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'Jed Walker is right there in Reacher's rear-view mirror.' Lee Child, international bestselling author.
Jed Walker is the man you want watching your back.

A sinister group code-named Zodiac has launched devastating global attacks. Twelve targets across the world, twelve code-named missions.

Operating distinct sleeper cells, they are the ultimate terrorist organisation, watching and waiting for a precise attack to activate the next group. It is a frightening and deadly efficient way to stay one step ahead. And cause the most chaos.

For ex-CIA operative Jed Walker, chaos is his profession. On the outer, burned by his former agency, he is determined to clear his name. Stopping Zodiac is the only way. Desperate to catch the killers and find the mastermind, he can't afford to lose the next lead, but that means that sometimes the terrorists have to win.

Ultimately, it all comes down to Walker: he's the only one who can break the chain and put the group to sleep . . . permanently. It's exactly eighty-one hours until deadline.

The Spy Details

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Martin says

...okay 3 1/2 ! Like Jack Reacher? You'll like Jed Walker. The story was fast paced and kept my interest to the end. An easy read...perfect for a vacation-a plane or even just on the couch ! I will be reading more of Jed's adventures....

Balthazar Lawson says

Jed Walker is a new and improved version of Lachlan Fox from Fox Hunt and this book features characters from that series. At times the characters were interchangeable as they are so similar and the stories are much the same style.

This is an action/thriller/spy story but it employs one of the things I hate about them. The author hides the motives and reasoning from reader. The protagonist will now what is happening but the reader is only show this slowly, a little bit at a time. This can be done very well or can be done badly as in this case. It makes for a frustrating read for me.

The ending of this story is totally annoying. "A shot rang out.".....The End.....is not an ending. It's only setting the start of the next book in the series, as this is clearly only episode 1 in a thirteen part series. This is the classic television cliff hanger and that is why I don't watch that much TV. I read a book to read a story. Not be tricked into reading the next book. This is just a marketing ploy and one I totally loath.

Terence M says

Audiobook - 09:48 hours - Narrator: Mulraney Adrian
A not very solid 3.0 stars, but a 3.0 nonetheless.

A 'barely satisfactory' and 'barely credible' story/plot, and dialogue that vacillates between 'corny and trite'. It's readable/listenable, but that's about it. I probably won't be reading #2 in the series.

Laurena says

Good quick read - perfect for the beach or when you don't need to concentrate too much. Certain to become another Tom Cruise movie soon.

David says

Great audio book presentation. Went to a session at The Brisbane Writers Festival and he impressed but his fiction is better than I expected. Long arcs have started so looking forward to his next. If you enjoy Lee Child you will like The Spy. Lots of bad guy retribution and of course much American corruption- hmm maybe he preempted the future? Enjoy!

Brenda says

4.5★s

Ex-CIA operative Jed Walker was in deep cover; tasked with a job that tested his patience completely, the desert of Yemen was not a good place to be. But Jed was nothing if not patient – he was known for his intense control, his calm in the middle of trouble. So when trouble did strike that day, Jed once again kept his cool, and made it out alive – just...

One year later Jed was following the money – he'd always been told to follow the money and he'd find the end result. But he was on a deadline; it was counting down and he was on his own. The terrorist group he was chasing had people in all places; even the ones you'd never dream of – but Jed knew they were there. He also knew he could trust absolutely no one. When he was apprehended in Naples, once again his focus kept him from panicking. But was this the end? He had to reach the person who was controlling the terrorist cells – if he didn't the results would be more catastrophic than 9/11...

The Spy by Aussie author James Phelan is an excellent thriller which I thoroughly enjoyed. The pace is relentless; the pages were almost turning themselves. Gripping, intense and horribly believable; with a great new character in Jed Walker; and an ending which almost made me grab the next one immediately! *The Spy* is a thriller which I have no hesitation in recommending highly.

Samira Salimi says

This book talks about terrorism & all those behind the scene betrayals. (15 out of 15 goal achieved)

Mary says

Jed Walker is an ex-CIA operative - in fact, he's worked for half the American alphabet organisations. He's that good. He's in Yemen, showing his famous patience, checking out a lead from the death of Osama bin Laden when it is knowingly bombed out of existence by his own side. Just as he manages to get information that turns everything on its head from his dying target, his own colleague draws on him! Then the Americans knowingly bomb him too.

