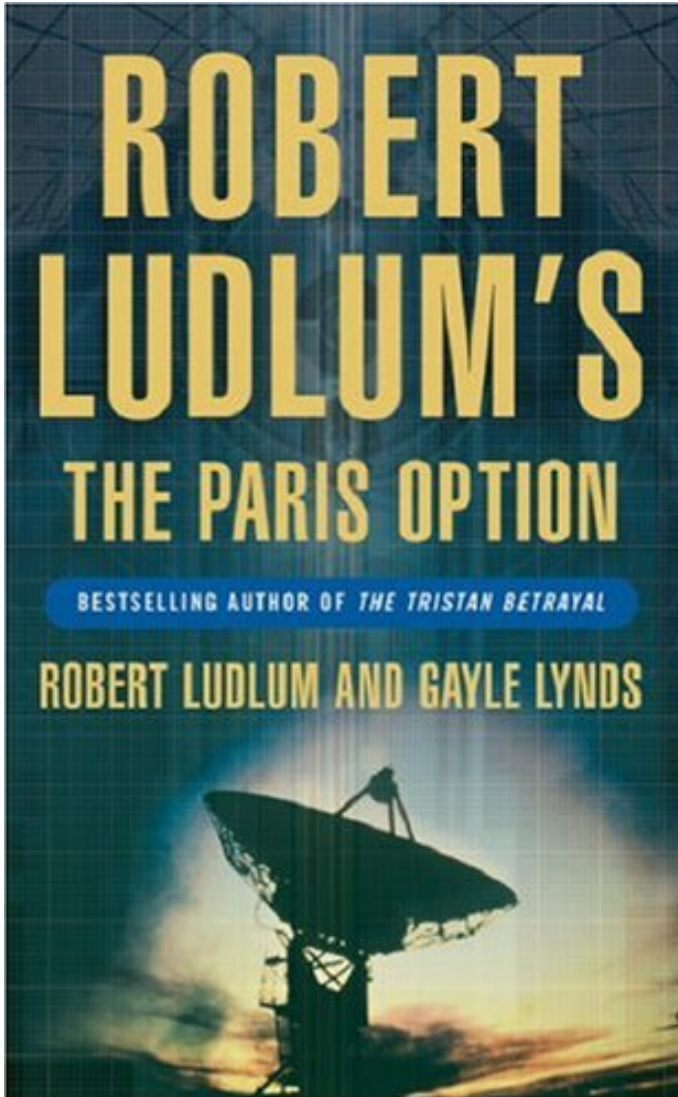

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Description

For thirty years, Robert Ludlum's novels have set the standard for the finest in international intrigue and suspense. With an unbroken string of bestsellers in almost every country in the world, his books have been enjoyed by hundreds of millions of readers and are widely acknowledged as classics in the field. Now, after the bestselling Covert-One novels *The Hades Factor* and *The Cassandra Compact*, comes the third thrilling novel in the series. A fiery explosion in the dark of night shatters one of the laboratory buildings in Paris's esteemed Pasteur Institute. Among the dead is Emile Chambord, one of the leaders in the global race to create a molecular or DNA computer. Unfortunately, Professor Chambord kept the details of his work secret, and his notes were apparently destroyed in either the bomb blast or the raging fire that followed. Under the cover of visiting his friend Marty Zellerbach, who was severely injured when the Pasteur lab was destroyed, Covert-One agent Jon Smith flies to Paris to search for the connection between the Pasteur explosion and the forces now wielding the computer. Following a trail that leads him across two continents, Smith uncovers a web of deception that threatens to wreck havoc and forever reshape the world.

Insightful reviews

Jenn: Another cloak-and-dagger book, but this one has more main characters than Bourne (3), and I really felt myself starting to care what happened to them. Not that I didn't care what happened to Bourne; I'm just saying. Bourne had a personal reason for doing what he did and these other ones. . . I don't know, they were doing it for the good of the general public, and even though it's fiction, it made me wonder how many times we've come close to disaster, but didn't even know about it because some person or people out there stopped it, and we don't even know them. That's all.

Speesh: A decent story, but could have been better.

