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Jack Reacher's Rules is the ultimate fan's guide to the World of Reacher! Featuring selections from all seventeen electrifying Jack Reacher novels and an introduction from Lee Child himself, this one-of-a-kind book compiles timeless advice from maverick former army cop Jack Reacher, the hero of Lee Child's blockbuster thrillers and now the star of a major motion picture.

My name is Jack Reacher.

No middle name, no address.

I've got a rule: People mess with me at their own risk.

You don't have to break the rules if you *make* the rules. Case in point: Jack Reacher, the two-fisted, quick-witted, "current poster-boy of American crime fiction" (*Los Angeles Times*). The brainchild of #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lee Child, Reacher is a freelance troubleshooter with a mysterious past—and a serious passion for justice. Now the hard-won knowledge and hard-hitting strategies of fiction's toughest tough guy are within every thriller reader's reach—in a rapid-fire rundown of the trade secrets, tried-and-true tricks, and time-honored tactics that separate the man in the street from *the* man to beat.

Rule 1. When in doubt, drink coffee.

Rule 2. Never volunteer for anything.

Rule 3. Don't break the furniture.

Rule 4. Only one woman at a time.

Rule 5. Show them what they're messing with.

Please note: *Jack Reacher's Rules* is a compilation of advice, wisdom, and facts from the Jack Reacher series of novels by #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Lee Child. It features an introduction by Lee Child, but is not a Jack Reacher novel.

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Jim says

Never read more than a couple of chapters of these books. Read this in a half hour, as it's sort of a self-help book for Walter Mitty. Mostly macho as you'd expect but without any camp value, and a couple of false notes (a military man of great austerity takes an eleven minute shower? the M-16 is a "weapon of choice" of the military? starting a fire by placing furniture in the middle of a room?) a few things were useful or food for thought:

open the windows of a car before you use it to ram something.

a good indication of a man's strength is the width of his wrists.

Only very experienced men should try to guess a woman's bra size by her voice. (help me out with that one...)

and a nice quote from Field Marshall Viscount Wavell of Cyrenaica:

While coolness in disaster is the supreme proof of a commander's courage, energy in his pursuit is the surest test of his strength of will.

Churchill had been unimpressed by Wavell's reluctance to act in North Africa...

just about the best thing was the introduction to Blind Blake:

<http://www.gracyk.com/blake1.shtml>

So now you don't have to read it.

Gary says

A fans guide to the the character Jack Reacher series by Lee Child.

I have read all the Jack Reacher series and have enjoyed most of them so I almost felt compelled to read this character guide. I have to confess that I found the book rather boring and it did not tell me anything I didn't all ready know about the character.

Maybe better for new readers to the series or the real anoraks but I would not recommend it otherwise.

Chris says

This book is not really a story, but a collection of quotes and rules that Jack gives throughout the series.

While it was fun to guess which book each quote came from, this isn't really a "sit down and read" type of book. It is more something to keep on the coffee table or peruse periodically.

I made the mistake of getting it on CD and listening to one quote after another became stale pretty quickly. I

may get the physical version some time.

Lee says

A small half hour read on how Reacher, lets the reader know how to stay alive - live with only a toothbrush in your pocket - and live off the grid. Some funny comments.

Joey says

I was excited when I found it but disappointed when I read it. Not much to it. Ok for bathroom reading.

Ed says

Not impressed. Lee Child should be ashamed, but he's probably laughing all the way to the bank. This book is filled with Reacher quotes, but not one is annotated. It would've been much more of a fun read being reminded that the quote came from One Shot, or on of the other dozen Reacher books. Kind of lazy if you ask me. I'm glad I checked it out from the library! And on a related note, I will NOT be going to see the Reacher movie. I mean, Tom Cruise as Reacher. Really? One thing you'll never hear Reacher say, "Tom Cruise and I have a lot in common".

Chris says

Hard to rate. There is great stuff in here, but no new stuff in here. It is a collection of all the rules that Reacher has stated or thought in all the books. So you've seen all this before. It's fun, it is entertaining, it is a really quick read, but it is nothing new. I'm glad I didn't spend money to buy this.

Bookish Indulgences with b00k r3vi3ws says

As an ardent fan of Jack Reacher, I know all about his rules. But if you haven't discovered Jack Reacher's world yet, you are missing out something great and you have no clue to what his rules are. It's simple really. As an ex-Military Police, Jack Reacher has vast experience in his life. Ever since he has dropped out of that career choice, he is impossible to track and that's the way he wants it. But the rules he lives by are what actually makes the man what he is and capable of doing things that are usually out of a normal person's capabilities. The foreword by Lee Child tells you as much.

The book is divided into chapters. Chapters are about rules about fighting to rules about coffee. Yes, Jack Reacher has rules for almost everything. Some of the rules are applicable in a normal person's life, like the one about sleep that says, 'Sleep as much as you can because tiredness causes more foul-ups than carelessness and stupidity put together'. Some are wise words, like 'A courageous guy is someone who feels

the fear but conquers it'. Some are again just plain humourous.

