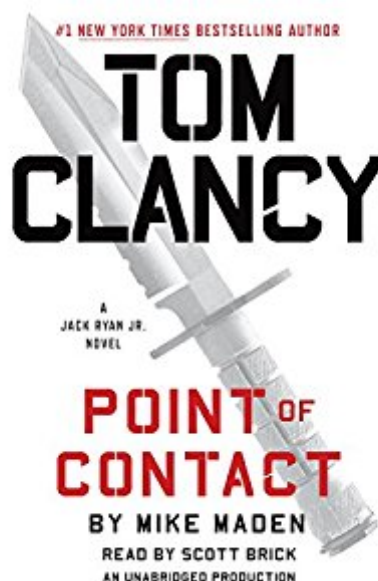


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Tom Clancy Point Of Contact: Jack Ryan Jr., Book 4



Synopsis

In the latest electrifying adventure in Tom Clancy's #1 New York Times bestselling series, Jack Ryan, Jr., learns that sometimes the deadliest secret may be standing right next to you. Former U.S. Senator Weston Rhodes is a defense contractor with an urgent problem. His company needs someone to look over the books of Dalfan Technologies, a Singapore company-quickly. He turns to his old friend Gerry Hendley for help. Hendley Associates is one of the best financial analysis firms in the country and the cover for The Campus, a top-secret American intelligence agency. Rhodes asks for two specific analysts, Jack Ryan Jr., and Paul Brown, a mild-mannered forensic accountant. Both Ryan and Brown initially resist, for different reasons. On the long flight over, Ryan worries he's being sidelined from the next Campus operation in America's war on terror. Brown-who was never very good with people-only worries about the numbers, and finding a good cup of tea. Brown has no idea Jack works for The Campus but the awkward accountant is hiding secrets of his own. Rhodes has tasked him with uploading a cyberwarfare program into the highly secure Dalfan Technologies mainframe on behalf of the CIA. On the verge of mission success, Brown discovers a game within the game, and the people who now want to kill him are as deadly as the cyclone bearing down on the island nation. Together Ryan and Brown race to escape both the murderous storm and a team of trained assassins in order to prevent a global catastrophe, even at the cost of their own lives.

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Customer Reviews

I am surprised to see a variety of authors working on Clancy's work. I hope they collaborate so the timeline is maintained evenly. This book was a faster read than most, and that seems to be because this author lacks the Clancy flair in weaving a massive story line together. This book reads as a typical action thriller with plenty of movements. I hope if this author continues writing within the Jack Ryan canon, he develops a bit of nuanced plots. It was a good start, but nowhere near what it needs to be to be a proper Ryan novel.

Better than the last few Jr novels, but not all the way there yet. Kept me interested enough to finish it, which is better than the last one.

The story started off well enough, but the middle half just sort of plodded along. It seemed like the bad guys were usually a few steps ahead of Jack & Paul, and at times, I felt they were being played as fools. Finally after the long setup, things got moving and the end mostly justified the means! In the end, things were sorted pretty well. There were a few plot surprises. I don't think this is quite up to TC's standard, but I finished it. No shortage of action by the end.

I liked the development of Jack Jr. as a singular character as in Point of Contact. He shows he can go into the field and successfully run an op. I liked the insertion of Paul Brown as a character and his secret background. I was surprised that Jack's relationship with Ms. Fairchild wasn't developed more but perhaps it will reoccur in future books as I am sure Yong Fairchild who escaped to China will come into play again. As is always the case with Clancy's books the subject is always relevant to current events given the conflict with North Korea today.

Did Tom Clancy come back to life? Except that the book is only 500+ pages instead of 800+ that Clancy would have written, you can't tell the difference. The 3 or more sub-plots run smoothly just like a classic Clancy, although I must say he was the master of that and at times had so many sub-plots that you would wonder how they would ever be tied together. But I enjoyed this book...but how long is Jack Sr. still going to be the President?!?

This is the weakest "Clancy" thriller that I have ever read. The narrative itself is not very credible starting with a washed up pretty boy ex senator who is the bad guy, although his is supposedly working on a massive interruption on global stock exchanges arranged by North Korea and some

Bulgarian thug. The story goes from difficult to understand events to even more difficult to believe character interactions. The character of John Jr. is wasted. All the supporting characters we know are also absent. I would recommend against this book for these reasons. Maybe the next Clancy will improve.

I enjoy some of the Tom Clancy series writers, but not this one. The whole plot was implausible - that someone would give, under code of secrecy, a USB stick to plug into a foreign company's computer and the savvy accountant who agreed to do it didn't think for a moment that this was fishy. Very little action, and what there was was also implausible.

Not the greatest but I'm happy that the series with Jack Ryan is allowed to continue. The computer stuff was a bit much but all the technical detail seemed consistent with a Clancy novel. Still, a bit tedious for long stretches in the book. Also, a little too much action hero type with Ryan; a bit too far fetched in that regard.

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