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Six shots. Five dead. One heartland city thrown into a state of terror. But within hours the cops have it solved: a slam-dunk case. Except for one thing. The accused man says: You got the wrong guy. Then he says: Get Reacher for me. And sure enough, from the world he lives in—no phone, no address, no commitments—ex-military investigator Jack Reacher is coming. In Lee Child's astonishing new thriller, Reacher's arrival will change everything—about a case that isn't what it seems, about lives tangled in baffling ways, about a killer who missed one shot—and by doing so give Jack Reacher one shot at the truth....

The gunman worked from a parking structure just thirty yards away—point-blank range for a trained military sniper like James Barr. His victims were in the wrong place at the wrong time. But why does Barr want Reacher at his side? There are good reasons why Reacher is the last person Barr would want to see. But when Reacher hears Barr's own words, he understands. And a slam-dunk case explodes. Soon Reacher is teamed with a young defense lawyer who is working against her D.A. father and dueling with a prosecution team that has an explosive secret of its own. Like most things Reacher has known in life, this case is a complex battlefield. But, as always, in battle, Reacher is at his best.

Moving in the shadows, picking his spots, Reacher gets closer and closer to the unseen enemy who is pulling the strings. And for Reacher, the only way to take him down is to know his ruthlessness and respect his cunning—and then match him shot for shot....

One Shot Details

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Harry says

I'm going to add the same review for all of the Reacher series, so if you've read this one, you've read 'em all. If you feel a certain affinity for the lone hero, a man of principle, of unwavering knowledge and assent as to his own actions, than Jack Reacher's your kinda guy.

Lee Child has created an unforgettable and unique character in his creation of Jack Reacher. Jack seems to implicitly understand that he is a unique animal/human running around on this planet and that in spite of social conventions, cultural trappings, and whatever conventions and abstractions we allow into our mind in order to alleviate this core fact of our singularity (and aloneness)...the truth of it is not something Mr. Reacher denies.

He embraces it. Understands his philosophy implicitly, revels in his physical being,his conventions and values. He defends those he loves, those he does allow into his world, with a loyalty bar none while never letting go of the notion that he is alone and being perfectly comfortable with that.

I read one, and within two months read all 15 books with an appetite that couldn't get enough.

Enough said,

HR

David says

A sniper guns down five people. The evidence against him is overwhelming. When questioned by the police he declares bluntly that they have the wrong man. Then he says, "Get Reacher." The cops have no idea who Reacher is, but you and I should know, because, if we are reading in order this is # 9 in the series. (oops- I read this one out of order)..

Reacher, however, is on the way already? Why? Because, the sniper committed the same type of crime during the Persian Gulf War and got away with it-- under Reacher's watch. Now Reacher wants nothing more than to assist with the prosecution of this man. However, something catches his eye and the whole case begins to stink.

Reacher jumps in and does his stuff. If you've read any of the other novels in this series you know that his stuff includes busting heads, killing bad guys, and analyzing the heck out of every situation. This is one of the best of the series I have read and kept me up late to finish. My eyelids got heavy, but I literally could not put it down until I finished it.

Mike Nemeth says

"One Shot" was turned into a vehicle for Tom Cruise and released to theaters late in 2012. I finally read the book and loved it. But a little background first. Watching the movie was my first exposure to author Lee Child's work. And after the opening scene and exposure to the hard-bitten dialogue, I was hooked. The back and forth got me to recall my obsession during college forays into used book stores hunting for early Mickey Spillane novels. The other memory it provoked was watching Humphrey Bogart in "The Maltese Falcon." And yes, I'm a Tom Cruise fan. He's an intense guy and so short I didn't pay any attention to him and Nicole Kidman as they walked alongside my wife and I at Universal Studios way back when. But he played Jack Reacher like he really was 6 foot 5 inches and 250 pounds. I picked up Child's first novel in the series "Killing Floor" after reading a short he'd written on the young Reacher back in his military base-hopping days. I plowed through the first five novels before realizing I'd better take a break or I'd start punching people who deserved it. And I'd be out of more Jack Reacher novels if I read them all. Ok, whew. So I read some other stuff. Got some great recommendations from fellow book enthusiasts. I took in a Reacher novel here and there and finally found a dog-eared copy of "One Shot" at the great Book Barn near my home in Clovis, Calif. Getting into it took a couple of tries. I knew the story via the Christopher McQuarrie-directed movie version. But after about three chapters, that cloud of repetition faded and I got into the story. I pounded it out over several days vacationing on the beach at my sister's in Hermosa Beach. Again, I became part of the story. That invisible guy on the sidelines watching the case unfold. Reacher, as usual, gets an impossible situation and has to make sense of it. Along the way, he's harassed by the cops and treated like a criminal. Still, it doesn't bother him. He was put on this earth with a talent. And that's setting things straight. Bad people are not his friends. But Reacher does what's right, even if that means giving somebody a second chance and a shot at justice. Great stuff, especially after body surfing all day and kicking back with a craft beer on a deck overlooking the coast.

