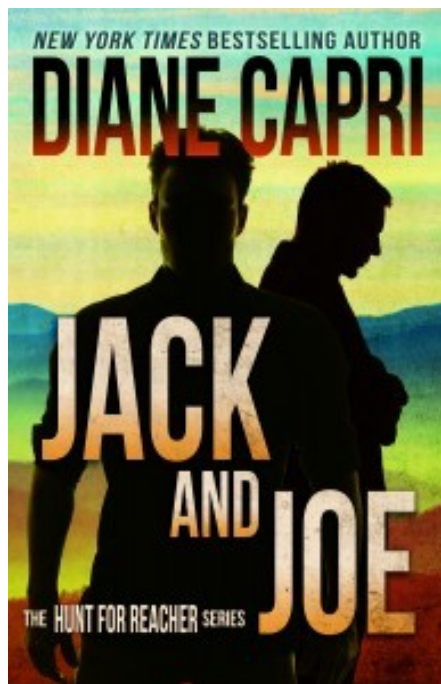




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FBI Agents Kim Otto and Carlos Gaspar vector on Fort Bird, seeking to uncover more on Jack Reacher for their "Boss", Cooper.

When FBI Special Agents Kim Otto and Carlos Gaspar are sent to Fort Bird, North Carolina to find Jack Reacher, powerful enemies with their backs against the wall will stop at nothing to keep the secrets Reacher left behind.

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From Reader Review JACK AND JOE for online ebook

Robert Ringler says

Received an advance copy from the author. I really like this series, as it looks at a favorite character from a very different point of view. Agents Otto and Gaspar are not given all of the data, and have formed an opinion of Jack Reacher that is quite at odds with that of most of Lee Child's longtime readers. Another installment in the Hunt for Reacher series that does continues to fill in Reacher's backstory. Jack and Joe gives more information about the brothers' relationship, as well as working well as it's own suspense novel. 4.5 stars, only shortcomings were several clues that the author provided, then did not explain or wrap up by the end of the novel. It would be quite interesting to see the characters from both series meet at a future point, and I hope that Otto and Gaspar can have their opinions changed.

John W. says

Diane Capri delivers readers a mystery thriller in JACK AND JOE; she creates a complex fast moving story. Capri introduces her readers to her protagonists, FBI special agents Kim Otto and Carlos Gaspar. She provides their individual backstories giving her readers a look at Otto's unique working relationship with Gaspar, and also updates as needed to continue development of Otto and Gaspar. Capri introduces her readers to Charles Cooper, Otto and Gaspar's boss, and Lamont Finlay, a presidential advisor. Both always seem to be one step ahead of Otto and Gaspar as they pursue their Reacher investigation. Their mysterious actions give Otto reason not to trust either of them.

Otto and Gaspar are investigating without a clear understanding of what the FBI wants or why they are looking for Jack Reacher. They both realize Cooper and Finlay have their own agendas. Capri places readers inside Otto's head, helping to understand Otto's thoughts and feelings regarding her mysterious assignment. Otto travels to Fort Bird, North Carolina, to interview military personnel who knew Reacher. The author describes Otto's awareness of the importance an interview with Reacher co-worker, Colonel Eunice Summers.

Capri introduces support characters giving backstories and their part in the storyline. She continues development of each character, providing ongoing updates as the story progresses. The author explains Otto's pursuit of connections with past and present co-workers of Jack or Joe Reacher. Storyline momentum speeds up, when Otto's new evidence regarding current unfolding corruption scandals and Reacher co-workers.

The investigation led by Otto changes direction when she finds and interviews Joe Reacher's ex-wife. Readers see Otto and Gaspar becoming more confident as they demand Cooper and Finlay provide answers to their questions. Capri enhances the working relationship between Otto and Gaspar giving them the strength to move their search forward. The author adds twists and turns to the storyline transitioning from events in Reacher's past and back to Reacher's effect on events currently unfolding at Fort Bird, North Carolina. JACK AND JOE's storyline comes to life and Capri helps readers see the human side of Gaspar, Otto, and the Reacher brothers. Capri creates an unforgettable and complex ending to JACK AND JOE giving her readers a feeling Otto and Gaspar are coming closer to Jack Reacher. Capri's new book is a must read and earns a 5-star ranking.