And by 'better', I'm thinking better told. According to the cover, it's a collaboration, and I think it shows. It's a fair bit longer than it really should be (it follows the premise of the last 'Bourne' I read, by having the whole thing build to a climax in the middle, then go on again. You know you're only half way through, as you can see there's still a couple of inches of book to go, it can't possibly have the impact it really should), and a bit flabby. Robert Ludlum's originals are usually a lot more tightly-written and suspense-filled than this. It could be trimmed and streamlined and not lose anything.

Plus, the main concept of 'the problem' (without giving anything away) wasn't developed as deeply as it could have been. The results of its 'deployment' were just shown as tests, not full-blown attacks, and weren't described in deep enough detail, so didn't really carry the level of dread they really should have. That of course, affects the levels of suspense generated when they're trying to stop the bad guys. You really have to believe they're fighting to save civilisation from this 'problem', and here it's a little 'meh'. That's as good as I can put it.

A second 'plus...', the English secret agent - you can tell he's English (if you should forget his introductory section), because he calls people 'lad', says 'frightfully', and generally runs around in the background like James Bond. He doesn't actually say 'I say!', but only because it probably got edited out.

Still, a right rattlin' read - Harlev bibliotek scores again!

Bonnie: Very exciting, well-developed and maybe even plausible? I don't have a very large scope on US intelligence, but the little I do know all checked as accurately portrayed in the book. I never really felt anything, however. It didn't exactly reach for my heart or anything, but I understand that this is just not that type of novel, and that's okay. I enjoyed the exciting descriptions of so many locations; it made it very real to me. Now the question is, did Ludlum actually take any part in writing this?

K.D. Absolutely: i could not locate Covert-One #2 in our neighborhood bookstores. So, from Covert-One number one that I learn final year, I jumped to Covert-One #3. Anyway, similar to in any of the thrillers the place there's one habitual character, that of an agent or spy, each one half can stand alone. From his resignation from USA military army study Institute for Infectious illnesses (USAMRIID), Nathaniel Frederick Klein techniques the famous person of this series, health care professional and armed forces John Smith to hitch the key military association within the US referred to as Covert-One. simply because Smith remains to be licking his wounds for his failure to avoid wasting his fiancée's lifestyles from the virus, he consents to hitch the key organization. Had he refused, there do not have been this series. Sorry for declaring the obvious. If Covert-One number one is set a viral pressure that could kill 1/2 the area in few seconds, Covert-One #3 is set a DNA pressure which may regulate nearly all desktops within the world. great topic for a thriller, right? A dream come precise for all power-hungry humans on this planet and a nightmare to the IT pros like me. whatever like once we ready fro the Y2K in 1999 as much as the stroke of the 1st couple of minutes of 2000. We have been all keeping our breath working a few transactions in our ERP system. However, not like the Y2K, there's a crew composed of the perpetrators for this virus and they're all in Paris. that is why this novel is named The Paris Option. Then later within the story, it truly is printed that those Parisians are making plans to take advantage of those DNA molecules to degree a nuclear assault to the occupants of the White residence - an assault higher and grander than the 9/11. Whoa. This is simply what i will be able to say approximately this book: tremendous unimaginable plot yet a sufficiently attractive and an outrageously interesting read. Definitely a must-read for all Robert Ludlum enthusiasts (like me).

Dale Day: this can be one other of these "famous authors with" books that regularly develop into lower than what one expects from the name. However, during this case, i discovered it well-written and suspenseful. Terrorists blow up the Pasteur Laboratories in Paris the place a mastermind is operating at the subsequent point of laptop technology - a molecular computer. Jon Smith, a military colonel, health care professional and large spy, hurries to the positioning as his pal used to be there on the time of the explosion. From there, it is a trip via Europe and North Africa whereas Smith hunts down the terrorists - the entire whereas america is below cyber assault from what can basically be the great computer. Smith is joined through his bizarre friend, an attractive CIA secret agent and an MI-6 pal to benefit the reality and prevent a nuclear assault at the American homeland. The seems to be a good page-turner and value reading.

Jennifer: learn this one at the seashore in Mexico. an outstanding seashore read, however the tale is getting a bit dated.

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