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Von erschreckender Realität

Das Pockenvirus scheint besiegt. Nur in zwei Geheimlabors in Russland und in den USA werden noch Restproben zu Forschungszwecken aufbewahrt. Jetzt sollen unter Weltraumbedingungen Experimente mit diesen tödlichen Viren angestellt werden, die nur friedlichen Zwecken dienen sollen. Ein skrupelloser Wissenschaftler hat allerdings andere Pläne...

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Victor Vilchiz says

Now that was a good quick read.

Michel Sizaire says

next please

Chris says

Too many twists in the tale.

Maria says

There was only one Robert Ludlum...and I loved him. Never read a bad or boring book from him. This one will keep you at the edge of your bed (this is where I do most of my reading) from start to finish. Loved it!

Marts (Thinker) says

Jon Smith and Randi Russell are involved in a bioweapon thriller...
Ludlum's second novel in the Covert-One series...

Christian, Kelanth, Scala says

E' certo, ne sono sicurissimo, si sta rivoltando e girando all'infinito nella sua tomba. Povero Ludlum, poveri quegli scrittori che vengono riportati in vita sulle copertine dei libri per far vendere di più, per riportare sulla carta filoni narrativi

Se ha potuto leggere il suo nome sulla copertina di questo insulto libro non ne può fare a meno. Uno che ha scritto la "trilogia di Bourne" o "Aquitania", solo per citarne due a caso della sua sterminata e vasta vita da scrittore non può avere scritto una cosa del genere e infatti il vero autore è questo mediocre Philby che ha avuto probabilmente il compito gigantesco e improbo di ricreare il mondo di "Covert-One" dopo la morte di Ludlum.

Questo "libro" è un accozzaglia di stereotipi senza senso, personaggi che definire macchiette è riduttivo, una storia che è scritta con i piedi. Se avessi un cane potrei dire che lui scriverebbe di meglio.

Ora ho il sano terrore di leggere gli altri libri che avevo acquistato dopo la morte dell'autore ed usciti postumi arrangiati da altri. Ho ancora i brividi a ripensare a questa storia... finito tappandomi il naso.

Altamente pericoloso per la salute mentale.

<http://kelanthsblog.blogspot.com/>

Celeste says

Excellent.

Brian says

Excellent read. Typical espionage thriller by Ludlum et al.

Lucy says

This review is based on an unabridged audio version of the book read by Paul Michael. I enjoyed this book more than I expected to. In part, I'm sure that was due to Mr. Michael's excellent narration. He did a great job of differentiating the characters' voices. The plot is non-stop action, with no time to waste on character development. Why bother, because so many of the characters get killed off anyway, in a variety of spectacular ways. But our hero Jon Smith gets through it all unscathed, popping up all over the world just in time to get the evidence / get the job done / get the bad guy. With this much going on, who cares whether any of it is believable? Just go along for the ride and enjoy the fun.

Rod says

After Hades, I was hanging out for this one. I finished it, but if anyone is thinking Hades2...think again. I think Robert has achieved such a standard in Hades that it will be a struggle to do that again.

This book was ok...just lacked the fierce intensity of Hades. The shallow relationships and one level plot was a bit sad.

I'm keeping on with Covert One cos I reckon better is to come!
Go for it Robert!!!

Sharat Nair says

A genuine, typical Ludlum thriller, which doesn't disappoint at any point. Pairing up with Philip Shelby,

another Covert One operation done exceptionally well.

Anastasia Pergakis says

A wonderful continuation to the Covert One Series. Though written by a separate author than the first book (The Hades Factor), Mr. Shelby keeps true to Robert Ludlum's vision and the tone set up by Gale Lynds in the first book.

I listened to the audio book edition of this book, rather than reading it. I found it an interesting experience and added a new dynamic to the story that I did not have with the first one - actually hearing Jon Smith's and other characters' voices.

I was most intrigued by this story, because of some of the locations where the plot unfolds. I don't want to give too much away, but it was a nice addition that the story not only took place in many places around the world, but also in orbit around the planet on a space shuttle. You'll have to read it to find out why!

This book had a lot more suspense - or maybe it just felt like it since I was listening to the audio book - than the first one. I loved that some of the characters from the first book made a revisit but the addition of some new faces was great too. Especially, since as I said before, Mr. Shelby kept with the tone set up by Ms. Lynds. All the characters had their own unique personalities, quirks, and backstories that made them rich three-dimensional people, rather than cardboard cutouts.

I look forward to what book 3 of this series has to offer. Jon Smith has a lot more story to tell and I can't wait to read it.

Cindy says

Exciting plot and romance. Well narrated and recommended.

Erwin says

The story wasn't easily predictable, and it was fast paced enough to be interesting - but overall not an excellent read.

It wasn't horrible, but it doesn't seem worth recommending to anyone else.

Chuck says

A conspiracy to steal and alter a smallpox virus to create the ultimate bio-weapon. This is a follow up to The Hades Factor and another in the Covert One series. An OK story but the writing is obviously Shelby and not Robert Ludlum.

