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Description

Jack Reacher, hailed as "a wonderfully epic hero" ~~people~~ confronts Texan hatred and hidden crimes in this superb new thriller.

Ex-military cop Jack Reacher returns in this latest in the award-winning series critics call "spectacular" (*The Seattle Times*), "relentless" (*Denver Post*), and "perfect" (*The New York Times Book Review*).

Reacher is hitching through the heat of West Texas and getting desperate for a ride. The last thing he's worried about is exactly who picks him up.

She's called Carmen. She's a good-looking young woman, she has a beautiful little girl . . . and she has married into the wrong family. They're called the Greers. They're a bitter and miserly clan, and they've made her life a living hell. Worse, her monster of a husband is soon due out of prison. So she needs protection, and she needs it now.

Lawyers can't help. Cops can't be trusted. So Reacher goes home with her to the lonely ranch where nothing is as it seems and where evil swirls around them like dust in a storm. Within days, Carmen's husband is dead-and simmering secrets send Echo, Texas, up in flames.

Insightful reviews

Terri Lynn: I just can't make myself like this at all. Jack Reacher is in Texas after breaking up with Jodie in New York, back to living like a bum in cheap motels, carrying only a toothbrush and cash (but no ID), walking and hitchhiking everywhere, and throwing away clothes rather than wash them.

He's also still finding trouble. Right away he's in a bar staring at a redneck cop who is wolfing down bbq chicken wings and letting the greasy sauce roll down onto his shirt. Naturally he stopped to glance at such a disgusting sight only to have the cop, let's call him Bubba, take offense and start this macho posturing ("You lookin' at me, boy?") that led to him poking Jack's clean shirt with his greasy finger till Jack snatches it after 4 polite warnings and breaks it.

Later the next morning at the cheap flea-bitten motel, he sees 4 big bubba cops go into office and he leaves through the back window, looking for a ride as a hitchhiker. To his amazement, within 3 minutes an Hispanic woman picks him up. If he had known then what he knew later, he would have gone with the cops to get beaten up.

This book is boring. It is Jack Reacher on tranquilizers. Jack on Prozac. I really wanted to get in the car myself and drive that Hispanic idiot into the desert, kill her, and leave her for the buzzards but I digress. There is also a trio of killers running around- 2 men and a woman- who

all travel separately until converging at some point. Even they couldn't salvage this. Even the cover is ugly. Garish sickly yellow color. I never did like Texas and don't like Reacher in Texas. I'll go on and try book #6.

Christy: Jack Reacher travels the country with the clothes on his back and a folding toothbrush in his pocket. Hitchhiking through Texas, he's picked up by Carmen Greer, a beautiful Hispanic woman. Although Carmen's husband Sloop Greer is from a rich family, she only has \$1.00 in her purse. Her husband's in prison and Carmen hopes he stays there but Sloop's worked out a deal with the federal authorities and is expected home. Carmen's been cruising the streets, looking for someone she can talk into murdering her husband because he physically abused her before he went to prison and she's afraid he'll kill her once free. Reacher agrees to go with Carmen to Sloop's ranch to protect her but tells her he will not commit murder. Just hours after Sloop's home, he's found in his bedroom, shot to death by Carmen's gun. Carmen's arrested and Reacher teams up with a lawyer from the legal mission to find out who really shot Sloop Greer.

Reacher is one of the best characters written today; a strong man who is comfortable with himself and his own personal scruples. He's a cultured man with intelligence who lives a nomadic, asocial lifestyle and can be brutal without remorse if he feels it's deserved. In Echo Burning, there are plots and subplots which Child ties together nicely, providing a boatload of suspense along the way.

Kathy Davie: Fifth in the Jack Reacher suspense series revolving around an ex-military policeman wandering the country and getting into a bushel of trouble.

My Take

I hated this one! That bitch Carmen and her approach with Reacher. It's just wrong! Stupid twit! What is so important that she has to stick around? She's okay with offering her body, with asking someone to kill for her, but she's not okay with having a clean conscience and going on the run? Even to protect herself and her child? The way she keeps pushing Reacher. Why can't she see how wrong this is? She keeps pushing about the beating she'll have to suffer, wanting Reacher to take care of her problem for her. Bitch. I'd like to slug her myself. Take care of your own damn problem. Collect the hospital records. Track the crap they dish out. Gather up some legal ammo of your own!

What is it with people? This story is all about racism. About having and keeping. Especially keeping success or a chance of a decent life from others in almost any way you can describe it. WHAT kind of grandmother is Rusty? Calls her granddaughter "it"? Gets rid of her as soon as possible?

Jack took too much at face value. he should have been checking "facts" from both sides. It's only that deductive, mathematical mind of his that figures it out.

Ugh, that Red House just sounds NASTY. I gotta wonder if the color and its overall covering isn't a metaphor for something. I mean, who *does* that??

Interesting tricks the assassins use to erase their trail and set their traps. Only, none of them know what they're taking on with Reacher and he certainly has his fun poking away.

I did love how Reacher backed good ol' Bobby down. Jerk. No good on his own when he doesn't have his ranch hands backing him up...snicker... I loved Ellie! A bright little girl who seized her chance.

Oh man, poor Reacher. Carmen's telling the family he knows all about horse and blacksmithing. All Reacher's thinking is that he knows blacksmithing needs an anvil and does something with horseshoes and they smell terrible. I just loved who taught Reacher how to saddle a horse!