A year later he is in Naples: a KIA ghost following the money. He knows he has a deadline. This conspiracy reaches high and will have catastrophic consequences if he doesn't unravel the clues.

This was a well written book that just didn't quite grab me. Firstly, I have to disclose this is not my cup of tea. Frankly, unless the characters are well drawn and sympathetic, I don't much care if the world is taken

over by conspiracy laden opportunists. And the characters just do not ring true for me. They make completely unrealistic choices with no reasonable explanation. Lastly, there is a cliffhanger which is my pet hate. Getting three stars is a miracle of good writing in the circumstances!

Adam says

a gripping series, well written and engaging for me , I have read them back to back and left with a smile knowing I would enjoy reading them again soon !

I enjoyed the similarity to "jack reacher" and imagine a match between those 2 would be explosive stuff. I think these books would make a great movie series too, but not some tiny chap playing the lead role ..please. I enjoyed this immensely, great entertainment value.

Jane Rose says

Conspiracy after conspiracy in this book and a lot of characters to keep track of, but an action packed read.

Veronica ?? says

Jed Walker is a man that knows his stuff and can get himself out of any situation. He will kill bad guys without a second thought but he is a man with a conscience. He is not about to harm the innocent or leave a lady stranded. He believes in protecting his country at all costs.

The Spy is the first novel in the Jed Walker series and the reader gets to know the background of Walker and some of the supporting characters.

I liked the short chapters which are perfect if you are strapped for reading time. You can just read a quick chapter whenever. As each chapter progresses there is a countdown to a deadline. Reading the chapters and checking the time left was like watching a bomb timer ticking down. As the clocked ticked down the suspense ramped up.

Jack Reacher, Mitch Rapp, Jed Walker. I don't care if they are similar. I can't get enough of these good guys, putting their lives on the line, fighting the baddies to make this world a better place.

My only complaint would be that there are a lot of characters introduced in this story and I got confused who worked for who and who was on which side. This becomes clearer towards the end when the main characters take over the story line.

If you are into espionage, politics and intrigue you will enjoy The Spy.

Nick Brett says

This is okay, the series has potential but as a first book there are some minor issues. The main character is a bit of a Jack Reacher (very capable, always two steps ahead of an opponent) while also being a bit of a Pike Logan from Brad Taylor's series. So a very capable operative. Assumed KIA in a deliberate friendly fire incident, Jed Walker is a lone wolf on the trail of a bunch of bad guys that tried to kill him and have plans for something big in the US. Mainly here his enemies are originating from a US source and Walker does not know which agency to trust as he nears a deadline for a "spectacular", but as always things are not what they seem.

There are some minor bumps (a female chucked into the mix that doesn't really work) but also some good and thrilling moments along with pace and a few surprises.

Liked it enough to be looking for the next one.

Phryynne says

I really enjoyed this book and am surprised it gets quite a low rating overall in its reviews. I liked Jed, the main character. He has a lot of Jack Reacher in him, especially when he takes on whole groups of special agents and always wins! I don't mind suspending belief when I am reading this kind of book and I like a hero who always comes out on top regardless of the odds. The book is fast paced and action packed. I took one star off for the fact that there were so many people double crossing everybody else that I was unable to work out who was who. In the end I just let it go and enjoyed the fun. And it was very enjoyable. The ending guarantees that you have to at least open the next book. I will be reading it with great enthusiasm.

Awilk -never sleeps- says

This book was far from perfect, with a few mistakes that someone should have picked up in the editing, but as a whole, I did enjoy this.

I am not American and have no real interest in the politics of America, but still read this from cover to cover fairly quickly.

Jed Walker interested me, but I still don't feel that I know much about him. I will admit that it took me a while to be able to remember who was who, and I think a bit more description of people and places was called for.

I do see me reading at least one more book in this series before I make any final decision on if I will finish this series or not.

Kathryn says

3.5★ I enjoyed this, although there were too many people going after Jed Walker for me to keep track of who was against him and to work out why. But I let go of trying to hold all the threads and just allowed myself to go with the flow and it was a good action read.

