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Customer Reviews

This book was a departure for Elmore Leonard in terms of setting. It takes place in Israel which is a setting that he had not used in previous works. I got the sense that he spent some time there while I was reading this book. His descriptions of the country, its landmarks, and roads were very vivid. The plot of this book was also a bit of a departure. It centers on the efforts of a marine to protect a businessman that fled the United States after testifying against organized crime figures when the charges against them don't stick. He uses an alias and is quite the playboy. While spending time with a woman in an Israeli hotel, he is photographed by a local newspaper when the hotel catches fire. This prompts the criminals to pursue him. This book is engaging, but it, again, ends rather abruptly with a less than satisfying ending.

Thank you Thank you thank you Mr. Leonard for having a mystery where all the characters actually play their role and are not dying of unknown diseases or have untold psychological problems or where molested by someone. Nope none of that just another great well told exciting thriller that he is a master of. I have recently read a Grisham, and a Coben, that were both disappointing after 30 Leonard novels I can honestly say never once disappointed.

Elmore was my favorite author, he died not too long ago so I'll miss his books tremendously, I own everything he's written. He wrote the most entertaining books. Here's an amazing Elmore Leonard fact. He's the only author to have the rights to every book he's written purchased by Hollywood for the movie rights and included any book he might of written in the future. Show me another author

that could say that, that's how good he was.

This is another of Leonard's good stories, but lacks the usual sparkling dialogue which is the reason Leonard enjoys the broad readership that he does. It is how he has always developed character; through dialogue, and this novel is a disappointment in that regard. He tells us, rather than shows, us who these people are. Too many characters with too little depth. Instead of developing the character of the players through repeated verbal exchanges they are presented more as two dimensional people whose motivations are muddy at best. Ambiguity in character is fine, but not when there is a significant lack of substance to explain it. It reads like it was written for TV. Not one of his best, but diverting enough to read to the end.

A departure from Mr. Leonard's usual, the story takes place in Israel. Classic Elmore Leonard, but with a twist.

Starting to write like the later Leonard stories, which seemed to cut off abruptly at the end. However, the characters were awesome and believable. The plot and twists were worth it.

I chose this rating because it deserves the 5 stars! I've read all of Elmore Leonard's novels, and recommend each one to everyone who wants to read good plots with amazing characters who speak realistic dialog.

As with all Elmore Leonard writing, the dialog captures the voices of the characters and moves the action along nicely.

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