly. In 7 and 8 I think Child and his approach are maturing. This novel included a prototypical Reacher investigation, but also interaction with his mother and brother that broadened the character considerably. It is hard to read a story written this well, with so much insight, and not feel moved by it. The Reacher stories are page turners, books I have found exciting, but never particularly rooted in realism. Child seemed to anchor this one more in relationships and realities that delivered doses of realism missing from the earlier books. Well worth a read.

This book begins way before the last book started. This book finds Reacher transferred to a new base for no apparent reason & finds quickly that he is the acting CO of the MPs on base. In the first few hours on the base, he gets a call that a 2-star general has been found dead in a \$15.00 per

night motel frequented by hookers. The general's body is naked. This begins a wild ride that is hard to put down.

I've read up to Jack Teacher #8 and that is why I put torn up?? Why because I Really can't decide whether I like the books or not. Being almost seventy one and being in the twilight of my life, I have always loved to read starting with my early years in the navy sailing the seven seas in harm's way!! I like the way Lee Childs writes and will still read his books, trying to decide whether I like them or not???

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