John Worthington says

We learn more about Jack and Joe Reacher's life in this book.

Carol Walls says

Very scattered. Disappointing characters with a confusing storyline. If you like Reacher books don't buy this one

It was confusing and messy. The characters were not well developed and didn't seem to have anything to do with Reacher other than an excuse to get his readers to buy this book. Not a good read.

Harry says

As part of the Jack Reacher Universe, as the film companies call these spin offs, this is well worth a read even though the great man doesn't appear in them. Nice easy reading on my daily train commute. Maybe, just maybe, there's a glimpse of him though? This is the sixth book in the series and I've also read the fifth so they don't seem to need to be read in sequence as each one is a stand alone tale, much like the Lee Child books.

Bill Wright says

You never really quite know what is going to happen when your boss calls. That is the downside of being employed. The paychecks are nice, but it's those pesky phone calls.

Diane Capri has created a parallel world to Lee Child's vaunted REACHER series; two FBI agents, Kim Otto and Carlos Gaspar, who have been tasked by their Charlie-esque boss—Cooper—to build a file on Jack Reacher and his activities since the end of "The Affair"; the purpose is ostensibly to vet Reacher for a confidential government mission.

In this sixth outing (covering about three weeks so far) Otto and Gaspar revisit the locale for THE ENEMY, Reacher's involvement with both Delta Force and Armor. For the first part of the journey, Otto is on her own as Gaspar is dealing with the impending arrival of his fifth child. The informant she is to meet is killed in a horrendous crash on sleet-slick North Carolina mountain roads. A wild shoot-out in a strip-club leaves people dead and the gimp-legged club owner injured. Cousins, brothers, husbands, wives, divorces and corruption...in many guises interplay in a game of which door do to run down.

Capri moves into a bit of a different mode in this book by shifting narration from third person to Otto's point of view. Subtle, but very much in line with Child's modality as well...he mixes voice from book to book. She also involves Otto and Gaspar much more in the Army social culture, especially the brother officer block and the meshing-yet-separation between officers and non-commissioned officers. It was sort of fun to see that Otto was sort of out of her comfort-zone on a military base without Gaspar, the newest dent in her Teutonic visage...other than the flying thing.

Gaspar's character is the sounding board and steadying influence in the team. He is the pragmatist and why Connor included him is not quite clear yet. He is an FBI lifer who could a disability out but is not. He is not fully physically fit...and yet can handle everything that needs to be done. This is a character I want to understand more fully. He deserves to be as rounded as Otto.

One issue I have with this tome...maybe it was perception or maybe it was wishful thinking...I was sort of hoping that we might have been treated to more of Jack and Joe being brothers together. We didn't get that—glimpses, yes. A few spots less murky, yes. Not the "full-contact" Joe and Reacher, though.

I got only one quibble that is sorta hanging out there. One weapon figures in the plot...the L115A3 rifle. I cannot for the life of me, figure out why. There is no reason for the shooter to have a British rifle in the circumstances in this book...not a one. I have to do some further checking, but the ballistic signature of the putative round likely wouldn't be too good for conditions given. That's my pickiness...

What about the book itself. First and foremost, I recommend it highly, especially if you are a Reacher fan. There are a couple of Reacher spin-offs but Diane Capri's is the only one I suggest you include on your shelf or in your Kindle/Nook/e-reader. Her writing is well-paced, she has a good command of story arc and both tension development and satisfying resolution. Her character development is spot on, especially fully forming the characters Childs has penned. One in particular...Charles Finley...has grown in both complexity and lethality.

One other very important issue---Capri reprises the essence of the prior books/novellas beautifully...so well, you will want to go back and read the whole series...from the beginning...

