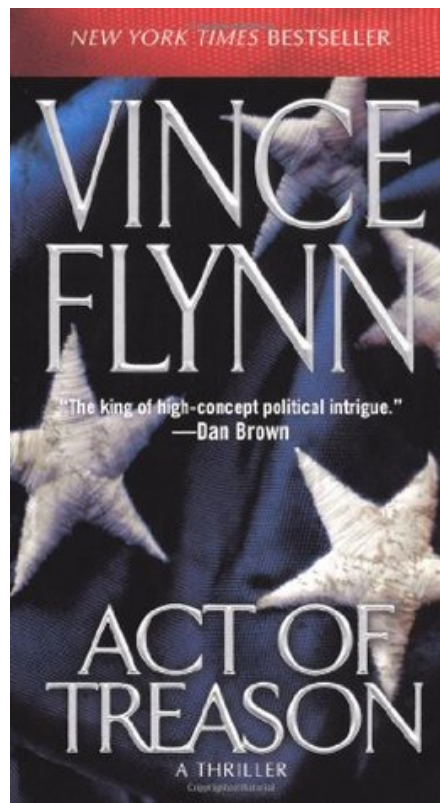




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The fallout from a horrific Washington explosion has just begun—and so has CIA superagent Mitch Rapp's hunt for a killer with a personal agenda—in this explosive thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author Vince Flynn.

In the final weeks of a fierce presidential campaign, a motorcade carrying candidate Josh Alexander is shattered by a car bomb. Soon after the attack, Alexander is carried to victory by a sympathy vote, but his assailants have not been found. When CIA director Irene Kennedy and Special Agent Skip McMahon receive damaging intelligence on Washington's most powerful players, they call on Mitch Rapp—the one man reckless enough to unravel a global network of contract killers on an explosive mission that leads back to the heart of our nation's capital...and the inner sanctum of the Oval Office.

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Mike (the Paladin) says

We open here with a shattering assassination attempt. Assumed to be the actions of terrorists when Irene Kennedy "looks into things" the pillars of the government and indeed the basis of a lot of assumptions are shaken.

Who will Kennedy, Director of the CIA turn to?

Guess.

Mitch Rapp again thrown into harms way and handed a hot potato no one should have to handle does what's needed. This novel I didn't find as "memorable" as some of the other Flynn works I've read. We have an ending that leaves some...well some loose ends, but I assume that's by design.

So, I drop the rating to 4 stars, but still that's good. Another reliable page turner about characters we're getting to know. Sometimes we get a bit more about some aspects of their lives than I care about, but then I'd be willing to bet that those are the aspects that other readers like best... It's all a matter of taste.

Good book, enjoy.

Michael says

If I was condensing a review of this book into a bumper-sticker, it would be 'Rapp Is RAD.'

Mitch Rapp is my new favorite CIA 'bad hombre,' replacing John Clark and faithful sidekick/Son-in-Law Ding Chavez. Those guys occasionally feel remorse when dispatching America's enemies, whereas Rapp shoots first, shoots often and the only question he asks afterwards is '...next target?'

This is even more Machiavellian than your standard foreign terrorists target Americans story. This curveball on the usual 21st century cautionary tale has Americans hiring a terrorist - more accurately an assassin - to kill other Americans to rig a Presidential election.

When the FBI and Secret Service get bogged down in the swamp of political red tape and due process, the CIA calls 'BS' and sends-in Rapp, and the bad-guy body count begins piling-up.

Dean says

Unfortunately I was disappointed with this book for one specific reason. I think it had probably 10 times as much profanity as all of his previous Mitch Rapp books combined. Having an F-bomb on almost every other page was really disappointing.

G.H. Eckel says

A 500-pound bomb hidden on the streets of D.C. obliterates the second limo in a presidential motorcade killing the vice president's wife. This terrorist act appears to be committed by a professional from Greece who has Russian ties. But not everything is the way it appears. It takes super-CIA-agent Mitch Rapp and the head of the CIA, Irene Kennedy, to unwind the tendrils of the plot that leads back home. This is a deft, fast-moving thriller that takes place in the arena of global politics.

Pros:

Great writing. Great characters. Great action. Great plotting.

Cons:

Flynn occasionally lets the story get bogged down in backstory. Just skip that.

Warning: This novel is flooded with testosterone. Mitch Rapp is an expert, brutal assassin. The only reason we can stomach such a killer is that he's on "our side." Expert shot, proficient at torture, he has a God-like understanding of who the bad guys are, which gives him license to use any means of squeezing out confessions. This novel is not for the faint of heart.

