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## **The Buried Details**

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## From Reader Review The Buried for online ebook

### Jim A says

Basic Quinn, Nate, Orlando, and Daeng thriller. Not bad, but definitely not his best Quinn tale. The end game gets pretty predictable, especially when it's revealed what is buried in Kansas.

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### Marcela (BookaholicCat) says

Originally posted at The Bookaholic Cat

The Buried is the ninth book in the Jonathan Quinn series by Brett Battles.

For what I understood, Quinn and Nate are cleaners, they are called to crime scenes to make the bodies disappear or to stage them in a more convenient way. Despite their job, they are decent guys. They don't work for bad guys; they secretly work for the government.

Quinn is married to a very pregnant Orlando and Nate is in a relationship. Although Nate's girlfriend was mentioned, she wasn't present in the story.

Quinn and Nate get a job, they need to pick up the body of a man who was recently killed by a hit-woman, get his body out of the house and stage his death to look like an accident. They also need to search his house for information relating to his dealings. In their search, they find a dungeon full of women. One of them is Danielle. Danielle is wanted by different agencies in the US and the world. Their client (Helen) asks them to take Danielle and bring her to her, but soon after Helen is kidnapped and Quinn and Nate find themselves in the middle of something bigger, with people hunting them along the way.

Danielle knows something that many people want to know, to keep her safe Quinn and Nate will have to do everything in their power to protect her and to find the reason to all the chaos happening around them.

I accepted this audiobook for review thinking that usually thrillers (in series) work well as a stand alones. In the case of The Buried, it does regarding to the story, but not in regards to the characters. It was very obvious that there was a story not only behind each of them, but also between them. Stories I wish I knew to better understand the finer nuances of the story.

I liked the idea of heroes that work on the line between good and bad. Their job can be seen as disreputable, but what they do is for the good of mankind, at least that was the case in this installment, I don't know if it was the same case in previous books.

I liked Quinn and Nate, I liked that they are both smart and work very well together. It was obvious there was a story behind them working together, but it was only referred to. I wish I would have known more about their past.

I like Quinn's wife, Orlando, but her behavior in the story was completely unbelievable due to her circumstances. She was supposed to be nine months pregnant and ready to give birth, but she behaved, moved and acted as if she weren't. I would have believed it if she were in the early stages of pregnancy or not pregnant at all, but not when she was ready to give birth.

I liked and admire Danielle, I liked her determination and her strength. I also liked the story behind her. Talking about the story, it was engaging, with many twists and turns that you won't see coming; but as I said before, I think I would have enjoyed the story more if I had known the background story of the characters.

Scott Brick did a good job with his performance and his attribution of voices. I liked his cadence and how he was able to convey emotions through his voice. This was my first audiobook narrated by Scott Brick, but it won't be my last.

I'm seriously considering going back and starting this series from the beginning. I recommend The Buried to fans of this series and to people who enjoy high adrenaline thrillers.

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### **So Young says**

#### **Another excellent Quinnipiac & Co. Adventure**

Brett Battles stays true to form in this exciting new Jonathan Quinn novel. Quinn and Nate get more than they bargain for on a job, and suddenly there are many deadly players on the board that want what they've got!

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### **Joshua Stewart says**

Disappointing. I've enjoyed the series until this point. The story required the suspension of belief more than is usual for this genre & the author in particular.

Hopefully the next book improves as I've grown fond of the cast of characters in this series. The plotting is usually of a higher standard & the series is worthy of another chance.

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### **Becky says**

I read this on my flight to New York. The perfect read for a plane because you don't want to put it down!

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### **James says**

### **Page Turner**

5 stars because there was never a dull moment. Very good read. Could not put it down for very long

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### **John Wintersteen says**

Good read. Enjoy the series and the characters.

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### **Alan says**

#### **Another Great Read**

I as I said before the story's are a great mix of action and the character's are full on. I am looking forward to the next book

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### **Todd Stanley says**

Too many random characters made a little messy to follow. Not my favorite in this series by far.

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### **John W. says**

THE BURIED storyline has twists and turns as readers turn every page. Battles introduces the protagonist, Jonathan Quinn, a cleaner for several government agencies and female protagonist, Danielle Chad. The author provides details on the support characters Quinn's Client Helen Cho, Quinn's girlfriend Orlando, Quinn's partner Nate, the assassin Anake, Nate, and the rest of Quinn's team. The author provides the background of the characters and provides additional information as needed to keep the story moving. Quinn finishes an assignment and finds Danielle being held captive. Every agency in the US and several foreign countries wants Danielle. Recognizing Danielle has a target on her back, Helen assigns Quinn's team to transport her to safety and provide protection.

