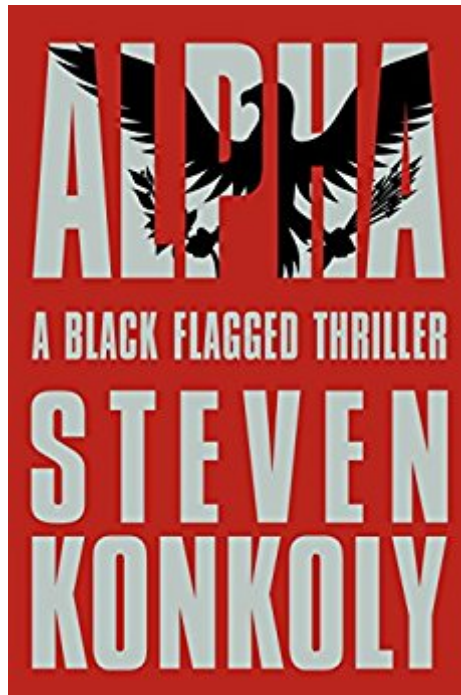


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Customer Reviews

It has been a while since I have read a good mystery / thriller, and I am glad I picked this one up. The author does a great job of getting you into the character's heads and what they are thinking, and the action is pretty much non-stop and believable from a layman's perspective. This was one of those thrillers I couldn't put down, and stayed up really late in an unsuccessful effort to finish it: that made the next day a little better as I was able to sit in the easy chair and finish. I'm looking forward to starting the next book in the series. I originally picked this up during a free Kindle promotion and as I type this review I see the pricing is all of 99 cents which makes this an outstanding value. Jump on this one while you can at that price, as this is just as good - I think better - than most of the "name brand" thriller authors out there today.

All the other reviewers are correct it is fast paced with lots of action and action/thriller fans will be satisfied and to a large degree it was what I expected. My criticisms are this, there were parts of the book that I found confusing and I think this is probably an editing fault and I felt it needed to be done better especially as there were several characters from the various covert agencies FBI, CIA, DOD. A lot of authors (Baldacci, Thor, Flynn) have done this similar type of plot "secret agency within an agency or some other Clandestine small team that does "the job" that other agencies cannot do because of oversight. The thing that I cannot get past (for me) is that we all want to cheer for these guys and do a mental fist pump when the bad guy gets what's coming to him and nearly 100% of the time our "hero" has a code of ethics/morality that cannot be broken or compromised, to name a few "Don't kill women & children, don't kill innocents/non-combatants, always do the right thing no matter what" etc etc. We grow to like and respect these guys (David Baldacci's "Oliver Stone", Vince Flynn's "Mitch Rapp", Brad Thor's "Scott Harvath" even less likely anti-Heroes like Barry Eisler's Assassin "John Rain" is a good guy and Yes, it may not be "real-Life" but hey it's a work of fiction to begin with! and so our protagonist here Daniel Petrovich ****Mini Spoiler Alert**** kills a Female police detective out doing her grocery shopping (to be fair he didn't know this at the time) after he puts a gun in her back and uses her to escape a situation. It is this reason alone that I have a reluctance to like our "hero" and am conflicted about the book like I say it's just my opinion.

This book moves a mile a minute, it's hard to put down and there is no excess baggage. There are sly plot twists and nice touches of the real world turned upside down - I'll never feel quite the same

shopping in Whole Foods. Trying to unscramble who is doing what and why is a great deal of the fun of the book. The wild ride through DC and area is reminiscent of the car chase scene in the first Bourne movie. In fact, the pacing of that movie, the stoicism of the lead character and the knots-within-knots plot has a lot of the same flavor without covering the same ground. A very good read, indeed.

In this engaging spy thriller, action abounds and the pages turn swiftly. This is my favorite genre, and I always look forward to a new author who lets the knives thrust and the bullets zing. From that standpoint, the book didn't disappoint. I did have some quibbles, however. The plot is convoluted and not fully revealed until midway through the book. The character list is lengthy, requiring a scorecard to keep track of the players. Unfortunately, the characterization is superficial, and none of the characters is fleshed out enough to make the reader really care or sympathize. Somewhat worse is the author's annoying habit, at least once per paragraph, of plunking down a comma where none is needed. Apparently he never met a conjunction he didn't like, because he precedes most "ands" with a comma, even before incomplete clauses. For a grammar wonk like me, I had to park my gag reflex at the front cover. But if you can get past the grammatical solecisms, the work is a fast read.

I am a voracious reader and there are a darn few books I put down without finishing. This was one. I purchased the book based on the outstanding reviews and descriptions. I have to continually remind myself that extreme (5 stars and 1 star) reviews usually indicate bias and the truth (and personal preference) lies somewhere in between. First, the plot is Clancy or Ludlum-like in terms of detail and breadth -- but not quality. With Clancy or Ludlum, the details are fully fleshed out and engage the reader. In this book, the volume of details are there but not the depth. The author throws out the plot line threads like a sprinkler system, and it's really difficult to follow or, if you do, you lose interest in the gyrations. Second, the characters are superficial -- if you care about the characters enough, you can slog it through the plot fairly easily but none of them were sufficiently engaging or interesting. You do have quite a lot as well -- I lost count of the FBI, CIA, and DIA agents, not to mention the local police or shadowy figures in the plot. There was a constant stream of Colonel this, Lieutenant that, and Special agent so-and-so. The book does have several key characters but they were not distinctive or compelling to me. I normally enjoy this genre but not this particular book.

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