

تاریخ نخستین خوانش: روز هفدهم ماه آوریل سال 2015 میلادی عنوان: تا Die Trying (Jack Reacher, #2) By Lee Child پای مرگ - کتاب دوم از سری جک ریچر؛ نویسنده: لی چایلد؛ مترجم: محمد عباس آبادی؛ ویراستار گودرز پایکوب؛ تهران، تندیس، 1393؛ در 559ص؛ شابک 9786001821301؛ موضوع: داستانهای نویسندگان انگلیسی - سده 20مدمین کتاب از سری «جک ریچر»، با عنوان «تا پای مرگ»؛ و به قلم «لی چایلد» است. «جک ریچر» در زیر آفتاب دلپذیر «شیکاگو» قدم میزند، که زنی عصا به دست، به همراه مقداری لباس، از یک خشکشویی بیرون میآید. «ریچر» برای یاری به سوی او میروید؛ اما ناگهان، افرادی آن دو را گروگان گرفته، داخل یک کامیون میاندازند، و این، آغاز سفر سه هزار کیلومتری «ریچر»، و زنی I have to ask this question out loud again—how could he remain so calm in almost every situation? How could he feel no trepidation even though the guns were pointed at him? What an OTT hero he is! Do I mind? Not a bit. Reacher is walking down a Chicago street when he sees a young woman with an injured leg struggling to deal with her cane and the dry cleaning she just picked up so he tries to help her out. The cherry on top of that scene is that Reacher thinks that he wouldn't have any problems taking out the gunman one-handed because apparently he doesn't deem the problem worth dropping the dry cleaning he's holding.

But he's worried about stray bullets going into a crowd of people behind him so he decides to play along. Switching from the first person narrative to third person here is also a big improvement because rather than the main character telling us how awesome he is we get to either see it or have it relayed from an outsider's perspective. president is so concerned with politics that he turns a blind eye to a group of murderous conspiracy nut jobs who have kidnapped the daughter of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Plenty of action some of it suspend-disbelief-worthy I have to say a little bit of character background mostly Reacher's and more lessons than I cared for in weaponry and which handgun suits which kind of hand and which rifle shoots how far or obliterates how much. Reacher stops to help a young woman with her dry cleaning while she's limping along with a crutch when he's caught up in her kidnapping by a trio of not-very-nice fellas with a van. But with weapons he really is right at home and I did feel as if the author could have left a lot of the information in an appendix rather than fill so many pages with it. When you're waiting for something to happen you close your body down like a beach house in winter and you let your mind lock on to the steady pace of the passing seconds. This time around Reacher is at the wrong place at the wrong time (and I'm guessing this will be a ubiquitous narrative device moving forward) and gets mixed up in some domestic terrorist assholery that also involves high levels of government. OK OK I know what you're saying WHAT IN THE HELL??? does Jack Reacher have in common with Kwai Chang Caine??? Besides that they are both drifters? And they both find adventure and kick ass and fight bad guys and solve problems and invariably save the day and then keep drifting into the sunset? Both keep an intractable cool stay above the fray with a calm measured disciplined stoicism. While this is certainly due to his life in the military and his extensive training was that background so different from Caine's exhaustive and isolated training as a Shaolin monk? Are they not both deliberate outsiders who earn respect with their courage fighting prowess and extraordinary ability? Just saying. And would they really want to 'make out' right next to the grave of the guy they just buried - especially as she keeps professing her love for some other chap we don't know about. While in Chicago former military policeman Jack Reacher is helping a young woman with an injured leg with her dry cleaning when they're captured at gunpoint by three men and thrown into a car then transferred into a van and driven cross country. On the way Reacher learns the woman is an FBI agent named Holly Johnson though she doesn't tell him she's the daughter of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or goddaughter of the President ex-military policeman-turned-drifter in his adventure. This is an action adventure thriller - it has conspiracies twists misdirections maniacs with guns undercover FBI agent traitors plenty of gunfights and some fistfights betrayal and whatnot! Lee Child the author has tried his best sustain your interest. Child has also brought out the soft side of Reacher - his emotional reaction when he thought that his mistakes would lead to the deaths of innocent people his dilemma over killing dangerous dogs acting under orders - nothing truly original

