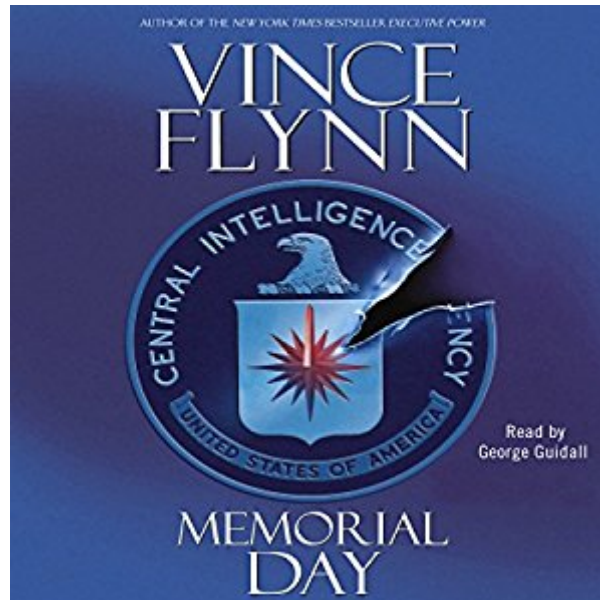




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Synopsis

It's just seven days before Memorial Day, and a spike in CIA intelligence has pointed to a major terrorist attack on the United States. Now it's up to counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp to pull out all the stops. Rapp immediately leaves for Afghanistan, where he leads a special forces unit on a daring commando raid across the border into a remote Pakistani village. Their target: an al-Qaeda stronghold. Rapp and his team soon discover plans for a catastrophic nuclear attack on Washington, DC. Information is quickly relayed back to CIA headquarters, and a nuclear emergency support team scrambles to the scene. In a few hours, the freighters have been located and disarmed and the danger has been averted. Or has it? Mitch Rapp can't shake the feeling that the operation seemed just a bit too easy. Rapp follows his instincts on a quest to unearth the whole truth. What he finds is truly terrifying, and with Memorial Day closing fast, Rapp must find a way to prevent a disaster of unimaginable proportions.

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Customer Reviews

Another good book from Flynn. In this one the hero stops the bad guys (Muslims) from blowing up several cities with nuclear bombs. Naturally the last bomb is a problem and takes some rather creative thinking to deal with it. Rapp is a bit over the top with the way he explodes in front of top level people. I enjoyed the books more where Rapp worked alone or maybe with one or two helpers. They are not as fun with the volume of people that are involved as in with this book. Nevertheless, good plot and excellent story telling.

This was the first book written post-9/11 and is still a very good story despite the unfortunate emphasis on torture and abundant PC drivel about Islam: [Mitch Rapp] recited verses from the Koran that condemned the killing of innocent civilians. Yep all those many verses that people say are more often than they actually produce them. Mitch Rapp again: "Have you never read the Koran and wondered how the imams derive such hate from a book that is so filled with peace and beauty? Well, I've read the Koran. I wonder how anyone derives anything peaceful from a book so full of hate unless they're really determined to see what they want to see. The interrogation scenes are somewhat unrealistic in other ways. Jihadis do not fear death (they call it martyrdom), so threatening to kill a captured terrorist is not going to make him break. Maybe Flynn picked up on this in later books. Again, as others here have pointed out, this is an entertaining story. I just thought I'd get a few things out.

I liked the first couple Mitch Rapp books I read, but as I've read others, he's become more and more unlikable. He often gets angry if he doesn't get his way. In some situations he needs to use violence to protect himself or others, but the character seems to enjoy violence and torture. In the current and last book (for me), he obviously is letting his personal feelings cause him to use more aggressive torture than might be needed - of course this is fictional, but he seems to jump right into inflicting the worst thing just short of murder.

This is as good as a novel with a superstar CIA operative gets. It is filled with action and a believable plot. It's only foible is that it is one of a series with a continuing protagonist. One may wonder why I bothered reading it, since I knew this before I started. It is simply because it is a nice break from reading more serious and tedious books.

In reading this book it made me think about it was for real. A loss to the literary world, Flynn knows how create his characters, the scenes and story line. This book is probably my favorite until I read the next book.

Vince Flynn Died this year so there will be no more of his fabulous books. All of his books except Term Limits feature CIA Agent Mitch Rapp. I have 2 strong recommendations. Read term Limits first

as it sets the stage for the Rapp series and 2, you MUST read the rest of the books in the order they were published. The Rapp series is a saga and the timeline is an important part of that saga. Flynn's books are spellbinding and is the most intriguing writer I have followed and I read a lot. You will not be disappointed in this book unless you read it out of series order.

Flynn explores a frightening possibility; one that seems all too realistic. The hero Rapp is able, of course, to thwart the attack and save the world yet again--all in thrilling fashion.

Located in the underbelly of American government lay secrets that the American people most likely do not want to know. Memorial Day takes the reader on a journey inside the war on terror. Vince Flynn builds a story that is so realistic, it forces the reader to ask themselves what is really transpiring in the world around us. Mitch Rapp once again is the center point of the book. He is on mission to save thousands of Americans from the devastating ramifications of a nuclear explosion. The story is vivid and real, portrayed through fictional characters the places and possibilities are real. From Afghanistan to the sordid nuclear waste fields in the old USSR, Flynn is able to paint a picture that will keep us on our toes. He is also able to bring to life the politics that play into the every day decisions are elected leaders face. Is re-election and a new Vice President truly happening for the reasons that the media is telling us? Is the upcoming Deputy AG one of the countries brightest or did she sleep her way into power? Mitch Rapp hates the drama, he hates the politics but more importantly he wants what terrorists want to do to our country. This book will keep you engaged, you will skip dinner to read just a couple more pages and before you realize you will be hooked. You will be asking yourself was that an earthquake or was it the lifesaving work of a real Mitch Rapp!

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