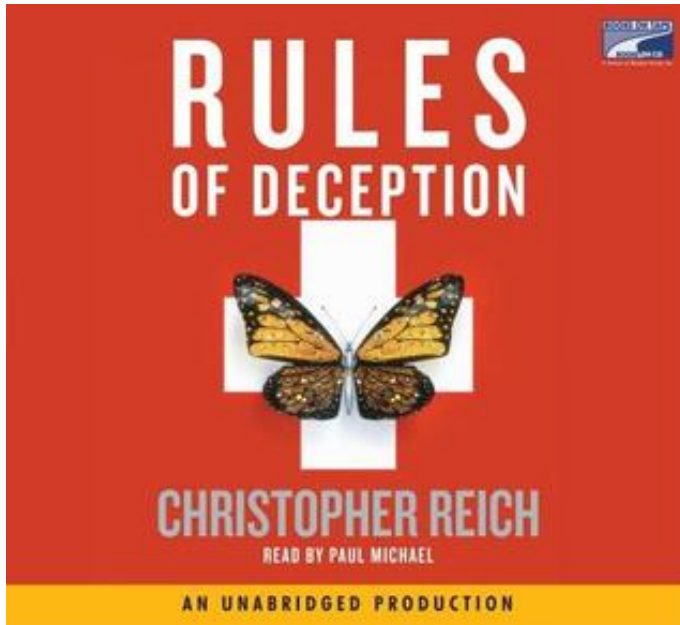

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Rules of Deception (Jonathon Ransom #1)



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Description

Dr. Jonathan Ransom, world-class mountaineer and surgeon for Doctors Without Borders, is climbing in the Swiss Alps with his beautiful wife, Emma, when a blizzard sets in. In their bid to escape the storm, Emma is killed when she falls into a hidden crevasse.

Twenty-four hours later, Jonathan receives an envelope addressed to his wife containing two baggage-claim tickets. Puzzled, he journeys to a remote railway station only to find himself in a life-and-death struggle for his wife's possessions. In the aftermath of the assault, he discovers that his attackers--one dead, the other mortally wounded--were, in fact, Swiss police officers. More frightening still is evidence of an extraordinary act of betrayal that leaves Jonathan stunned.

Suddenly the subject of an international manhunt and the target of a master assassin, Jonathan is forced on the run. His only chance at survival lies in uncovering the devastating truth behind the secret his wife kept from him and in stopping the terrifying conspiracy that threatens to bring the world to the brink of annihilation. Step by step, he is drawn deeper into a world of spies, high-tech weaponry, and global terrorism--a world where no one is whom they appear to be and where the end always justifies the means.

"Rules of Deception" is a brilliantly conceived, twisting tale of intrigue and deceit written by the master of the espionage thriller for the twenty-first century.

Insightful reviews

Bookmarks Magazine:

Critics largely agreed that *Rules of Deception* is a smart, timely, and page-turning thriller. Filled with high-profile politicians, fake identities, and a nuclear arms conspiracy, the novel is so adeptly composed that readers were unable to quickly discern the good guys from the bad. Although one critic panned Ransom's characterization, reviewers generally agreed that the doctor-climber is the quintessential classic espionage protagonist

Tony: Reich, Christopher. RULES OF DECEPTION. (2008). ****. This thriller has gotten rave reviews from scads of critics, and I think it is Reich's best book to date. It is still formulaic and is a good source of seafood – especially red herrings. The protagonist is Dr. Jonathan Ransom, a surgeon for Doctors Without Borders. He is an enthusiastic mountaineer in his off time, and is enjoying a vacation in Switzerland with his wife after being transferred there from a working stint in Africa. He and his wife, Emma, are climbing one of the Swiss Alps when a blizzard sets in. As they try to escape the storm, Emma is killed when she falls into a hidden crevasse. Twenty-four hours later, Jonathan receives an envelope addressed to his wife that contains two baggage-claim tickets. He finally journeys to a remote railway station to retrieve the articles, when he is attacked by two men, and in the resulting melee kills them. He then finds out that the two men were Swiss police officers. On top of that, he sees that the packages contain articles that he doesn't understand, plus 100,000 francs. Later he finds that he is the target of a professional assassin. He realizes that his wife has had a secret life about which he knew nothing and that he is now involved in a global conspiracy that, if successful, will bring the world to the brink of

annihilation. Reich has learned to keep up the suspense from page to page, though sometimes much of the contrivance shows through. This is a great beach book. If you're not at the beach, throw sand on your sheets and read it in bed. Recommended.

