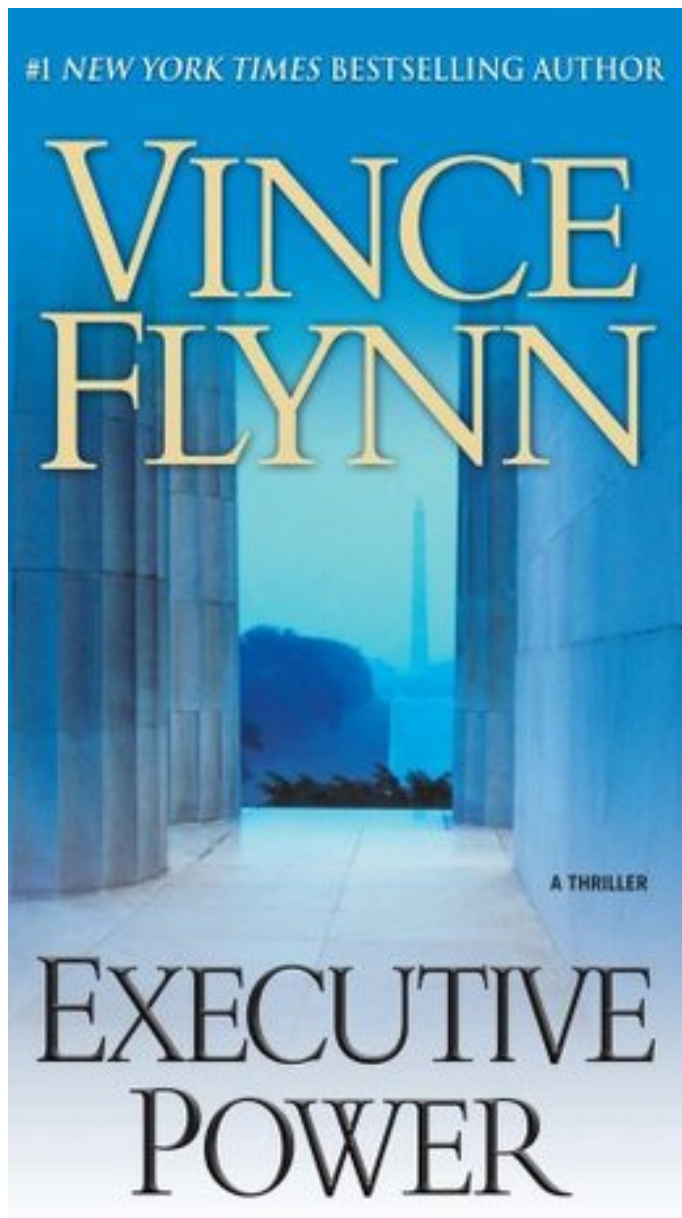

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Description

CIA superagent Mitch Rapp battles global terrorism in a high-octane follow-up to The New York Times bestselling Separation of Power -- another chillingly authentic adventure from the master of the political thriller.

Mitch Rapp's cover has been blown. After leading a team of commandos deep into Iraq to prevent Saddam Hussein from joining the nuclear arms race, he was publicly hailed by the president as the single most important person in the fight against terrorism. But after years of working covertly behind the scenes, Rapp now lives in the glare of the public spotlight, lauded by the nation and an easy target for virtually every terrorist from Jakarta to London.

As special advisor on counterterrorism to CIA director Dr. Irene Kennedy, Rapp is ready to fight the war on terrorism from CIA headquarters rather than the front line. That is, until a platoon of Navy SEALs, sent to the Philippines to save an American family kidnapped by radical Islamic terrorists, is caught in a deadly ambush. The mission had been top secret -- so who told the enemy? All evidence points to the State Department and the Philippine embassy. But a greater threat still lurks. An unknown assassin working closely with the highest powers in the Middle East is bent on igniting war. Now, with the world watching his every move, will Rapp be able to overcome this anonymous foe and once again keep the flames of war from raging?