Rob says

Number 9 in the Jack Reacher Series.

5/5 because this was great.

This story starts out of the blocks on page one and just keeps going.

There is what appears to be an random act of violence. A sniper fires 6 bullets and kills 5 people. The man accused has done this before whilst still in the army in Kuwait. Reacher was the MP that arrested him, on that occasion, but because of political intervention the assassin got off. Reacher promised the man if he ever reared his ugly head again Reacher would find him and that would be the end of him.

When Reacher hears the assassin's name on TV he set off to fulfil his promise.

The evidence against the assassin is overwhelming but when Reacher hears that the one person the assassin wanted to see was Reacher himself, Reacher couldn't believe it. Why would the assassin want to see Reacher when he knows that Reacher would kill him, given half a chance.

Reacher wants answers but the assassin has been badly beaten whilst in gaol and is now in a coma. The more questions Reacher asks the more convinced he becomes that something is very wrong. When Reacher's digging starts getting too close to the truth, someone decides it's time for Reacher to disappear, permanently. Big mistake! Someone is about to be very, very sorry that they irritated the beast. All hell is about to break loose.

This is an all action romp that you will find hard to put down.

Highly recommended for lovers of full on action.

Jane Stewart says

4 ½ stars. You need to suspend disbelief, but it's still a fun, tough guy story.

STORY BRIEF:

A sniper kills five people leaving a downtown office building. Several pieces of evidence point to James Barr a former army sniper. James says "You've got the wrong guy. Get Reacher for me." Coincidentally Reacher comes to town for his own reasons. Reacher saw the story in the news. He knew Barr when they were in the army together fourteen years ago. Some bad guys don't like Reacher being in town and try to harm him. Of course that's the worst thing they could do since now Reacher won't leave until he finds them.

REVIEWER'S OPINION:

This is the ninth book in the Reacher series and one of the better ones. If you like the series, definitely do this one. The bad guys trying to harm Reacher was done well. Reacher's investigation and solving the mystery was done well. I liked some of the things Reacher did as he was evading the bad guys and the cops. I would have liked a few more fight scenes, but I won't complain. It's just one of my favorite things - watching Reacher beat up thugs.

In the early books the author frequently used the phrase "he shrugged." In recent books, he is not using that phrase as much, but he's almost overusing the phrase "Reacher said nothing." Some reviewers complained. I was ok with it.

THE SERIES:

I suggest reading the books in order, but not required. All the books get 4 or more stars from me except three: Running Blind, Without Fail, and The Enemy. Save those for last if you're NOT a die hard Reacher fan.

NARRATOR:

The narrator Dick Hill was very good.

DATA:

Unabridged audiobook reading time: 12 hrs and 13 mins. Swearing language: I don't recall any but probably moderate. Sexual language: none. Number of sex scenes: two referred to not shown. Setting: 2004 Indiana. Book copyright: 2005. Genre: mystery suspense thriller. Ending: Good.

Joe Robles says

This is the first Jack Reacher book I've read, and I picked it up because of the upcoming movie. I have to say my only problem with it is that now I'm going to have to read all of Lee Child's books, and I already have a queue of over 140 "to read".

It's a really great thriller. It's hard to talk about it without revealing too much, hence the spoilers warning. My favorite bit is that Jack is not some flawless superman. He's trailed throughout the book and only once picks it up. That was something I'm not used to in most thrillers. Most of the time the protagonists is presented with an almost supernatural ability to pick up that they're being followed. He's also kind of flawed in that he's essentially a homeless man. He travels with only the clothes on his back and the money in his wallet, staying in shady motels. I'm don't know if this is how he is in every book, but it's also very unique.

It's also a pretty good mystery (even though we know a lot) in that you get to see Reacher put all the pieces together. If all the books are this good, I'm sure I'll have no problem making my way through this series. I now only hope they don't screw up the movie.

