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The nerve-shredding new thriller from the bestselling author of *Black List*

Time is running out for Ryan Drake. As enemies move against him, his world is turned upside down by a personal tragedy that forces him to return to the UK. There he is presented with an unexpected offer – to travel to Libya, where he must kidnap a high-ranking officer in Gaddafi's much-feared intelligence service. In exchange, Drake will be given everything he needs to destroy the CIA's corrupt Deputy Director, Marcus Cain.

Drake gathers a small group of trusted allies and embarks on his most difficult and dangerous mission yet. But with the desert heat blazing, and amidst the backdrop of a looming civil war, events soon spiral out of control. To finish the job, and to get the team out alive, Drake must unravel a web of deceptions and betrayals, even dark secrets lurking within his own family, and confront the rise of a shadowy new group that threatens to change everything.

Fast-paced and gripping throughout, Will Jordan's thrillers are unforgettable journeys into a world of violence, terror and hidden conflict.

Will Jordan's Ryan Drake series draws on extensive research into weapons and tactics, as well as the experiences of men who've fought in some of the world's most daunting combat zones. Previous Ryan Drake thrillers include *Redemption*, *Sacrifice*, *Betrayal* and *Black List*. Will lives in Fife, Scotland, with his wife and sons.

Deception Game Details

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Bodo Pfündl says

The latest entry to an increasingly awesome series!

With each new entry, Will Jordan expands the fascinating larger story arc around Ryan, Anya and the conspiracy they are trying to uncover.

Deception Game sees Ryan and his team on a desperate venture into Libya, where nothing is as it seems.

Jordan has many strengths, reaching from the creation of great multi layered characters to the vivid description of action scenes, but in my opinion his greatest strength is plotting. The plotting of a story with so many twists, that you can never hope to anticipate them all (the final twist would be a prominent example), while at the same time skillfully weaving it in the always expending main story!

Deception Game is a real treat for everyone who enjoys the genre! But I highly recommend to read the series in order! The author offers sufficient background to understand the story, but only if you have read the previous 4 books, can you fully appreciate the bigger picture!

Can't wait for the next one!

Lisa Barbour says

Love this series! Each book holds my interest and I'm reading slower (Im a very fast reader) to make them last.

Dan Walker says

Brilliant book, constant twists and turns with a cast of characters you can't help but care about. The author always keeps you guessing about what will happen next, especially here with lots of insights into Drake's personal life and history. I can't recommend this series highly enough.

Ash says

I was really excited to read Deception Game, mainly due to the fact that I have never read a Will Jordan book I didn't like. I was especially interested to see where Jordan took the story after the ending of his previous novel Black List. Having finished the book, all I can say is that I am really pumped to see how the story continues in the next book because Deception Game ends with one hell of a cliff-hanger.

Deception Game is Will Jordan's fourth novel featuring CIA agent Ryan Drake. When Drake and his team

are sent to capture a former Libyan informant who has “gone dark” in Paris, Drake gets a feeling that the situation is not quite right. He finds out that the man he had just captured was innocent and evidence of a deal between the deputy director of the CIA and Gaddafi. Drake and his team then decide to infiltrate Libya and find evidence of the deal and ultimately try to bring down the deputy director, Marcus Cain.

Honestly I didn't enjoy this book as much as I enjoyed the previous four in the series. Don't get me wrong it's a good book, it's just that I didn't connect with it the same way I did with the others, which were some of my favourite books ever written. I felt that this book was a bit slower paced than what Jordan usually writes, although it did have several short sharp bursts of crazy action. I also felt that this book didn't really feel like a full story, but rather it felt like it was just a long lead-in for the next book in the series.

The plot of the book is actually pretty interesting. Drake and his team inadvertently help cover up a secret deal between CIA and Libya by capturing an innocent man and then infiltrate Libya in order to uncover the secret plot. There's a real big overarching international conspiracy plot that also ties into a smaller more personal plot as Drake is also trying to find out who murdered his mother. While the plot is interesting, I felt it dragged out a bit and that the book could have been a bit shorter. Also, I was a little disappointed that the book didn't really tie in with the end of Black List, but that's something to look forward to in the next one.

My favourite part about this book is the characters, and in particular the characters of Drake and Sowan. I really enjoyed the relationship between Drake and Sowan because it is so different to what you usually see in these kinds of books. Spy books are generally pretty black and white, with the good guys fighting the bad guys, but I liked the fact that Jordan presented that maybe there is no black and white. I liked that Jordan introduced the idea that the enemies aren't necessarily “bad guys”, but rather that they are just people fighting for their own beliefs and interests.

All in all, while Deception Game didn't engage me the way the rest of Will Jordan's Ryan Drake series did, that ending certainly did get me super-excited for the next instalment. After following the story through five books, I can't wait to see how, or if, Jordan manages to end this long, overarching battle between Drake, Anya and Cain.

Is it worth a read? If you are into spy thrillers with big international conspiracies and lots of action, then Deception Game is worth a read. Although I would recommend first reading Will Jordan's other books because I felt it would have been quite hard to follow without knowing what has already gone on in Ryan Drake's world.

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William Wilson says

Just finished reading this book and can't wait for the next instalment. The "drake" series is absolutely brilliant and riveting to read. Good pace to this instalment and definitely had me gripped. Highly recommended.

Mark Carter says

Bit disappointing

Not as good as any of the previous books in the series. Feels like it will take several more books before things come to a head.