Sarah says

Political thriller starring rogue CIA operative Mitch Rapp. About every ten trips cross-country, so about every 3-4 months, I have to buy something in the airport bookstore because I ran out of book on my way out. Usually Jeffery Deaver or James Patterson has written something new by that point, so I just figure out what Lincoln Rhyme or Alex Cross is up to in their ever more convolutedly-plotted but thinly-written respective series. But alas! This time Lincoln Rhyme cost a cool 27 bucks in hardcover and Alex Cross was, I guess, on vacation from the bestseller list, so I ended up with Mitch Rapp. I almost gave this book one star but I try to reserve that for books that are actually terrible instead of books I just hate. Honestly, I think this could have been an excellent plot if all the potential twists had not been revealed in the first two chapters. But even if the plot had been great, I didn't like anything else. Sorry, Mitch Rapp, but this was our first and last airport flirtation.

Susan says

My friend handed me two Vince Flynn books a year and a half ago, saying that I'd like them. I stared at the plot descriptions skeptically, wondering how my friend could have confused me for an action book reader. The closest I had come before was Dan Brown, and I hadn't really liked the experience. So when I finally started *Act of Treason*, I only expected to read a hundred pages and then apologetically return them to the friend, telling her that they weren't my thing. But then I couldn't stop reading, and found that I was completely enjoying myself.

Vince Flynn's perspective is "24" + "The West Wing" so the capture and interrogation of terrorism suspects

is complemented by Washington officials protesting possible illegal action. Despite the protests of the White House, super-CIA-agent Mitch Rapp is able to solve the mystery and exact justice for the culprits. Along the way, the ramifications of anti-terrorism initiatives and corruption within Washington politicians are worth thinking about.

T.H. Waters says

I enjoy reading a thriller once in a while and have wanted to give Vince Flynn a shot, mainly because he is from my hometown in Minnesota. "Act of Treason" turned out to be a good choice for this genre. There's no question that Flynn has done his homework. As I was reading "Act of Treason" I felt that I was getting a genuine sneak peak into the U.S. intel community and the tricky business they face daily -- something which fascinates me. Flynn's writing style remains true to this particular class of books -- very action-based and to the point, no flowery prose or introspective character building here. He did an excellent job of setting up a solid plot and building his characters around it, remaining focused and on target throughout. Each chapter fleshed out more and more of the puzzle, adding just the right mix of information and intrigue as the pages turned. I was thankful that he didn't include any silly love story or gratuitous sex -- it just isn't meaningful to this type of a story line. I typically would prefer to become attached to the protagonist of any book I read, but I must confess that it was difficult with this one. Mitch Rapp was simply too cold and calculating. But then again, I have to chalk that up to probably being true to life - another score for Mr. Flynn for creating an accurate character depiction. Although I've never personally known any, I imagine that most real-life intel people simply can't afford to be warm, emotional or even multi-dimensional to any great degree. All in all, I thought "Act of Treason" was a well-written thriller. I have another one of Vince Flynn's books and look forward to reading that one as well.

Richard says

7/10

Another decent read in the series but it didn't meet my high expectations overall. The bar has been set quite high by this series and whilst nothing really changes here too much from the usual outline it falls a bit flat overall and is really let down by the ending.

The story starts with a terrorist exploding a bomb killing the wife of a candidate for the presidency and some other less important people but not all is as it seems. This leads to some of the usual exploring and hunting by the protagonist, Mitch Rapp, and some internal politicking in the CIA to try and work out if there is more than first thought.

Of course there is but it's too easily signposted along the way. There weren't many twists or turns here and what we've seen before was done again. From the off you knew the overall outline and where things would go. This doesn't mean it was a bad read, it was enjoyable and a palette cleanser after the tomb of A Dance with Dragons.

The thing that really got my goat was the ending. I was panicking that it would be a cliffhanger ending as no real resolution was upcoming and there was a handful of pages left. What can be done?! (view spoiler). Too easy to tie it all up, I would have preferred the cliffhanger and dragged it out into something a bit more tense in the next book. Not to be, I still enjoyed the ride if not the ending. It's a good series which is like a literary version of 24/West Wing.

Steven says

Tom Clancys Jack Ryan was great, but he immersed you in techno babble... John LeCarre gave you insight into the spy game, and Robert Ludlum made you a Jason Bourne fan, but now I am infatuated with Mitch Rapp, Vince Flynn's man in the CIA. Forget about how the damn thing works, just get on the damn roller coaster and hang on... I have been on a drunken Flynn stupor for two days and finished Act of Treason and his follow up novel.... Love it! Warning if you pick it up you won't put it down until you finish!!!!

Kevin Kuhn says

Sleazy politicians, a surprise presidential election result, and an investigation into that presidential election questioning if it were manipulated with the help of Russians. Sound familiar, guess again, this fictional novel was written in 2006 by Twin Cities native Vince Flynn. Vince Flynn wrote a series of thirteen novels starring a fictional CIA agent named Mitch Rapp. Flynn is a fascinating story himself as he forced himself to read challenging literary novels and write to overcome his difficulties with dyslexia. He started with a self-published novel, which did well in the Twin Cities which in turn, led to a traditional book deal for his Mitch Rapp series. Several Mitch Rapp novels hit the New York Times bestseller list. Flynn was also a consultant for the television series "24". Unfortunately, he passed away in 2013 after a long battle with prostate cancer. In 2016, the first Mitch Rapp movie, "American Assassin" was released and grossed over \$66 million worldwide.