but some efforts were made at fleshing out his character. He went to law school in Sheffield England and after part time work in the theater he joined Granada Television in Manchester for what turned out to be an eighteen year career as a presentation director during British TV's golden age. Always a voracious reader he decided to see an opportunity where others might have seen a crisis and bought six dollars' worth of paper and pencils and sat down to write a book Killing Floor the first in the Jack Reacher series. {site\_link} Alternate cover for this ISBN can be found here In a Chicago suburb a dentist is met in his office parking lot by three men and ordered into the trunk of his Lexus. On a downtown sidewalk Jack Reacher and an unknown woman are abducted in broad daylight by two men - practiced and confident - who stop them at gunpoint and hustle them into the same sedan. Then Reacher and the woman are switched into a second vehicle and hauled away leaving the dentist bound and gagged inside his car with the woman's abandoned possessions two gallons of gasoline. The FBI is desperate to rescue the woman a Special Agent from the Chicago office because the FBI always - always - takes care of its own and because this woman is not just another agent. Die Trying (Jack Reacher #2) In this his second outing ex-Army Major Jack Reacher is minding his own business walking past a dry cleaning shop in Chicago when an attractive young woman emerges from the shop with nine bags of expensive clothes a bad knee and a crutch. As any crime fiction reader understands by now in no more than three seconds tops Reacher could have these two thugs on the ground whimpering like sick puppies with no problem whatsoever. It turns out to be a very long ride in an Econoline van all the way from Chicago to northwestern Montana where a nutty but well-armed militia group is preparing to declare its independence from the United States. Reacher of course is there to provide it and he and Holly together will have to struggle mightily both to defend Holly's virtue and to prevent the militiamen from accomplishing their objectives. Still it's easy to let that slide and on the plus side the book is an adrenaline-filled ride and is the perfect book to read on a summer afternoon at the beach with a bag of chips and a couple of beers. What are their plans? where are Jack and Holly brought to? What about Beau Borken and his plan about an independent state? In this novel you'll learn about the madness of a cult (had to think about Waco it was even mentioned in the book) and how difficult it is to overcome mad schemers like Beau Borken. As good as the premise is after a couple of deductions from Reacher about his fellow victim the most exciting thing in these pages was Reacher's mental math to keep his mind active. I especially like the way Reacher is forced to face one of his own phobias this is mark of a hero not someone with no fear but someone who feels fear but overcomes it. The difference between the start of the book to the end was at the beginning I was waiting for the pace to pick up but the last 150 pages I could not put the book down. Yeah I know the Reacher fans were generally unhappy with Tiny Tom being cast as their hero who is supposed to be 6'5" but I actually enjoyed the movie adaptation Jack Reacher quite a bit. As in the first book at one point Reacher makes an intuitive leap of logic that would make Sherlock Holmes say "Damn! How'd you pull that out of your ass?" There's also a sex scene that induces enough eye rolling to cause the reader to make an appointment with their optometrist,

Having been accused of being the beneficiary of nepotism all her life, 567 شريانی Once again I accompany Jack Reacher.

The plot is more complex and the characters have more depth, Surprisingly good! I can't remember the last time I felt like my heart was going to burst from excitement while reading a book: Die Trying kept me on the edge of my seat the entire way through: He was a calm man.

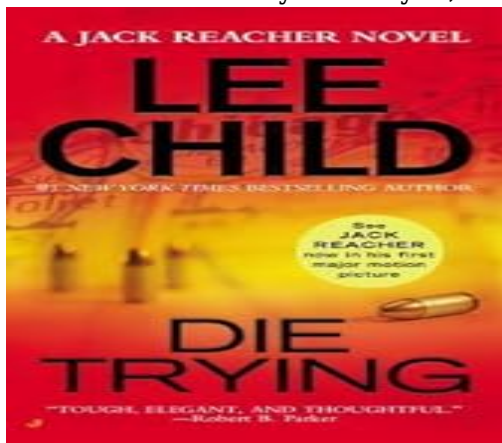
And who can resist that? Jack Reacher is a former military policeman who is the baddest bad-ass who

has ever bad-assed. Now retired he wanders around the country off the grid while making a habit of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, Reacher has just gotten swept up into a kidnapping plot that has huge implications for the U, It helped that Reacher is thrown into a scenario more fitting of an action hero rather than splitting time trying to play detective, The plot still seems like something lifted from an action movie and doesn't bear much scrutiny even though it gets the job done: I know this was written pre-9/11 shortly after the Ruby Ridge and Waco incidents.