Abram says

My Rating: 4.4/5

'One Shot' is definitely one of the best Jack Reacher novel. It's what you call a novel you can't put down. I read the whole 500 pages in like 10 hours. It has to be a record for me as I never done that before. The story is first class and the characters are fantastic and again please don't go around poking at the literary sense of the novel. It has good writing but not great or excellent. As always Jack Reacher kicks ass.

I watched the movie a couple of times and I loved it even when I had watched it before, the novel felt fresh and entertaining. So I recommend this to anyone who wants a good thrill ride. So thank you for reading the review and see you guys in my next review.

Book Addict Shaun says

Despite owning every single Jack Reacher novel in paperback (and it's such a beautiful looking collection) it's shockingly been nearly a year since I read *The Enemy*, so I couldn't wait to continue with the series.

I just love Reacher. Honestly I could just read about him doing anything mundane and still be addicted to it. He is one of my all-time favourite characters and as with Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch, I am trying to savour these novels rather than storming through them as quickly as possible (as hard as that is at times).

One Shot was another enjoyable caper, however I'm unsure why this novel was the one chosen to be made into a film because some of the earlier ones I felt were more dramatic and action-packed. However having read the plot for the film it has been changed significantly. That said I'm not even sure I'll ever watch it but I am intrigued, Tom Cruise as Reacher is like Mr. Bean playing Harry Bosch and I feel like watching the film would make me imagine Cruise more reading these novels and that's not something I want. I felt the 'mystery' element was quite weak but I enjoyed the character development of Reacher and following along with his thought processes. As always I found myself connecting with some characters only to feel a sense of melancholy as the book drew to a close and I knew I wouldn't be meeting them again. That's the thing about these wandering novels, we meet so many characters and some of them leave a lasting impression.

There's honestly not much else you're going to see me say in these reviews apart from some variation of the

above. I love these books and I just can't wait to read them all.

Carol says

Good mystery-crime novel with lots of fast-paced action and even a bit of romance. If you are a Jack Reacher fan, I'm sure you will enjoy this entertaining book.

As for the movie, it's kind of hard to imagine Tom Cruise as the big and tall Jack Reacher, but I still might give it a try.

Alp says

4.5/5

“You going to shoot me?” Reacher asked.

“Maybe.”

“You should.”

“Why?”

“Because if you don’t, I’m going to find you and I’m going to make you sorry.”

Lee Child never ceases to amaze me with the depth and cleverness of his writing. This is the ninth installment of Jack Reacher series and it still gave me a lot of thrills and chills, as same as the previous ones did. How on earth can he come up with such engaging and riveting plot? Every twist and turn literally blew me away. It's no wonder this book was turned into movie. One Shot is such a great read!

Five people were shot dead in a public plaza by the lone sniper and the shootings appeared to be entirely random. The accused man denied the charges and asked for Jack Reacher. And here's where Reacher had become involved in this case.

In this book, Reacher faced the new ruthless enemy with no mercy for anyone who dared stand in his way. But as always, this ex-military police never quits. And he would never stop until he could ultimately bring justice to those innocent victims of this vicious man.

One of the things about this book that impressed me greatly was that all the dialogue kept the story moving along at a cracking pace. The last 10% of the story was full of unstoppable excitement. Reacher took “one-man army” to a whole new level! To be honest, I think his plan was crazy and it seemed to me that it was more likely to be a suicide mission, but hell if I didn’t root for him to make it to the house and take down all those bad guys. This scene had me on the edge of my seat throughout, I can tell.

Read this book, people! You'll certainly never be disappointed!

“I warned you,” he whispered into the darkness below. “You should have put me down when you had the

chance.”

Ahmad Sharabiani says

One shot (Jack Reacher #9), Lee Child

One Shot is the ninth book in the Jack Reacher series written by Lee Child. The book title is based on "One shot, one kill," the military sniper's creed. The novel was adapted into the 2012 film Jack Reacher, starring Tom Cruise as the title character. This book is written in the third person.