Transporting us into an intriguing geopolitical puzzle full of deadly motives, covert operatives, and all the true-to-life insider detail we've come to expect from Vince Flynn, *Executive Power* is a high-flying story that delivers shattering suspense with the velocity of a 9mm bullet.

Insightful reviews

Jim: I found this to be one of the best "Mitch Rapp" thrillers that I have read. This is actually two novels in one as the author weaves together two entirely separate story lines in one book. On the one hand, there are Islamic terrorists in the Phillipines who have kidnapped an Ameircan family who was there on vacation, and on the other hand, there is an idealistic Palestinian who believes he has come up with a means of creating a Palestinian state that could exist along the state of Israel.

As is the case with all of Flynn's novels, Rapp is not only confronted with terrorists intent on doing the country harm, but also by bureaucrats in Washington who are more interested in their own careers than the security of the U.S.

As is the case with all of Flynn's books that I have read thus far, this is an exciting and fast-

moving thriller that is easy and fun to read.

Samuel : THE UNIONS

“Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake.”- Napoleon.

Welcome to the second story arc of the Mitch Rapp saga. I like to call this one the "matrimony arc", due to it spanning Mr Rapp's marriage. Don't worry though. White picket fences aren't for the war on terror's blunt instrument, and the three acts that make up this part of the series features some of the more severe threats Rapp encounters.

Back in the day, before Al Qaeda and Daesh made the Middle East a constantly burning geopolitical hot spot, the main political problem in the region was the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. A lesson on how chronic backstabbing, cynicism and unhealthy levels of sometimes justifiable paranoia can screw up the best laid plans, and break the most wide-eyed idealists, even with more pressing issues taking the center stage, it continue on with no end in sight. Mr Flynn said Executive Power was a parable of sorts. Of how whatever moralizing and idealism had been sucked out of the war. And how the Palestinians had been reduced to nothing but a mere foreign policy implement by Middle Eastern nations who wished to use and abuse them as a cudgel to bash Israel. Now, the thing about this book is that it's actually two stories which are disconnected throughout much of the book. Normally such a disjointed feel would have brought down a lesser writer. But Mr Flynn saves it with some great plotting, and the introduction of a character who manages to steal the show from Mitch Rapp. Now to the review. Government assassins never die. But do they fade away?

The novel begins in the Philippines. DEVGRU are attempting to make an insertion on an island. Unfortunately, they're rumbled, met with a welcome committee and forced to withdraw with casualties. Across the Pacific, the newly wed Mitch Rapp and his wife Ann relax on their honeymoon. While mostly happy, Rapp is still annoyed about having been burned in the last book. In Monte Carlo, a Palestinian agent provocateur meets with a patron he loathes to begin the implementation of a very complex business proposal. And back in Langley Virginia, DCI Irene Kennedy is working overtime on a special project, intending to make an example of those who forget "loose lips sink ships". These threads come together to create one of the more audacious schemes Mitch Rapp has faced.

Okay, in terms of plot, Executive Power is a mixed bag. Primarily due to the anti-climax of the ending but mostly due to the previously mentioned disconnect between the two plotlines. For some, it can seem Flynn was trying to write two different stories. Nevertheless, one of them, featuring the Palestinian agent provocateur, is some of Flynn's best writing, while the other, Mitch Rapp's Philippine business trip, has a few good action scenes, despite being a bit more bland at times. The settings are also a bit more varied compared to later Mitch Rapp novels. Sure, Washington features, but a third of the book takes place in the Philippine jungle at night and the Gaza strip. Flynn successfully captures the claustrophobia of the former and the gritty wretchedness of the latter. As for the main research, it's once again classic Flynn. Some pretty exotic kit such as the excellent AS-VAL rifle and the classic, All-American Barrett M82 feature prominently, along with jungle warfare/surveillance tactics.