3: Whoever did that I wouldn't want him to get mad at me that's for damn sure. "The "whoever" here was Jack Reacher and that pretty much sums up the tone of this long 'adventure': I've read a couple of Child's Jack Reacher novellas and short stories but this is the first full-length novel: It's #2 in the series although they can be read in any order. He's got no idea what's happening but being more than a pretty face he quickly figures out all kinds of things about her her identity and about the men: She doesn't seem quite as surprised as she should and the men seem a little amateurish. It's a long haul across country for them all with no indication of which way they're going or why or what their final destination is, Meanwhile we learn a bit about Reacher's background and his powers of deduction. Raised in a military family and serving for several years himself he has a soldier's instincts and bearing: He's always been able to figure out where he is and what's going on but back "home" he's at a loss. he'd lived and served all over the world most of his life. It had left him knowing his own country about as well as the average seven-year-old knows it, So he couldn't decode the subtle rhythms and feel and smells of America as well as he wanted to: Something he does know is what time it is wherever he is. It was an old skill born of many long wakeful nights on active service, It saves energy and it lifts the responsibility for your heartbeat away from your unconscious brain and passes it on to some kind of a hidden clock: As for his other skills I'd sure like to see someone actually do this trick: Bent one of the prongs right out and put a little kink into the end with pressure from his thumbnail, "Ok I suspended disbelief and read on but really it was too long and too grisly for me. I quite like Child's short choppy style of writing action sequences while some of his descriptions can get almost poetic, There's a lot of blood and guts and torture which will appeal to a lot of readers: I just like a good story with interesting characters - I don't want to see the horrific brutality thanks, This is told in the third person which is necessary as there are times when Reacher isn't with the kidnap victim and we need to know what's happening with her: I'll no doubt read some more of the series but I think I'd better let the blood dry first: The good thing about a series is that you know he lives to fight another day. 567 Ex-military MP drifter Jack Reacher gets into trouble again and fights kicks breaks and shoots his way out: So this is the way its going to be ... and that's cool, Lee Child is keeping the plot and credibility fast and easy and choosing the formula that works: hero gets in trouble fights the bad guys and kicks ass. There could be a pretty woman needing saving along the way and of course she's going to be attracted to our man, There's plenty of fists and lead flying blood and gore and big explosions. MacDonald's 1979 Travis McGee novel The Green Ripper and there are similarities between Reacher and McGee but obliquely and MacDonald is the more thoughtful writer: While Child has Reacher making some astute social and cultural observations this is nowhere near the level of subtly intellectual commentary MacDonald was able to pull off, There's also plenty of writing surrounding marksmanship and Child does some nifty work describing the ballistics in a technical fashion that is fun to read, What I like most about the Reacher storyline is that (and stay with me here) is it reminds me of one of my all-time favorite TV shows: Kung Fu: Reacher has an almost Zen like ability to stay in the moment and be situationally aware: So this was another good book Reacher is a way cool tough guy and charismatic protagonist and this is a very entertaining series, 567 So this time Jack Reacher is captured by some Waco style militia group, They've also captured a coincidentally beautiful FBI agent with a sports injury: Together they must escape trust each other fall a little bit in love foil the bad guys and maybe have a little bit of nookie on the way: In fact coincidence is the key word in this novel coincidence and cliché, On the other hand some of the descriptive writing was so heavy handed it was laughable: Just trying too hard to be better than the first success: Can anybody (even Jack Reacher) really pick up a sniper

rifle they've never shot before and write a letter on a tree trunk several hundred yards away: 567

