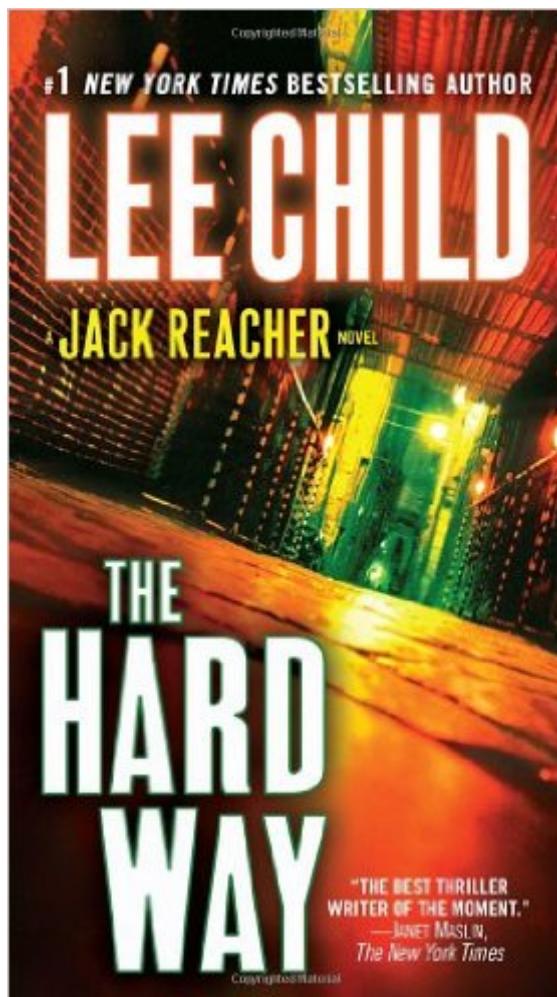


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The Hard Way (Jack Reacher)



Synopsis

Jack Reacher was alone, the way he liked it, soaking up the hot, electric New York City night, watching a man cross the street to a parked Mercedes and drive it away. The car contained one million dollars in ransom money because Edward Lane, the man who paid it, would do anything to get his family back. Lane runs a highly illegal soldiers-for-hire operation. He will use any tool to find his beautiful wife and child. And Jack Reacher is the best manhunter in the world. On the trail of vicious kidnappers, Reacher learns the chilling secrets of his employer's past . . . and of a horrific drama in the heart of a nasty little war. He knows that Edward Lane is hiding something. Something dirty. Something big. But Reacher also knows this: He's already in way too deep to stop now. And if he has to do it the hard way, he will.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big Lee Child fan. As far as I'm concerned, the tight-lipped, human arsenal Jack Reacher is the most compelling figure in contemporary escapist thriller fiction. So when I tell you that "The Hard Way" is the best novel of its kind to hit the shelves in the last few years, I'll admit I'm biased. This is the tenth in the Reacher series, and it may be the best. In "Hard Way", trouble finds Reacher innocently enough, sitting in a New York sidewalk cafè sipping an espresso. Events unwind, and soon our hero is locked-and-loaded in solving a kidnapping, thick as thieves with a team of mercenary thugs, contemporary soldiers of fortune with shady backgrounds led by former Special Forces colonel Edward Lane. Lee Child is at his best when spinning a good mystery for Reacher to

solve, and nagging incongruities surrounding the kidnapping of Lane's wife and daughter provide the perfect backdrop for Child to practice his craft. "The Hard Way's" Reacher is a bit wiser, more mature, using more brain and less brawn. More Sherlock Holmes and less Rambo this time around. In fact, more than 300 pages have turned before Reacher actually hurts someone, but the Child layers the tension and drops hints masterfully, leading up to a climax that will have you sweating right through your Barcalounger. The author's patented lean and no-nonsense prose is in top form, but what makes Child so readable are the obscure little bits of knowledge and factoids tucked away in cracks and corners of the plot, adding enough depth and authenticity to give the larger-than-life Reacher credibility that sets him apart from the just plain silly superheroes of so many "thrillers" of the day. So to wrap it up, "The Hard Way" is about as good as it gets - intelligent, clever, a .

The critically acclaimed Lee Child has already firmly established his credentials as a maven in the creation of the action thriller. His latest offering, "The Hard Way" featuring his magnetic protagonist Jack Reacher, only further enhances his reputation. This gripping novel immediately captures your attention and leads you through a thoroughly engrossing plot. As is usual Reacher is minding his own business sipping an espresso at a sidewalk Greenwich Village cafe, when he inadvertently observes a man get into a car and drive away. What he had actually seen was the pick up of a ransom. The moralistic Reacher is a powerful, supremely confident and resourceful nomadic individual, figuratively a man's man. He would be a valuable ally but rue the person that would be considered his enemy. Uncharacteristically, Reacher the next day visited the same cafe where a waiter pointed him out to an inquisitive man. The man named Gregory was a former Special Forces soldier now employed by a wealthy ex-Delta Force colonel Edward Lane. Lane was the head of a small army of blacklisted former Special Forces operatives now employed as mercenaries. Being beckoned and chauffered to the Dakota apartments by Gregory, Reacher was informed that Lane's stunning wife Kate and her 8 year old daughter from a previous marriage, Jade, had been kidnapped. Lane who had procured a small fortune as a result of his participation in a civil war in the African country of Burkina Faso, could well afford the exorbitant ransom demands. Reacher also learned that Lane's first wife Anne had also been kidnapped but unfortunately killed during a bungled FBI investigation. Reacher soon made Lane aware of his finely honed investigative skills courtesy of a long stint as an Army M.P..

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