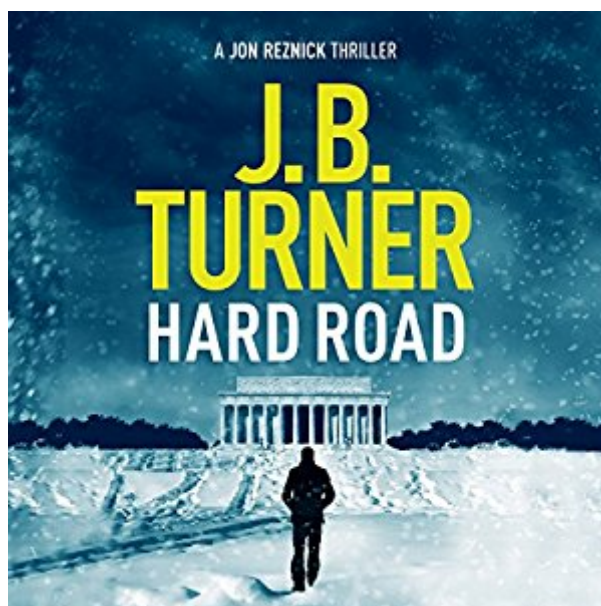


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Synopsis

Jon Reznick is a "ghost": a black-ops specialist who takes his orders from shadowy handlers, and his salary from the US government. Still mourning the loss of his beloved wife on 9/11, he's dispatched to carry out a high-level hit. Reznick knows only that it must look like suicide. It's textbook. But the target is not the man Reznick expected. The whole setup is wrong. In an instant the operation is compromised, and Reznick is on the run with the man he was sent to kill. A man wanted by the FBI, and by a mysterious terrorist organization hell-bent on bringing the United States to its knees. FBI Assistant Director Martha Meyerstein is determined to track him down, and to intercept whatever it is Reznick was sent to do. When Reznick's young daughter becomes a pawn in the game, he has to use more than his military training to stay one step ahead of those responsible. Meanwhile, he is the only person who knows the true extent of the threat to national security - and has the stealth and determination to stop it.

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Customer Reviews

I have mixed feelings about this book. The story is chocked full of action, intrigue, high-tech gadgets, shadowy government types who may or may not have America's best interests at heart, and straight-shooting good guys (and women) who have to figure out ways to work together. Hero Jon Reznick is cut from the same cloth as Mitch Rapp, Court Gentry, or Will Robie, a seasoned professional operating in the high-stakes world of espionage, black sites, and assassinations,

complete with a tragic back story and a young daughter he tries to shield from his grim work. So, no complaints here. The biggest problem I had with the book is a technical one; namely, the author repeats many of the same phrases over and over. And over and over. I lost count of how many times Reznick "felt a surge of anger" or a "rising tide of anger," how often his "mind flashed back" to something, only for him to be "snapped out of his reverie" by a sudden sound, how the characters continually started their sentences with the word "look," as in "Look, I'm telling you" or "Look, here's the situation" or "Look, I understand that..." and so on. And I have never read a story where the characters sigh so much. The last third of the book was filled to the brim with "He sighed," "A long drawn out sigh," "She sighed loudly." I'm amazed they didn't all pass out, they were expelling so much carbon dioxide. The repetition of the same phrases became such a distraction that I couldn't enjoy the book as much as I would have liked. A good editor should be able to give things that final polish. All in all, a solid thriller that will keep you occupied as you lie on the beach or wait for your flight in an airport lounge. I just hope you're able to shut off that part of your brain that notices patterns or you might have a "hard road" ahead of you. Cautiously recommended.

Great story!! I have been looking for another Jack Reacher series and it looks like I have found one. Turner appears to be a really great writer who knows how to build a story that holds your attention to the last page. I can't wait to get hold of the next book in the series. Richard Ruppel

Lots of suspense and drama in this book. At first, it is a bit slow because Reznick kept on thinking of the past. It is needed because it gives answers to why he reacts on situations and also because he is a good under cover agent too. As soon as all the background is out of the way the story kept me reading till the end without knowing who was the real person behind everything. Well written, I'm looking forward to reading the other books in the series.

Great book really liked how the story was set up at the beginning and morphed into a partnership with the FBI. This my first reading of J.B. Turner. I will definitely read the next 2 in the Jon Reznick series. Great job!!!!!!

I enjoy reading this series. I like how the characters develop, and how the plot, mystery, intenseness thickens with each page. This is topped with lots of action and more suspense. Looking forward to the next book.

This is a fast paced and interesting read. Even though the main character is a killer, I found him to be one of the good guys. If you like action are patriotic This is the book for you. Read on one day.

Overall a solid action. Only had a couple of issues with plot points, along the lines of "how did this person or agency know that?", but otherwise pretty decent motivations and story progression.

The story holds your attention from beginning to end. The brain is entertained as the details enhance the action. The hero is indeed heroic without being super. A good read.

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