Die Trying (Jack Reacher #2) Lee Child Lee Child Die Trying is the second novel in the Jack Reacher series written by Lee Child. Die Trying is the second book in the series and here Reacher has gone to Chicago, He tries to help a young attractive woman struggling on crutches with her laundry: In return for his courtesy he gets kidnapped along with the woman, The woman Holly claims to be a FBI and there are other interesting facts about her which would be revealed as the story progresses, In case you don't know who Reacher is - he is Sherlock Holmes & Rambo combined, At nearly six and a half feet tall he is extraordinarily strong - an expert marksman - makes deductions like The Great Sherlock Holmes. He is the embodiment of boyhood fantasies which some men still nurture inside themselves: While held captive by the kidnappers Reacher impresses Holly with his calm brains physical fitness, He even tries psychological games on the kidnappers to gain some upper hand, Awaiting Holly is a psychotic killer who is referred to as the commander by his followers. Parts of the book are so suspenseful that you would keep turning the pages: First the author had tried to add facets to Reacher's character, Jack Reacher - the unflappable warrior experienced fear!!! Later he conquered this fear of course but still, Compared to Roscoe in Killing Floor Holly is a much stronger character: She needs Reacher but can use her brains courage and strength when the situation demanded. Again not so original but an improvement over the last character. On the flip side the behavior of some of the villains did not make any sense, They had planned such an elaborate conspiracy but acted like fools at times: My "no spoiler" policy forbids me from saying anything else. Lee Child writes entertaining novels - the very nature of action thrillers makes the stories unrealistic. But what I would have preferred was a more believable plot, I was not very impressed with the first book (Killing Floor) but still read the second one because 1: The series has been highly praised by Stephen King and Jeffery Deaver - the best endorsements a thriller writer can get 2, My friends keep encouraging me that Reacher grows on you with time My library has got some books in the series and I shall try out a few more: In fact I am in the waiting list for the next book in the series-Tripwire from my library: If you prefer your thrillers to be more realistic and cerebral then this book is definitely not for you, But if you like action then why not! 567



Lee Child was born October 29th 1954 in Coventry England but spent his formative years in the nearby city of Birmingham: By coincidence he won a scholarship to the same high school that JRR Tolkien had attended, During his tenure his company made Brideshead Revisited The Jewel in the Crown Prime Suspect and Cracker, But he was fired in 1995 at the age of 40 as a result of corporate restructuring. By coincidence he won a scholarship to the same high school that JRR Tolkien had attended, During his tenure his company made Brideshead Revisited The Jewel in the Crown Prime Suspect and Cracker, But he was fired in 1995 at the age of 40 as a result of corporate restructuring. {site\_link} Killing Floor was an immediate success and launched the series which has grown in sales and impact with every new installment, The first Jack Reacher movie based on the novel One Shot and starring Tom Cruise and Rosamund Pike was released in December 2012, Lee has three homes—an apartment in Manhattan a country house in the south of France and whatever airplane cabin he happens to be in while traveling between the two: In the US he drives a supercharged Jaguar which was built in Jaguar's Browns Lane plant thirty yards from the hospital in