KarenC: A departure from Reich's usual financial world plots, although he doesn't stray from the spies. Dr. Ransom miraculously escapes some life threatening situations to create a novel with breathless highs and boring lows. A confusing cast of characters and some unlikely plot connections move the book along. Reich leaves the plot open for a sequel, which at this late date, we know was written & published; be sure to read this title first. An entertaining read, but Reich is no threat to a well-written [Robert Ludlum](#) book, at least not yet.

Sonia Cristina: Depois da morte da sua mulher, Emma, Jonathan Ransom, médico dos Médicos sem Fronteiras, descobre que ela levava uma vida dupla, como agente secreta ou espia e é arrastado numa corrente de acontecimentos que o levam a tentar conhecer melhor a mulher e também o levam numa espécie de missão para evitar um ataque terrorista a um avião comercial, em Zurique. Este livro deu-me muito gosto de ler, lê-se muito bem e deixou-me em ânsias para saber o que se vai passar a seguir e, por isso, no fim de semana pretendo ler o 2º quantity da trilogia, As Regras da Vingança. Já encomendei o 3º volume, As Regras da Traição, para ler brand que chegue (próxima semana). É um livro que toca em assuntos algo complicados, um pouco de política de vários países, os conflitos nos países do Médio Oriente, programas e bombas nucleares, organizações governamentais quase secretas, espões, em que todos são mentirosos e vira-casacas e não se pode confiar em ninguém. Muito ao estilo dos filmes Bourne e James Bond, talvez, ou Jeff Abbott. Gostei muito de Marcus von Daniken e, claro, de Jonatham Ransom, este médico até foi bem desenrascado nas situações aflitivas em que se encontrou.

Linda: I obtained "Rules of Deception" through Christopher Reich as a giveaway copy. it really is an espionage thriller, packed with quickly action, speedy vehicles and foreign intrigue. it's a excessive motion experience whose major personality Dr. Johnathan Ransom, is a general practitioner with "Doctors without borderlines whose spouse Emma is killed in the course of a freak twist of fate in the course of a snowboarding journey within the Swiss Alps. it is a booklet with twists and turns and even though it is a piece longer than i'd have liked, it used to be a piece tough to maintain the characters directly and the sub plots in transparent relation to the most tale line. Ransom turns into a hunted man, being chased by means of the police and a potential murderer known as the "the ghost." This all follows after checking out that his spouse had many secrets and techniques and it seems, has a moment mystery life. He needs to discover the reality approximately Emma to either keep his personal existence and to appreciate her different existence in order that he could be at relaxation along with his thoughts in their existence and love together. it's a strong summer season learn yet didn't carry my curiosity as strongly as these of Baldacci, baby or Iles. it's a stable and present tale line and that i get pleasure from receiving the giveaway replica of this booklet from Anchor Books. i'm going to learn extra of Reich's books to turn into extra accustomed to his characters and writing style.

Mark: Reich has created a truly Ludlum-esque tale with a "fish-out-of-water" theme....A heroic "Doctors with out Borders" general practitioner is making an attempt to figure out why everyone is out to kill him after the tragic dying of his spouse whereas mountaineering...he quickly

discovers his spouse would possibly not were who he idea she was...as with the opposite Reich novels the hero is facing one other sub-rosa executive operation that endangers international peace...kind of an everlasting subject matter i have spotted as I wend my means via a few of his novels this summer time

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