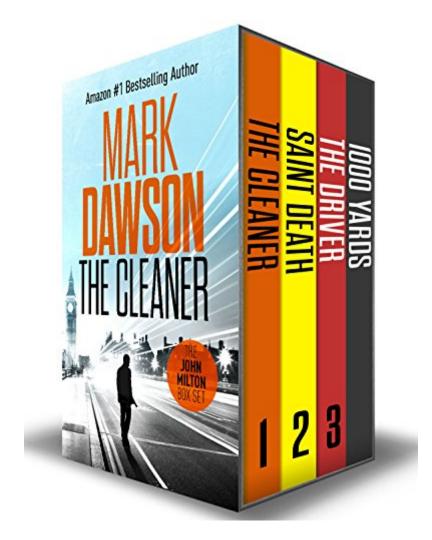
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Synopsis

1000s of five star reviews. 100000s of copies sold. Nearly 1000 pages of lightning paced action. The first four stories in the series readers are describing as "the new Jack Reacher."> THE CLEANER (Book 1) Meet John Milton. He considers himself an artisan. A craftsman. His trade is murder. Milton is the man the government sends after you when everything else has failed. Ruthless. Brilliant. Anonymous. Lethal. You wouldn't pick him out of a crowd but you wouldn't want to be on his list.But now, after ten years, he's had enough - there's blood on his hands and he wants out. Trouble is, this job is not one you can just walk away from. He goes on the run, seeking atonement for his sins by helping the people he meets along the way. But his past cannot be easily forgotten and before long it is Milton who is hunted, and not the hunter.SAINT DEATH (Book 2)John Milton has been off the grid for six months. He surfaces in Ciudad JuÃirez, Mexico, and immediately finds himself drawn into a vicious battle with the narco-gangs that control the borderlands. He saves the life of an idealistic young journalist who has been targeted for execution. The only way to keep her safe is to smuggle her into Texas. Working with the only untouchable cops in the city, and a bounty hunter whose motives are unclear, Milton must keep her safe until the crossing can be made. But when the man looking for her is the legendary assassin Santa Muerta - Saint Death - that's a lot easier said than done. THE DRIVER (Book 3) John Milton has started to hope that he might have a future. He has a job driving a taxi around the streets of San Francisco. He has his anonymity and his solitude. Being invisible has become a comfortable habit. He doesn't want to be found. But when a girl he drives to a party goes missing, Milton is worried. Especially when two dead bodies are discovered and the police start treating him as their prime suspect. Milton is a fugitive from the British Secret Service and a man in his position needs extra attention like he needs a hole in the head. As unpleasant secrets leak out, and the body count rises, one thing is for sure: Milton might just be the right guy in the wrong place at the wrong time. 1000 Yards (Bonus Novella) Milton is sent into North Korea. With nothing but a sniper rifle, bad intentions and a very particular target, will Milton be able to take on the secret police of the most dangerous failed state on the planet?

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Customer Reviews

I bought these books deeply discounted (three novels and novella for \$6.99) and probably should have been suspicious about the price. The publisher's marketing, and blurbs from other reviewers, compared Milton to Jack Reacher, a character I have followed through all of his travels and travails. Well, Milton is no Jack Reacher and Dawson is no Lee Childs. The protagonist, John Milton is introduced as a disgraced high-level assassin for the UK government, who walks out and, essentially, decides to disappear, a supreme talent of Milton's that is pounded into the reader over and over throughout the books. The Gov't is not pleased and sets out to track him, find him, and bring him back into the fold (by whatever means necessary). I read the novella first (1000 Yards). The set-up to get our hero into the place where he could take his shots was so forced and amateurish that I shook my head in disbelief. (If you want to know how an accomplished assassin gets himself into position, read Barry Eisler's John Rain series). The shots taken defy physics and everything a real sniper would know about shooting at that distance and about his intended targets (see, Jack Reacher). Simply awful. The Cleaner places our hero in a London ghetto, and the author's attempts at reproducing the slang and mood of the streets, and the drug gangs that inhabit them, fall well short of the mark. The story is an incredible, muddled mess and the "Cleaner," as Milton is supposedly known, leaves the place and the intended beneficiaries of his prowess in worse shape than when he arrived on the scene. The next book sends us to Mexico, where Milton is hiding out and being a short-order cook after traveling through South America and into Mexico.

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