In a small Indiana city, a lone gunman in a parking garage calmly fires into a rush-hour crowd in a public plaza, committing a massacre of five apparently random victims with six shots. The shooter leaves a perfect trail behind for the police to quickly track him down. Evidence from the scene, of a shell case and a quarter bearing the same fingerprints, points clearly to James Barr, a former Army infantry sniper. He is arrested, but will only say two things to the police: "They got the wrong guy," and "Get Jack Reacher for me." Reacher, a former Army military police officer and now a drifter, is 1500 miles away, but sees the news on CNN and gets on a bus to Indiana. Reacher has no job, no home, no car, and a shrinking savings account from his past military pay. Although Reacher has a nomadic existence, what he does have is sharp moral clarity. ...

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Subroto says

If you are already a Jack Reacher fan - the number of whom which I assume is now increasing each day (the last book - A Man Wanted debuted at NYT No 1 position this September) - then I don't need to tell you this.

Jack Reacher books are entertainers - not much intelligence there - but very catchy and very interesting. Makes for great holiday / in flight reads.

One Shot is very fast, very smart and totally un-put-down-able . Very vintage Reacher - coffee and eggs and diners, dollar stores, bus depots, hitch hiking and all that :) A lot of Army Vs Marine. A lot sniper related trivia. A very twisty plot and some REALLY badass bad guys - makes the whole book all the more worth it.

Some interesting sense of humor.

The climax is the only place where you see some action - but that's exactly what this book needed.

Thankfully Lee does not use Reacher just cos he's got him and hence lets the story be the hero. This is as close to Sherlock Holmes that Reacher's ever got.

The book's plot supposedly forms the base plot / inspiration plot for the Jan 2013 movie - but one look at the trailer and you can see that a lot has been played with (apart from getting that puny guy to pass off as 6'5" and 250 lbs). A lot of things which happen in the trailer do not happen here.

Do not expect what you see in the movie/ rushes here.

That said ...this book with or without being associated to the movie is a total value for money / time deal.

Fun read !

Simon says

The first few pages were painful. Lots of self-consciously terse sentences as if worried about scaring off slow readers. A sample from page 13: "The garage was always packed. He knew that. That was why they were extending it. They were doubling its size. It was used by shoppers. That was why it was quiet."

But soon things pick up and the plot moves along swiftly and smoothly. Reacher is a bland but likeable protagonist, notable mainly for being a loner and an expert investigator, but you wouldn't want to have to make conversation with him. The climax is exciting but I felt that the ending tied things up a little too neatly and the villain gave up a little too easily. Reacher explains to him how he'd done it and I half expected the reply "And I'd have gotten away with it, too, if it weren't for you meddling kids!" And I think the actual conspiracy as described is a little convoluted and unconvincing.

For me the Zec's flashbacks to Soviet Russia were the most powerful sections, and I'd have liked more of that kind of background.

Corey says

Man, it seems when I finish each Jack Reacher book I keep telling myself I'm gonna take a break from the series so I don't get burned out, but I find myself already jumping to the next book, and it leaves me wanting more! The series is just so addictive!

Jack Reacher is back in the action when a lone gunman senselessly guns down 5 innocent bystanders in a small Indiana city. The authorizes catch up to the shooter and take him into custody, and supposedly the case is solved, except for one small problem. The man says, You got the wrong guy, then says, Get me Jack Reacher. And then like a ghost, Reacher arrives in town, and he also knows the accused shooter, a trained sniper who never missed a shot. Reacher teams up with beautiful defense lawyer Helen Rodin, trying to find the holes in the system, and finding the real enemy.

Jack Reacher becomes the American Sherlock Holmes in One Shot, always one step ahead of everyone, looking into all possibilities of how and why! Another winner!!

Stevedutch says

Nobody should pick up a Jack Reacher novel and expect great literature. I might be wrong but I suspect that that isn't Lee Child's purpose. What you get instead is a good dollop of wish-fulfilment, good writing, beautiful, intelligent and feisty females who are either integral to the development of the plot or just along for the ride, and implausible story lines! One shot is no exception – why change a winning formula? In Reacher, Child has created a character who is, perhaps, not quite the guy who every other guy wants to be (and with whom every woman wants to be?), well, at least not permanently. But it might be nice for a couple of weeks to: be able to kick ass as effectively as he does, to never be wrong, to be able, correctly, to second guess all the villains' moves and then to ride off into the sunset with a clear conscience and no dangling strings! But in common with all of its predecessors, and despite the implausibility of the plot, One Shot doesn't last a few days let alone a few weeks, it's a real page-turner. In a genre full of world weary, divorced, alcoholic, guilt ridden cops Reacher is a breath of fresh air – the closest thing to Casey Ryback outside of the movies!