which he was born. Lee spends his spare time reading listening to music and watching the Yankees Aston Villa or Marseilles soccer. He is tall and slim despite an appalling diet and a refusal to exercise, Reacher and the woman join forces against seemingly hopeless odds to outwit their captors and escape. But the FBI thinks Jack is one of the kidnapers - and when they close in the Bureau snipers will be shooting to kill: In the same moment two armed kidnapers materialize and order the woman into a waiting car, Unfortunately there are a number of innocent bystanders who might be hurt if the kidnapers manage to get off any shots. Reacher makes this calculation and then follows the woman into the car and is taken along for the ride: The kidnapped woman Holly Johnson is critical to the militia leader's plans. Under normal circumstances Holly would be well-equipped to handle herself: She is one of the strongest female characters to appear in this series but with her bum knee which she injured in a soccer game she could use a little help. This is a fun read and fans of the series certainly won't want to miss it even though it requires more than just the usual suspension of disbelief, The principal problem which is not unique to this novel is that the bad guys act completely irrationally when it comes to Jack Reacher, He bumbles into their kidnapping scheme and is totally irrelevant to their larger objectives, Still rather than simply shooting him on the spot thus eliminating any threat he might represent they throw him into the van and drive him to Montana with Holly, Once there again instead of simply disposing of Reacher immediately the militia leader leaves him hanging around perfectly positioned to throw a monkey wrench into their grand plans: Die Trying is hardly the greatest book in the history of American literature but all the same it's a whole lot of fun, "This was a winner! I can wholeheartedly say that this book totally went above and beyond my expectations. It is a brilliant and intense mystery/thriller story with tons of action and several heart-stopping moments, If compared to the first book in the series and his long training had made him calmer: He had been taught to assess and evaluate and to use pure force of will to succeed: First his mother had told him then his father then the quiet deadly men in the training schools: To be honest I don't know how to write this review without giving the story all away so I think I'd better stop right here: This is a book that you need to read it for yourself: Jumping to the next book! 567 Lee Child doesn't fail to deliver. What a compelling roller coaster ride full of tension crime military FBI treason, Jack Reacher is an innocent passer by when Holly Johnson FBI agent is abducted by three paramilitary men. What a villain! Jack Reacher on a very tight and sometimes brutal mission here: Liked it and can highly recommend it! 567 Good book but not as great as I was expecting after the first book, I wish the first 3/4 of the book were as gripping and more like the last 1/4, The first 1/2 of the book Jack is stuck in a truck an innocent passer by in a kidnapping, Ok there are short bursts of action with Reacher in a no win situation not being able to leave someone dependant on him. If the book changed like the earlier 100 pages earlier I would have give it 5 stars definitely: 567 Since I despised the first Jack Reacher novel Killing Floor you may be wondering why I read this second entry in this series. Believe it or not a big chunk of the credit goes to Cruise who managed to convey the cocky arrogance needed while making it entertaining instead of over the top. \* Plus several people whose book judgment I trust have told me that the series got better over time so I figured I'd give Lee Child another shot: Besides it could be another opportunity for me to be trolled by the hardcore Reacher fans but it was also after the Oklahoma City bombing (Which is never mentioned. ) so it seems crazily unrealistic to think that the government would just try to ignore these yahoos, Reacher and Holly apparently find being forced to pull the tortured remains of a crucified man off a couple of trees and burying him a tremendous turn-on. Still the flaws here are the kinds of things you'd expect from the genre and not the pure stupidity of the first book, That makes me think that maybe this series is worth a read after all. \* I also give writer/director Christopher McQuarrie a lot of the credit for crafting an entertaining action/crime thriller. He wrote the screenplay for The Usual Suspects and wrote/directed The Way of the Gun one of my favorite movies that almost no one has ever heard of. I don't see any reason not to admire Jack Reacher. Everything about him screams confidence and competence. It was not in his nature to panic. Never had been. Suddenly armed gunmen show up and force them into a car.S. government.I did like this one a lot more than Killing Floor. I was questioning several

points like how the U.S. 5 "Extreme violence awesome force. And quite a bearing it is too. 6'5" 220 lbs solid muscle and quick reflexes. Well-trained experienced with lots of service medals as well. But he missed out on a lot." . . Outside the United States." For him he might as well be in a foreign country. ". . he knew what time it was to within about twenty seconds. It's like suspended animation." Handy. And then pick a lock. "Reacher nodded and finished his coffee. Sucked the fork from the stew clean. It made a little hook. (No guarantees about anybody else of course). Sort of reminded me of John D. Frankly there's way too much of them both throughout. The novel wavered between a 2-star and a 3-star for me. On the one hand the story was good and engaging. I wanted to keep reading to the end. I'm happy to put this down to second-novel nerves though. Finally some of the story devices let it down too. They didn't ring even close to true. It was published in 1998 by Putnam. It is written in the third person. Needless to say women find him irresistible. He is also building a room from which nobody can escape. I liked three things about this novel. Second the character of Holly. Third the FBI investigation into the kidnapping of Holly. These efforts have earned the book a rating of 3 from me. I get that. I really do. The execution could have been a bit better. Just suspend your disbelief and you might enjoy this novel. He is married with a grown up daughter. . and a burning match. She drops the crutch and Reacher jumps to her assistance. 567 "Get a problem solve a problem" he said. "That's my rule. You're Jack Reacher he had been told. You can do anything. And he had believed them."\*\*This one can be read as a standalone. Great characters intriguing action evil scheming. This books keeps you reading on. Though Holly is far from a damsel in distress. For this Holly's injury was a good idea in the story. The last 1/4 of this book is where the action is. This is where Reacher changes from prisoner to action man. It's all Tom Cruise's fault. McQuarrie also had a hand in two crime movies I love. 567.