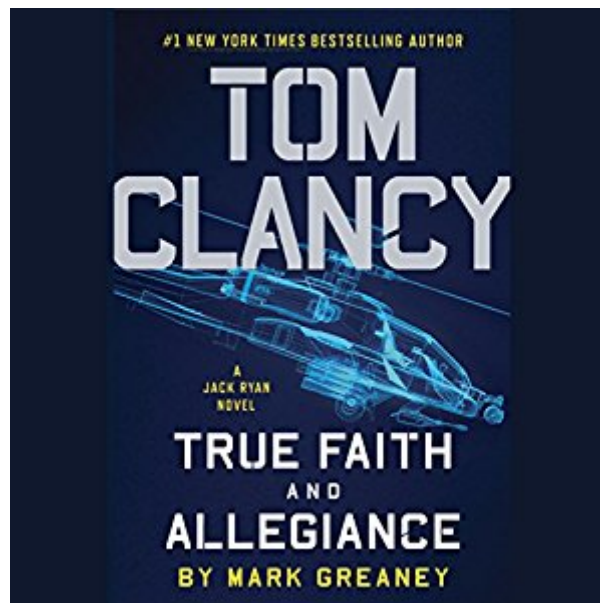


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Synopsis

The number one New York Times best-selling series is back with the most shocking revelation of all. After years of facing international threats, President Jack Ryan learns that the greatest dangers always come from within.... It begins with a family dinner in Princeton, New Jersey. After months at sea, US Navy commander Scott Hagan, captain of the USS James Greer, is on leave when he is attacked by an armed man in a crowded restaurant. Hagan is shot, but he manages to fight off the attacker. Though severely wounded, the gunman reveals he is a Russian whose brother was killed when his submarine was destroyed by Commander Hagan's ship. Hagan demands to know how the would-be assassin knew his exact location, but the man dies before he says more. In the international arrivals section of Tehran's Imam Khomeini airport, a Canadian businessman puts his fingerprint on a reader while chatting pleasantly with the customs official. Seconds later he is shuffled off to interrogation. He is actually an American CIA operative who has made this trip into Iran more than a dozen times, but now the Iranians have his fingerprints and know who he is. He is now a prisoner of the Iranians. As more deadly events involving American military and intelligence personnel follow all over the globe, it becomes clear that there has been some kind of massive information breach and that a wide array of America's most dangerous enemies have made a weapon of the stolen data. With US intelligence agencies potentially compromised, it's up to John Clark and the rest of The Campus to track the leak to its source. Their investigation uncovers an unholy threat that has wormed its way into the heart of our nation. A danger that has set a clock ticking and can be stopped by only one man...President Jack Ryan.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book with some misgivings, I have read every Jack Ryan book written. I did not want to be disappointed with the author change. I must now apologize to Mark Greaney for my doubts. This book was every bit as good as all the rest of the series. I loved the fact that we have many players involved, it is not an easy read. I like a book I have to think about, that does not go as planned in your mind. There are many things going on at the same time. I love the fact Jack Jr has grown but the best part was the inclusion of Jack Sr, after all he is the character that got us involved in the first place. All good characters must come to an end, but please not yet. Fast paced, believable situations and the hope for yet another book. Good job.

I don't know how Mark Greaney manages to nail Clancy's style and ability, but he has certainly done it in this novel. It starts off kind of slow - made me hope that didn't last - and it didn't. Stick with it because after the first few chapters, it's a page turner for sure. Also like Clancy, Greaney has managed to give us a book that's up with the times exploring cyber espionage. SUPERB book - don't miss it.

Greaney is a fine author, but it seems the ability to connect the reader to the characters isn't quite there. I would recommend this installment to a Clancy fan but go in knowing that Jack Jr will never connect with the average reader as Jack Sr did during his rise up the political ladder.

I read this over a couple of airplane trips. Usually I need to reacquaint myself with characters, but not this time. Not only were the characters completely developed, the story interwove a thousand spiderwebs into the single core at the explosive almost end and the THE surprise ending. Great read and would do it all again.

I've read Clancy from the very beginning and thoroughly enjoyed the Jack Ryan adventures. The style of this story very closely resembles Clancy's, but there isn't the same subtlety of character that I expected and found in Tom Clancy's writing. All that aside, this was a very good read -- just not the same as the original.

I much prefer Mark Greaney to Grant Blackwood as the replacement for the late Tom Clancy. That

said, this Greaney piece isn't quite up to the level of his past works in the series. I can't put my finger on it, but it just didn't have the same feeling of tension and excitement as the others. Most of the bad guys' moves were telegraphed to you pages in advance. And the good guys are a little too brilliant in deducing what the bad guys will do.

Greaney's workaround to that is to put mindless bureaucrats in their way, who conveniently are killed by the threats that the "Campus" operators tell them about. The ending seemed out of character with Greaney's other Tom Clancy novels, both because it crossed the boundary of plausibility, and also because he made some simple technical errors that aren't common for him. I won't describe the implausible plot elements so not to spoil anyone's read, but I noted the following errors: A-10's are Air Force, not Army; an Apache helicopter wouldn't issue a "Radar lock" warning for a shoulder-fired SAM missile, which would be heat-seeking; and neither F/A-18's or A-10's carry Hellfire missiles. Also, President Jack Ryan's Oval Office speech seemed a little glib, given the recent deaths of dozens of Americans.

Mark Greaney has carried on the tradition of Tom Clancy novels without question. He is a remarkable storyteller and his Tom Clancy book series are as if Mr. Clancy himself has written them. He continues the Clancy series of books with great honor to the late Mr. Clancy.

This Jack Ryan novel by Tom Clancy kept me on the edge of my seat while reading it. The team of which Jack Ryan is a member get involved in situations that keep you interested to a degree you don't want to put the book down, this one was no exception.

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