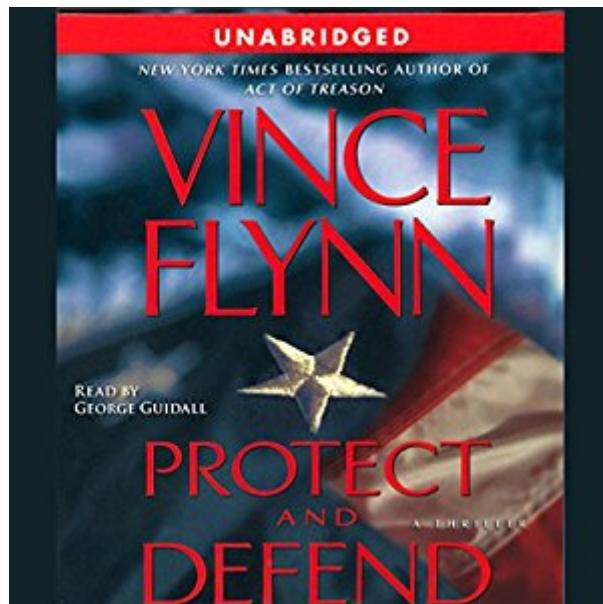


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Protect And Defend



Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author Vince Flynn returns with his most explosive political thriller yet. A tour de force of action-packed suspense, Protect and Defend delivers an all-too-realistic and utterly compelling vision of nations navigating the minefield of international intrigue. A true "heavyweight in the political thriller arena" (Minneapolis Star Tribune), Vince Flynn has created a flesh-and-blood hero that readers can cheer for and a "finger-blistering page-turner" they won't dare put down. In Protect and Defend, the action begins in the heart of Iran, where billions of dollars are being spent on the development of a nuclear program. No longer willing to wait for the international community to stop its neighboring enemy, Israel launches one of the most creative and daring espionage operations ever conceived. The attack leaves a radioactive tomb and environmental disaster in the middle of Iran's second largest city. An outraged Iranian government publicly blames both Israel and the United States for the attack and demands retribution. Privately, Iran's bombastic president wants much more. He wants America and Israel to pay for their aggression with blood. Enter Mitch Rapp, America's top counterterrorism operative. Used to employing deception, Rapp sees an opportunity where others see only Iranian reprisals that could leave thousands of Americans dead. Rapp convinces President Josh Alexander to sign off on a risky operation that will further embarrass the Iranian government and push their country to the brink of revolution. As part of the plan, CIA director Irene Kennedy is dispatched to the region for a clandestine meeting with Azad Ashani, her Iranian counterpart. But Rapp isn't the only one hatching plans. Iran's President Amatullah has recruited Hezbollah master terrorist Imad Mukhtar to do his dirty work. For decades Mukhtar has acted as a surrogate for Iran, blazing a trail of death and destruction across the Middle East and beyond. When Kennedy's meeting with Ashani goes disastrously wrong, Rapp and Mukhtar are set on a collision course that threatens to engulf the entire region in war. With the clock ticking, Rapp is given twenty-four hours, no questions asked, to do whatever it takes to stop Mukhtar, and avert an unthinkable catastrophe.

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Customer Reviews

What a great read! Mitch Rapp is truly a great hero - James Bond, John Rambo, Jason Bourne and a Marvel superhero (take your pick) all rolled into one! Of course it's a fantastic story but one never really knows. A woman CIA director getting kidnapped, let alone in the middle east, is not something that could really happen in real life but then, who knows? That is the premise of this book and it's quite compelling. Mitch Rapp is always there to provide drama and great suspense. He gets his man in the end but boy, what a joy to read. The late Vince Flynn was a great story writer, especially this genre of CIA inspired novels. I have read all his novels except one and to be honest, it's very difficult to read other writers who try to imitate his style because they can't do it. Flynn had a certain way of putting you in the middle of the action and immersing you in it. If you have watched one of the Bourne movies, it reads just like that. As you are reading the book, it unfolds like a movie. I read the book literally in one night. Stayed up until the "movie" was over.

Vince Flynn is an imaginative and prolific writer who exhibits a true genius for research. His knowledge of the inner-workings of our government and its weak-points is impressive. Equally impressive is his ability, willingness, and courage to "tell it like it is". In his series of Mitch Rapp novels, Vince Flynn grabs your attention and his fast-paced story-telling style holds it in a vice-like grip. I found myself unable to put any of his novels down once I started them. Considering the fact that most of these novels run somewhere between 500 and 700 pages, this is no small feat for any author. I have read every one of the Mitch Rapp novels and believe me when I say that there is not a bad apple on that tree. Each of these novels may be read as a stand-alone but you may find yourself with a better grasp of the overall flow of characters and events if you read them in proper sequence. By the way, the proper reading sequence cannot be determined by publication date alone as a couple of the Mitch Rapp novels were written (more or less) as prequels. I recommend that you read these novels in the following sequence: (1) "American Assassin" (2) "Kill Shot" (3) "Transfer of Power" (4) "The Third Option" (5) "Separation of Power" (6) "Executive Power" (7)

"Memorial Day"(8) "Consent to Kill"(9) "Act of Treason"(10) "Protect and Defend"(11) "Extreme Measures"(12) "Pursuit of Honor" There is another novel ("The Survivor") in the Mitch Rapp series scheduled to begin shipping in hardback around October 8, 2013 by Simon & Schuster and it can be pre-purchased via .com.

WOW. Another page turner delivered by Vince Flynn. The Mitch Rapp series just keeps getting better and better. In "Protect and Defend", Mitch Rapp does what Mitch Rapp is best known for. He takes charge, defying all political correctness. He is one of the best "In your face, do the right thing" CIA operatives ever to be put to work defending the United States of America. His quick thinking and superb tactical mind simply solves problems. He doesn't care what any of the power people of Washington think. He could care less about laws that protect terrorists and isn't afraid of breaking them to save lives. I love his "no nonsense" approach to problem solving. Mitch takes charge of an operation that goes terribly wrong and doesn't hesitate to cut straight through all the legalities of his actions to get results that are extremely time sensitive. No matter what anyone thinks of his tactics, not one of them can say he doesn't deliver results. This is the 10th book in the chronological order of the Rapp series. It has proven to be just as exciting and fast paced as the previous novels. If you're a Mitch Rapp fan then I don't have to tell you you won't be disappointed in this book.

Another great book by Flynn. This one was quite a page turner. Kennedy gets kidnapped and Rapp is after the bad guys to find her and to avenge her. Guess who wins? The setting is mostly in Iran, which is different for this series. I really enjoyed the plot line and the result (ending). I wish Flynn would have refrained from using excessive colorful language, but it does add a touch of realism.

I binge read all the books over the past 3 weeks in the order they were written. Loved them. Compelling storyline. Good descriptions that bring you right into the story. I read them on kindle. If you are just starting out, read the 2 prequels first. The new author did just as well with the story line. I hope more books get written.

I was introduced to Vince Flynn and his Mitch Rapp character by my young adult grandson. I can't remember which one I read first but I was hooked. I then read all of Flynn's books in order. I was sorry to learn of his passing due to cancer but was glad to hear Kyle Mills was contracted to continue the Mitch Rapp series. I've purchased The Survivor but haven't read it as yet. I tend to go for strong characters as opposed to romance novels. If you are not into W.E.B. Griffin, David

Baldacci, John Grisham, and the like, you may not like the Mitch Rapp series. I loved them.

Another thriller in the Mitch Rapp series by Vince Flynn...and I loved it. Can't wait to get to the next book.

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