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Simon Parks is a headhunter by trade, finding the best talent in the industry. Simon's industry happens to be the international spy game. When tragedy rips his life apart he relocates to a new town and starts over, only to find that his old life has followed him home. Pursued by industrial spies, domestic terrorists, and his old boss, Simon must unravel a plot to steal secrets from the Department of Homeland Security and frame him for murder. Cut off from official channels and hounded by the police, Simon recruits his own rogue team of operatives to take down the conspirators.

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Cindy Vine says

Car chases, evil villains, a dashing hero and his beautiful sidekick, tragedy, gun battles, unexpected twists. Reading this book was like watching a B-grade action movie not quite up to Tom Cruise in the starring role, but getting there. Headhunters was a rollercoaster ride filled with death and destruction. Once you get into it you won't be able to put it down.

Robert Nacke says

This is such a well written book that had much intrigue in it with a well thought out story of suspense in it with much action all the way through it to the end .I highly reccomend this for any who lie action novels

Heidi says

If you DON'T like run-and-gun action thrillers, you'll hate this book. But if you're a fan of flawed heroes thrown into ambiguous situations, with seemingly no way out, this is a book for you. Charlie Cole's writing measures up to any of the best action writers out there. There are just enough plot twists to cast doubt on any predictability, and I appreciate that despite the main character's promise to bring everyone home safely, it doesn't turn out quite that way. I hate to compare this book to the Bourne Series, or Mission Impossible, because Charlie Cole has his own unique voice and I don't want to make it seem like he's a wanna-be. So I'll put it this way: We can only HOPE Hollywood gets ahold of this story, because it would give those action movies a serious run for their money.

Wendy Cartmell says

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There is often a criticism made of authors, that the `voice' in their novel isn't strong enough. This is not the case with Charlie Cole! The voice of Simon Parks draws you into his story immediately and once you're hooked, right from the first page, you can't put the book down. A fast paced, realistic thriller and an awesome read. You really invest in the characters - even the bad ones - and Cole keeps you on the edge of your seat. Then he sets you up nicely for what I hope will be subsequent adventures of Simon Parks. I'll be sure to read them.

Dannie Hill says

HEADHUNTERS by Charlie Cole is one of my favorite books. MR. Cole writes with an assured knowledge of the inner workings of the clandestine operations within the government.

HEADHUNTERS is a story of Simon Parks and his struggle to do the right thing and keep his family safe. He willingly takes all the steps necessary including sabotaging an effort that would bring tragedy to the U.S.

Simon assembles a team and does his best to keep them safe while his longtime mentor and friend attempts to kill them all.

HEADHUNTERS is a fast paced, hold you in your seat until the end kind of tale. The truth is I can't wait until Charlie Cole's next book.

Dennis says

Interesting story with a couple of plot twists, one I was expecting another I wasn't. There were two scenes in the book I didn't think belonged which is why it received 3 stars from me. They were both sex scenes that to me were completely out of my place with the entire book and the way it was flowing. I almost put the book down because of them.

Other than that, I would recommend the book.

Emily says

This head hunting job sure was a lot more fun than the one I did in college. Interesting story, of somewhat far-fetched that a desk jockey would have such practical field skills. Regardless, a fun, fast paced read.

Stacy says

This was much better than anticipated. I got it for Free on Kindle and bought his second book, "Damascus Road," as soon as i was finished.

TL Jeffcoat says

A fast paced roller coaster that reminded me of 24. The best part was that Simon Parks was no Jack Bauer. He was human, full of mistakes and not the baddest dude with or without a gun. The character development in this book is excellent, as is the dialogue and the settings. I was amazed at the complexity of the story as I followed Simon around while he not only tried to save his family but the U.S.

The only problem I ran across at all was a handful of typos sprinkled throughout. Even so, this was an awesome action packed adventure and I eagerly await the next book written by Charlie Cole. He has a gift for dialogue and description.

There are two sex scenes also that were very well detailed and yet realistic and tasteful.

Carol says

OK story. A little long and I skipped a few pages here and there. This is a renegade bad guy running a covert government agency and a handful of good guys to stop him. Simon Parks is a headhunter for international spies and relocates to start over only to be framed by the Dept of Homeland Security for murder.

Ryan says

The story was there, but it was difficult to get past all of the "I's." The story is told through the main characters point of view and "I" did this, "I" was that, "I" felt, "I" trained in this, ect.... made me roll my eyes while reading it.

Chanouel says

This book reads like a movie. I loved the story, loved the action, liked the characters. I agree with a lot of the reviewers that the sex scenes had no place in the book. I have nothing against descriptive sex scenes but in this case, it does nothing to add to the story.

The only reason I withheld the 5 stars this book deserves for all the typos that distracted me while reading. Please Mr. Cole, your fine story telling talent deserves to be presented in an impeccable way.

Cheryl says

Nice thriller. Kept me reading.

The plot was one of the convoluted ones I like, but I couldn't bond with the hero. After being a negligent dad for several years, he finds his wife leaving him because of his demanding job. He chases after her, and she runs off the road and dies. He blames himself. With reason, I think. That predisposed me to dislike him right away.

But he quits his job, determined to make it up to his kids, and takes a new one in another town. From the convenient live-in babysitter--who moves with them!--to the hot coworker who succumbs, Simon seems to have everything going his way.

Until it turns out his old boss wanted him in the new job for nefarious purposes.

Not a bad read. Readers who like action and skulduggery will enjoy it.

LM Goodrich says

I was extremely disappointed in this book . The writing style and the development of the characters were very elementary . The high rating of this book makes me suspect that many of the reviewers have close relations with the author. A cardinal rule in writing is "characters must respond to situations and act according to the way people really do act". I found that I could not believe anything that developed during the storyline of this novel.

I will not go into the story-line, many other reviews have already done this so I will just rate the book on its elements (0 to 5 being highest):

Protagonist Development: 2

Antagonist Development: 1

Minor Character Development: 1

Storyline: 1

Setting: 1

Theme: 1

Writing Style: 1

Overall Rating: 1

Giacomo says

Mistakes mar a potentially good book.

I really wanted to like this book. I'm a headhunter myself, and I love thrillers, so this appealed to me on several levels. The book started out good, and I was looking for an enjoyable read, but I hit a few bumps along the way.

I'm overly picky when it comes to mistakes of any kind, so some of these things might not bother other readers, but the book had too many mistakes for me to truly enjoy it. There were grammatical mistakes, words misused, words and even sentences repeated, and dialogue tags misused. I also had a problem believing some of the action that took place.

I read some of the other reviews and a lot of people gave this book high marks. Obviously the things I mentioned don't bother them like they bother me. If you can tolerate the things I mentioned, by all means pick this book up. You will probably like it. It's fast-paced, and reads as if it were written for the screen. Charlie has good storytelling skills and he knows how to build suspense. I just wish he had spent a little more time correcting the errors.