Well, this is my first Vince Flynn novel and while it took me a bit to get into it, it eventually pulled me in and grabbed me until the last page. The main character, Mitch Rapp, is a savvy, shoot first – ask later, American CIA version of James Bond. He's not afraid to skirt the law a bit to get a righteous outcome. This novel feels a little too realistic with a couple of unscrupulous politicians caught up with shadowy contract killers. The story is tight, the action regular and stirring, and the characters are well constructed. It's masculine action-adventure for sure, but it's also smart and just plain fun. An example of Flynn's clever observations is that when someone is constantly late, they are either idiot savants, perfectionists, or egomaniacs. And the one to be most wary of, is, of course, the third category. Little remarks like that greatly increased my enjoyment of the story. I wish Flynn were still around writing more Mitch Rapp stories, but at least I have twelve more to read.

An entertaining political thriller that highlights the dangers of power and betrayal, but also finds hope that there are those that will stop at nothing for truth and justice.

Linda Munro says

In my opinion, this should have been the first book in the Rapp series to be made into a movie; but nope, they chose Consent to Kill! Oh, well, what do movie directors and producers know anyway?!

What would happen if a bomb wiped out a Presidential candidate's spouse? He would win the seat by the sympathy vote alone.

What would happen if one of the Secret Service Guards felt that something was wrong, and either the explosion that claimed the President elect's wife should have claimed his instead. And, what if that same Secret Service person recalls a moment prior to the blast that makes everything that occurred appear wrong or fixed?

As usual, the Director of the CIA would call Mitch Rapp in to figure out the truth! The question is, who will Rapp determine must be responsible? And, who will be taken down!

Another awesome political thriller in the Mitch Rapp series (#9)

Winter Sophia Rose says

Insightful, Educational & Intense!!! A Fascinating Read!!! I Loved It!!!

Josh says

Wow, what a blast! This was definitely the best thriller I've read to date. There isn't a dull moment at all throughout this entire book. It keeps you on the edge of your seat and was written masterfully. Vince Flynn shows a knowledge and expertise about every subject covered, from international relations to politics, to weapons and martial arts combat techniques. The character relationships are deep and complex, and the dialogue is probably better than just about any other author I've read.

Of course, the experience is doubled with the incredible delivery of the narration by George Guidall. One of the most loved narrators out there, it is true that you could probably enjoy him reading the phone book. With the Mitch Rapp novels, he brings them to life in such a realistic way. During some of the heated dialogue exchanges you just lose yourself and it feels as though you're actually there, or at the very least, see it unfolding in your mind as everything else fades away.

Also, I enjoy main characters who are tough and really hold their own, who make plans that actually succeed and totally outmatch the bad guys. Mitch Rapp kicks butt in this book, and it is awesome. That's not to say the character is perfect; he has flaws of his own that make him a complex character. I am so sick of characters who are weak, either mentally or physically, and always ends up failing or being victimized. That doesn't always make a strong, developed character. Flynn writes characters that are strong yet have weaknesses that don't turn them into victims. I feel like some authors don't have the skills to pull this off.

Natalie Vellacott says

Another cheap second hand novel I picked up to see what people are reading.

I think this is meant to be a crime thriller involving the CIA/FBI etc. However, it reads almost like a superhero book with one man, Rapp, constantly swooping everywhere and single-handedly saving the day. The slightly fantastical plot involves a conspiracy to assassinate the soon to be President of the USA, or at

least, that is what is assumed when the motorcade he is traveling in is blown up....The investigation leads to Russia, Cyprus and Belarus, but should those that seek answers really be looking in Switzerland?

This wasn't a page turner and I don't understand the many five star ratings. It was good enough to keep reading to the end. It was quite predictable apart from the odd twist-a bit like a Jack Bauer scenario; lone agent constantly going off book to bypass bureaucracy and everyone else trying to clean up his messes whilst looking on with a degree of admiration.

There was a lot of swearing and blasphemy in this and some sexual content. There is a lot of violence including torture scenes.

I probably wouldn't read another book in this series unless there was nothing else to read!

ElaineY says

My least-liked book so far. It was the usual slow start up to the halfway mark. Maybe even slower than usual. Picked up after that and I was enjoying it. Not as much as the other installments but at least I wasn't thinking of ditching it.

Then came the ending. The resolutions. I went W.T.F.???

That's it? It may be Rapp's way of resolving things but I expected different from Kennedy and disagree with her decision to go along with Rapp's idea. Can't give details but since I'm the only one who thought it was a lame way to end the book, I don't see the point in giving any, even with a spoiler alert.

I hope the rest of the books bring back the Vince Flynn I've come to love.

Update added November 26, 2015:

I only realized this book continues in the next installment, Protect and Defend and it would have been good to know that before I posted my review. However, having DNF'd Protect and Defend, I stand by my posted review.