Tight and detailed analysis of the gunshots that killed the victim.

Ooh, Child just leads us by the nose, playing on our expectations. Laying false trails.

It's almost scary how easily Reacher slips inside the criminals' heads. Child did a good job of confusing me every which way and I am so looking forward to Reacher's next adventure, [*Without Fail*](#).

The Story

On the run from a bullying cop, Reacher hops in the first car to offer a ride. And what a ride it turns out to be. Seems the classy little lady needs a shooter for the husband being released from prison. She thought she had more time. Another year. Instead, she has less than a month and she's been interviewing drifters all over Texas. Reacher. Well, he seems perfect. Even with her sob story, Reacher won't do it. He'll come to the ranch. He'll protect her, but he won't kill.

Until that decision is taken out of his hands.

The Characters

Jack Reacher is six-foot-five and two hundred and fifty pounds of muscle. Vigilant. A product of a lifetime spent on military bases, thirteen years of it as a military policeman. To say he has an excellent sense of his surroundings and the human mind is to underplay his abilities. Reacher is on the road again after **Jodie** left him. She needs a home and normalcy. Everything Reacher is not.

Three assassins who have worked long and well together, the woman in charge. Good instincts.

Carmen Greer is an abused wife who refuses to leave. She loves her six-and-a-half-year-old daughter, **Mary Ellen** and she has plans for Reacher. **Sloop Greer**, her husband, is the oldest son of a old Echo County family. One that is wealthy enough to be comfortable. Sloop was wonderful before marriage when the family sent him his allowance. Moving home when that

allowance was cut off. The moving back was fine, but not with a beaner wife. **Bobby** is the younger brother and despises Carmen...right along with their bitch of a mother, **Rusty**. Bobby's hatred certainly doesn't slow him down when it comes to sexual blackmail.

Al Eugene is one of Sloop Greer's two best friends as well as his lawyer. He's working on a deal to get him out of jail faster. **Hack Walker** is the district attorney running for judge. He's the other of Sloop's best friends; a very convincing good guy.

Alice Amanda Aaron is an East Coast, gay, Jewish, vegan woman fulfilling her own five-year plan to put in her time as a lawyer helping the poor. When Reacher hires her, Carmen's case is so far down the line that Reacher makes a deal to collect that judgment **Lyndon Brewer** a wealthy white man, is refusing to pay. Brewer's maid (and I) certainly enjoyed it!

The Cover

The cover is gleaming in its golden yellowness. A band of fading metallic orange supports a deeper golden ring framing a golden farmhouse surrounded by trees. But it's only golden until you read the story.

The title is a metaphor as it's not the town of *Echo Burning*, but the memories of living there.

David: Jack Reacher is usually within the improper position on the improper time. whereas that may be a bit unbelievable - the remainder of this novel is slamming!!! Reacher hitches a trip in Texas with a woman who claims her husband is thrashing her.. She finally asks Reacher to kill her husband who's coming domestic from criminal to begin up in a number of days. Reacher deals her a unique form of help, yet quickly is embroiled in a homicide secret packed with these fabulous Lee baby twists and turns best as much as an action-packed climax that leaves the reader approximately breathless. Okay, the previous couple of pages wrap up did appear a piece contrived... yet i'm totally loving this series... and i'm operating diligently to get my palms on all of them.

Bev: Look. We get it. it truly is Texas. it is desolate. it truly is hot. And Reacher does not say much. this can be a gripping story, yet oh do these now recognized descriptive passages of kid's draw this out for-EV-er! And should you took out the sentence "Reacher stated nothing" you may shorten it via not less than a chapter. That said, I loved this book. Reacher runs afoul of a neighborhood police officer and desires to get outta city quickly and whereas hitchhiking is picked up by means of Carmen Greer, who has greater than doing a very good flip for a man in mind--she desires Reacher to kill her abusive husband, simply because she cannot do it herself. Well, after all it seems to be even more complex than that, yet it truly is Jack Reacher to the rescue the entire way. With Tom Cruise now being selected because the motion picture Reacher, i believe that this is often one they might greater no longer try and deliver to the screen...Cruise's brief stature would certainly no longer paintings for this plot!! I will upload that this used to be an audio book, learn via Dick Hill, whom I often like, yet his tone of voice for legal professional Alice (whose final identify I forget) made her sound like this sort of whining wimp that i think it can were really a unique tale if I had really learn the booklet rather than listened to it.

Brandon Collinsworth: nice this one was once as a lot enjoyable to learn as Die attempting and it had a greater tale and tighter plot. This one has been the toughest to place down of the sequence so far. It starts a tad confusing, yet you do not have to stay with it lengthy to turn into hooked. Lots of the twists Lee baby placed there I did not see coming and that's continuously fun. This one is one other that from time to time turns out extra like a cookie cutter crime fiction book, it's not though. outstanding motion sequences, a very good plot, and the simplest characters but within the series. Plus this can be the 1st e-book within the sequence that will get you emotionally involved, or perhaps that's simply me. one other very powerful promoting element to me during this book, there's totally no trace of any form of romance in it, nothing, nada, zip, zilch. and that's great. My real favourite factor approximately this one notwithstanding is that it's virtually tales in one, you could have 1/2 the e-book situated round the proposal of Reacher as a protector and half it round the notion of him as a investigator.

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