I have been following the Reacher series quite closely and have read all the books in the series except one. So, I know about Reacher's Rules. When I got my hands on this book, instead of reading it as a guide book to the person that Reacher is, I treated it as a quiz by trying to guess which rule was mentioned in which book and had a gala time. (Yes I am a nerd and a bookworm – so these kinds of things actually are fun for me).

The best part of the book is when some of the chapters end with "Things You'll never hear Reacher Say". They are straight out funny if you know Reacher as much as I do.

Please note that this is not a story or even a short story. It is more like a guide to the character and only fun to read if you have read Reacher Novels.

Thomas Edmund says

Lee Child does an intro to this piece. In retrospect I wonder if it was actually written for this book, or just transcribed from an obscure interview.

The book largely consists of bullet-pointed 'factoids' that at best are inspired by Jack Reacher. We get the occasional quote, but the worst flop is the 'things Jack Reacher would never say' the humour of which misses the mark so thoroughly it seems ironic there is a page devoted to making the 'perfect shot'

Perhaps worst of all if you read through the entire book, you'll probably read each comment at least twice, I'm sure if the creator thought that no-one would actually be so sad to read the whole thing (too bad I am) or was just so lazy they forgot to double check each entry.

In summary - forget it. This isn't a skilful compilation of learnings from the Reacher books, it's simply lists of rubbish with a Reacher tone and the occasional genuine quote.

Rabid Readers Reviews says

I love Jack Reacher and normally I love Lee Child's writing but this book was just bad. Common sensical "rules" like "Never sit with your back to a door" interspersed with randomish implied quotes from the series. It was bad, it was boring and it was not worth the price paid. I was already looking somewhat askance at Mr. Child for his endorsement of a fan fic writer poaching on the Reacher series and producing what I'll kindly call bad characterization and plotting but this may be the nail in the coffin. I'll read the twice yearly Reachers but I think this is the last supplemental work or work Child suggests that I'll buy.

Kaye says

List of rules that Jack Reacher lives by. If you read the books you know most. Would not have bothered except to read except it was combined with other Reacher short stories. Only for Reacher fans.

Alain Burrese says

“Jack Reacher's Rules” featuring an introduction by Lee Child is a simple little novelty book that is fun for Jack Reacher fans. It's not a novel, or even a story. It's a quote and trivia type of book based on the character and the novels that Lee Child has written.

In it you'll find things like rules for hitchhiking - Set up base on a significant interchange, stick out your thumb, and smile among others.

It's a quick read that is fun if you've enjoyed the Jack Reacher series. It is a hardcover book, which made the price a bit higher than maybe the content deserves, but for a fan of the series, it's fun, and that's all it is meant to be.

I liked it and found some of the rules to be rules I've lived by for a long time. Maybe that's also why I enjoy the Jack Reacher novels and am looking forward to the next ones.

Gloria Feit says

The first thing you should know about this slim, wonderful book is that it is not a novel, something that is immediately apparent, but is instead just what it states it is: A compilation of Rules fashioned by Jack Reacher, the iconic protagonist of 17 books by Lee Child, as well as a new eponymous film, and culled from all those novels.

All “rules” included will be familiar to the many fans of Mr. Child’s creation, but that doesn’t mean that they don’t bring smiles of recognition, and pleasure. The headings include such Rules as “Be Prepared,” “Breaking and Entering,” “Choose Your Weapons,” and 55 others.

There are a number of things within these pages under the heading of “Things you’ll never hear Reacher Say,” including “No more coffee for me” and “Call me on my cell,” guaranteed to elicit those smiles. There are tidbits such as instructions for “The best way to break a finger,” and “If you get a lift, give a destination. Saying ‘anywhere’ sounds like you’re a drifter who wants to go home with them,” enlightening if nothing else. There are also many factual sections that are very interesting, which many readers may know in a superficial way and which are given more detail here, e.g., The Wimbledon Cup [the Marine Sniper School competition]; West Point; the “10-“ Codes used by the Military Police; and “A Medley of Military Acronyms,” which includes The Patriot Act, which I never realized was an acronym: “Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act.”

These and others like them comprise the contents of this delightful book, sure to be a favorite of Reacher fans [“The Reacher Creatures,” as they are fondly known], an introduction for those not yet among that group, and a perfect holiday gift for members of both, and recommended.

Christopher Hunt says

A quick fun read

If you like the Jack Reacher series then this is a fun, quick and easy read. One of those books that is ideal if you need to kill time but are likely to be disturbed. Not recommended if you've not read the series.

Sammy Marshall says

This was an odd take on Jack Reacher. It wasn't a traditional book. It gave me a lot more things to think about when I read it. It didn't have a plot, however it was more of a quick read that delved deeper into the life of Jack Reacher rather than one of his many misadventures.