Readers at the side of Quinn go to a safe house in Columbia City, Washington. Battles describe backstories of those seeking Danielle. It is not just foreign organizations pursuing Danielle; several domestic agencies are also pursuing Danielle. Arriving at the safe house, Quinn is on edge expecting the worst. The author keeps increasing the action as Quinn and his team take steps to protect and transport Danielle to safety. A big twist of the story takes place as one of the organizations pursuing Danielle kidnaps Helen. While Quinn keeps moving Danielle for her safety, his team tries to determine who and why Danielle is so important. Battles creates a subplot when Orlando organizes an effort to find Helen and rescue her. The pace of THE BURIED is moving fast and furious.

Battles' mystery unfolds as the antagonists chase Quinn across the country and readers take part in the chase. At one of the ambushes, Danielle hides when Quinn is fighting off the attackers. One of the antagonists captures Danielle and plans on auctioning her off to the highest bidder. Everything seems to be moving towards one location. Battles keep readers in the dark as to where everyone is going to end up and why. At every turn, THE BURIED delivers suspense and intrigue, with an unpredictable ending. Battles does not disappoint his readers with THE BURIED. Battles earns a 5 star ranking.

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## **Stacy says**

### **I liked the Quinn series**

But what happened here.? The Book could have been much shorter. Stated off promising but then dragged on For Orlando to act as if she wasn't 9 months pregnant n carry on as she did went from annoying to asinine glad I did not pay for this!!

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## **Gloria Feit says**

This newest entry in the Jonathan Quinn series brings back many of the usual cast of characters: Nate, Quinn's mentee and now an elite cleaner himself (the job entailing discreetly cleaning up crime scenes and the occasional body after the always possible bloodshed); their colleague, Daeng; and of course Orlando, the love of Quinn's life, an Asian woman, a brilliant computer hacker with a 12-year-old son and now nearing the end of her pregnancy with her and Quinn's baby; and Helen Cho, described as "head of a growing network of government [and quasi-government] security and intelligence agencies" and now a client of Quinn and his team.

From the publisher (no spoilers): Everything on the job is going as expected. The target has been dealt with, and all that's left to do is remove the body. But a surprise is waiting for Quinn and Nate, one that completely changes their mission. Then when the client who gave them their new orders disappears, they find themselves on their own, with a human asset holding a dark secret that several parties are interested in obtaining, by force if necessary. To keep the asset alive, the two cleaners must stay on the run, but even that doesn't guarantee success. Because no matter how closely a secret is guarded, if enough people want it, it won't stay buried forever.

Just as I wasn't originally familiar with the description of Quinn and Nate as "cleaners," here we are introduced to characters referred to variously as "the assassin" and "the hunters," which would seem self-explanatory. All are very well trained and good at what they do (one of them considers himself "the number one hunter in the world"), leaving several bodies in their wake.

As Mr. Battles always does with the thrillers in this series, he takes the reader to various places around the US, primarily cities in and around the Pacific northwest and then down the coast to California; San Francisco; New York City; Kansas; the Washington DC area; Virginia; Texas; Chicago; and even Berlin, each places where the "good guys" and "bad guys" are chasing each other and the asset referred to above. A bit hard to follow at times, but no matter. The suspense , at which the author is a master, builds consistently, and he wraps everything up very satisfactorily.

Mr. Battles' next book, The Destroyer, book 2 in his Rewinder series, just came out in January, and it will be near the top of my TBR/R pile shortly. This one, as you might have guessed, is recommended.

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## **Kathleen says**

This is probably a four star book, but I had to award 5 stars for including my hometown of Walla Walla. It would have made my top 100 books of all time had Quinn and Nate stopped for a cheeseburger and rings at

the Iceberg drive-in...alas...

I loved this fully loaded tale with more than one story line going in roughly the same direction.

Smart and engaging.

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### **Stacy McKittrick says**

Fast paced and thrilling (with a bit of humor thrown in), I zipped right through this book. I love this series and look forward to more (and more and more).

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### **Barry says**

The plot and many of the things that occurred during The Buried are somewhat less likely than the proverbial flying pigs - make that flying hippos! Although I have thoroughly enjoyed many of Brett Battles book's about the "cleaner," John Milton and his apprentice Nate, I couldn't wait to finish this one so I could move on to something enjoyable.

The book became so intolerable that I skimmed most of the last third. Why didn't I just quit reading it? Good question! Since I have really enjoyed Battles' past works, I held onto a fragment of hope that things would improve. They did not.

The End

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