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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review

Ex-military policeman Jack Reacher is lying low in Key West, digging up swimming pools by hand. He is not at all pleased when a private detective starts asking questions about him. But when the detective, Costello, turns up dead with his fingertips sliced off, Reacher realizes it is time to move on.

As in Lee Child's two previous thrillers, *Die Trying* and *Killing Floor*, Reacher is soon up to his neck in lethal trouble, this time involving a vicious Wall Street manipulator, a mysterious woman (of course), and the livelihood of a whole community. Even the fate of soldiers missing in action in Vietnam is stirred into the brew.

But this is not a book by one of the new breed of U.S. thriller writers. Child prides himself on his ability, as an Englishman, to write American thrillers that are utterly convincing in milieu and toughness of action, without a trace of English sensibility. *Tripwire* is no exception. Every bit as lean and compulsive as its predecessors, it also builds on the freshest aspect of those books: Reacher may be a tough, epic hero, but he always remains human and vulnerable. --Barry Forshaw

From Publishers Weekly

Jack Reacher, the hulking ex-soldier readers will remember from Child's first two thrillers, *Die Trying* and *Killing Floor*, can kill with his bare hands, and sports chest muscles thick enough to stop bullets. He's actually a dynamo of a character, wily in an innocent sort of way, and the anchor to one of the best new series in thriller fiction. Here, Reacher is incognito, living the life of a drifter and digging swimming pools in Key West. When a PI from New York comes looking for him, and shortly afterwards turns up dead with his fingertips sliced off, Reacher flies north and discovers that the instigator of the search is Leon Garber, his former army commanding officer. But Garber has died the day before Reacher arrives. As Reacher finds out from Jodie Jacob, Garber's beautiful attorney daughter, Garber was helping an elderly couple to locate their son, who supposedly died in a helicopter crash during the Vietnam War. The military won't confirm the death, however, or even classify the soldier as missing in action. Pursuing the search together, Reacher and Jacob narrowly escape murder attempts by a pair of dark-suited thugs who work for an evil corporate loan shark named "Hook" Hobie, who has a hideously disfigured face and a metal hook for a right hand. Hobie is harboring a terrible secret linking him to the couple's vanished son, and he'll kill anyone who tries to discover his diabolical past. A showdown between the two men is inevitable, and when it happens, it's a beautiful almost as good as Child's skillfully laid surprise ending and the crisp and original dialogue throughout. Reacher is a complex, contemplative brute whose aversion to social and material entanglements entail very peculiar habits and ideas. He never cleans his clothes, preferring to buy new ones (going to a dry cleaner implies a commitment to return); and he's spellbinding whether kicking in doors or just kicking around a thought in his brain. Literary Guild featured alternate; feature film rights for *Killing Floor* and the character of Jack Reacher optioned by Mark Johnson/Polygram; rights to Jack Reacher series sold to 18 countries. (July)

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From Library Journal

Jack Reacher is retired from his career as a military policeman and settled into a low-profile life in Key West, FL. Alas, the calm is not to last. A man turns up murdered in the cemetery, and Reacher realizes he was the murdered man's reason for coming to the city. He then launches a search to discover who is behind the killing. The trail leads from sunny Key West to gritty and glitzy New York, a tortuous maze that involves

an elderly couple who believe their son is a POW in Vietnam, the daughter of Reacher's deceased friend, and a man deeply in debt to a truly chilling villain. Dick Hill does a good job of keeping the pace, knowing when to pick up the tempo and when to lay back. His women don't really sound like women, though the characters' personalities do come through, which is this reviewer's measure of a good reading. Child (Die Trying) has written an intelligent thriller with plenty of action, believable characters, and just enough suspense to keep the listener on edge. A few details don't ring true: for example, in the United States, one usually looks for property records at the Register of Deeds, not at the public library. But this is not a work for deep reflection; it's an action ride. A worthy addition for the suspense/thriller section of public libraries.

-Nancy Paul, Brandon P.L., WI

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