Matt says

Capri returns with another Hunt for Reacher novel, pulling in past history of Lee Child's popular character with her own spin. Working alone at the start of this mission, FBI Special Agent Kim Otto head to Fort Bird, North Carolina to liaise with a former military colleague of Jack Reacher's, at a posting that saw nothing but trouble develop for the elusive man. Learning little of interest on Base, Otto settles in for a quiet night at her hotel, but is roused by a shooting at the local strip club. She soon learns that her contact at Fort Bird, Colonel Summer, died in a horrific automobile accident on her way to Fort Bird. After meeting up with her partner, Carlos Gaspar, they head to Texas to follow a lead. It appears that while Jack Reacher was creating nothing but enemies for himself, brother Joe was the apple of everyone's eye. With more dead ends related to Jack Reacher, both Otto and Gaspar feel it has been a wasted trip until they find a strong connection between Summer and Reacher back in 1990. Apparently they were closer than they let on, which opens new questions about the auto accident. The further the agents dig to discover anything tied to Reacher, the more a current military storyline comes to the surface. While Reacher ties everyone together, there are other corrupt practices that leave Summer at the centre of an investigation that goes all the way up the chain of command. Capri does well to keep her Reacher fans hooked and begging for more.

While I have long been a fan of the Jack Reacher novels that Lee Child churns out annually, using Capri as an additional source of entertainment never lets me down. She works wonderfully to spin the breadcrumbs left about Reacher's past into a full-fledged series as the FBI continues its hunt for this most elusive of characters. Working a double story in this novel, Capri helps her readers feel a close connection to all that is taking place while staying true to the Reacher facts placed in previous novels. A wonderful and somewhat succinct parallel to the Child series, Capri continues to impress.

Kudos, Madam Capri for this story and your efforts to keep the Hunt for Reacher alive and well. I cannot wait to see what else you have in store for Otto and Gaspar in the months to come.

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Donna Bressler says

Reacher-ish

Really well constructed. Leads to several possible conclusions. Liked the main characters, but I always have a problem with what I call a 'quick' wrap up.

Lisa Johnson says

Title: Jack and Joe (Hunt for Jack Reacher #6)

Author: Diane Capri

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My rating is 5 out of 5 stars.

Diane Capri's Hunt for Reacher series continues on in this latest gripping suspense novel. I sat and read straight through the book as I noticed that unlike others the beginning of the story starts in first person view of Agent Otto. Agent Otto is alone in her investigation because her partner, Agent Gaspar, is home seeing if his son is about to enter the world. Otto is a little woman with a whole lot of mettle in her character, mind and spine! She seems like a spitfire of woman who is brilliant and rarely takes guff from others either in the Bureau or from anyone else.

I got hooked because seeing the story play out through her eyes was extremely exciting; knowing her thoughts or actions was like watching a movie. Otto is waiting for a high level army officer to meet her at a base to reveal all she knew about Reacher. Otto believes she will finally be getting somewhere with this assignment so she can return home to Detroit and handle other cases, but the army officer doesn't come to the base. In fact, after that, Otto's case becomes increasingly entwined with some background players higher up in the FBI office.

Otto also has to wait to move forward until Gaspar can rejoin her as Otto becomes involved in helping stop a shooting at a local bar across from where she is staying at a local hotel. Otto knows her partner needs his job, especially with a 5th child due any day plus her own personal goals of climbing the ladder higher in the FBI chain of command.

For awhile I wasn't sure exactly where the author was going to take me as I delved further into the book. I loved the various nuances that threw me off at times when I thought I knew what was occurring in the story. The different characters are unique and at times hard to tell how they are all tied together or if they are at all! The ending was brilliant and I can't wait to begin reading Deep Cover Jack, which is the latest installment in the series. I am wondering how the series will end or if it will end as Reacher seems to be always one step ahead of the FBI.

I hope you read the whole series as it really gives a reader a bigger view of the plot, deeper understanding of the characters and suspense for hours of enjoyable reading!

Autumn Is Azathoth The Haunted Reading Room says

REVIEW: JACK AND JOE by Diane Capri [THE HUNT FOR REACHER #6]

When I read, I want the story to take me away; I want to be part of it. I want my particular environs to "fade" while my total concentration focuses on the book. JACK AND JOE gave me exactly that! I've been a fan of Lee Child's Jack Reacher Series for some years (and a fan of Reacher), and Diane Capri's series, THE HUNT FOR REACHER intensifies my delight.