Now to the characters. Only two standouts this time around. First Mitch as always. This is the book where his "badass" credentials started to become more apparent, especially since this was his coming out the DC's legion of bureaucratic busy-bodies who would come to hate and fear him. From laying down the law on a hapless paper-pusher who catastrophically forgot about the things he wasn't supposed to have said, to taking on half the Abu Sayaf organization with nothing but a few friends and his suppressed Beretta 92FS, this is the book which signaled Mitch's evolution from just another government assassin, to the man who quite possibly inspired Jack Bauer.

But unfortunately, Mitch was faced by someone who completely stole the show from him. And it's the antagonist of all people, a character who is by far the most sympathetic and complex villain in the Mitch Rapp series. Meet David, real name Jabril. He's an agent provocateur. While loathing Israel's law enforcement and intelligence community, he also despises the collection of terrorist organizations who have set up shop in his neck of the woods. So, following that timeless Middle Eastern proverb, "the enemy of my enemy is my friend", he forms a short-lived partnership with Mossad to decapitate the terrorist leadership. He does his job but due to the jackass director general of Mossad cocking things up with an Apache helicopter, decides to go after Israel as well. Unlike your usual Middle Eastern villain, David isn't a homicidal mass murderer. He's got brains, and thinks up a far more brilliant and insidious scheme at getting even. By the end, near the climax, he manages to have his target teetering on the edge of diplomatic oblivion as their only ally considers throwing them under the bus for the Mossad director's mistake. It's tragic that Jabril and Rapp never got to have a confrontation, but it's also unfortunate that Flynn never again tried to make his antagonists as captivating or complex as David.

So, Executive Power? Overall, it's a mixed bag. While the some of the story arcs drag the book down, it's saved by Mitch's evolution into the counter-terrorist operative we all know and love, along with Flynn's best antagonist executing the false flag operation to end all false flag operations.

Moderately Recommended.

The Cats Mother: 6th in the Mitch Rapp series, if you include the two prequel books. This one has Mitch travelling to the Philippines to rescue an American family kidnapped by terrorists, while a Palestinian assassin is plotting to make the UN vote for statehood. This is the first book of the series set after 9/11 but it is only referred to in passing, which seems odd when read now, but it is over a decade old. There's the usual mix of action, intrigue and politics, and we get to see a more human side of Rapp - he even cooks dinner! I don't know enough about Middle East politics to be sure which characters are real and which made up, but it was all pretty interesting and I look forward to the next one.

Nikhil: i lately discovered that Vince Flynn is not any extra and i am quite unhappy to grasp this. may perhaps his soul relaxation in peace now!It does not believe sturdy understanding there will not be from now on books coming from Mr. Flynn. assessment : Vince Flynn is absolutely the grand grasp of writing Political thrillers, he selected the main delicate subject and defined it with ease. even supposing Mitch Rapp used to be no longer precisely at the box yet he used to be

now not out of the motion either. by no means within the complete novel I felt as though he was once dashing or he additional undesirable thrillers. every little thing used to be simply completely blended. I want i may study the artwork of telling the main advanced tale in simplest attainable language. The study during this booklet used to be ample and thorough that is why he is so recognized within the first place. His e-book confirmed why terrorism is one of these complicated enterprise and why businesses has to get dirty. in the end you cannot struggle with pigs with no getting soiled - that is what i feel and that is what his novels prove.

Joyce: Love Vince Flynn! I beloved this one, however it didn't have adequate relational intimacy for me.

Bob Ryan: In my assessment of the former publication within the series, Separation of Power, I famous how that tale had develop into extra of political mystery than an motion mystery not like the sooner books of the series. There isn't any cause to be troubled in regards to the loss of motion during this book. a brand new plot line and our hero Rapp has a brand new place within the govt and a brand new own situation. This tale line is resolved in a single ebook as have been the sooner volumes sooner than the 2 parter that have been lined in books four & 5, This tightens the narrative to a frenzied pace. Our hero faces his such a lot tricky adversary to this point and the motion spans the globe from the Pacific Ocean to the center East. Flynn retains the stress excessive all through and the finishing satisfies. Its demanding to not pass instantly to the following within the series.

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