FBI Special Agents Kim Otto and Carlos Gaspar are assigned to a special covert unit under "Boss," a figure with some of the original aura of J. Edgar Hoover and apparent near-omniscience. He has assigned them to locate Jack Reacher, a former U.S. Army Major who has been totally off the grid for decades. Why the Boss wants him located, Gaspar and Otto are clueless. But while they hunt, the reader is treated to an expanding backstory on the elusive and one-of-a-kind Reacher.

Jeanette says

Wow, what talent! Not only the mix, the pace, the mood, the wit, the tongue in cheek and the writing style hold perfect for this genre, but also it tops all else I have read in the last year for being the most absolutely "current". And not only in the politico, but in the every woman "eyes" of Otto. This is the woman who will break the glass ceiling.

It was a 6 star for entertainment value too. Getting that award as it did (detailed in the trailer), entirely understandable.

And reading Lee Child's letters and comments at the end was no small perk either.

I read this after reading three other Diane Capri "finding Jack" sequence stories. All of them were much shorter length, delicious little candy pieces, but this is far more than just those sweets. It was like a perfect Chicago Italian Beef Sandwich with giardiniera (hot please) and twice dipped. I have still yet to read the very first in the series "Don't Know Jack" #1. But here in this finale I was expecting another short piece to less than a novella length and what I got was this instead. HUGE (191 pages reads like 300 pages in most others) AND AN EXCELLENT surprise.

If you have read all of the Lee Child Jack Reacher novels and are supremely entertained by the action travels, this is like looking into the opposite direction. In those you look through Jack's "eyes" entirely and always. This is through Kim Otto's "eyes" and seeing, feeling, searching, removing layers to all of the Reacher "aftermath" that you never approach in the Child books.

For instance, every event in which Reacher reverses the knee joint, or head butts a face! Do you ever know about that survivor's tale? NO! Do you care? Almost never!

And what could be more timely in secret police or investigative forces right now than not trusting "the boss" or the higher ups in nearly any long term pecking order bureaucratic or corporate institution! Very little is more timely.

Gaspar and Otto are the best team I've come across in this genre for the last 20 years (modern era and that included Longmire my former best). And that also includes all the woman buddies and woman and partner detective teams up to and past Rizzoli and Isles. This is better. And also more movie friendly for the big cinema too, I do believe.

FBI and Federal Coppers watch your own backs, even when you may become used as bait or fodder! Stomp on those burner phones given to you in manila envelopes even though you know the drones are recording you from above somewhere anyway.

Plot here was a 6 star. And if you have read all the Reacher books, you get intense insight into Joe Reacher, Summer (way back then and the Paris escapade I remember too), their Mom. And also other outcomes that you guessed about but were never sure about in the Child books.

I also have to applaud Capri for breaching the horrendous "politically correct" wall here too. She makes REAL jokes. Otto is not nice, nice. Her recognition of her German half of her DNA is funny in the deep sense of what joking WAS at one time. Not angry and full of vindictive scorn.

What did I like the best? The ice storm, or the driving in N.C. or the parts in Nashville. Or going to the big MILITARY in Texas? All of it.

Where are you Reacher? Otto is going to find you. Eventually. All 4 feet 11 inches of her will. And she'll have her special tool to change the seat belt with her on top of it, so she doesn't get decapitated when the Crown Vic with Oscar driving hits the next wall.

Johnna says

a fabulous companion to Lee Child's Jack Reacher series!! If you like Reacher, you will love what this author has done

Ted says

I enjoyed reading the book! While being fast-paced, it's great to see FBI special Agents Kim Otto and Carlos Gaspar back on the trail searching for the elusive Jack Reacher. It is hard to find someone who has remained off the grid for the past 15 years. Special Agent Otto begins this leg of the journey flying solo. Col. Eurnice Summer, who served under Jack Reacher, fails to show for her interview appointment with Otto. Special Agent Carlos Gaspar is sent to join Otto as they try tracing Jack Reacher through his older brother, Joe. It's complicated because Joe has been dead for a number of years. They do learn that Jack was not well liked nor was he popular. He was respected. He could turn deadly violent quickly when provoked. Women were particularly loyal to him. The investigation morphs into the quagmire of a military corruption scandal. Follow Otto and Gaspar as they dig through the muck!

alice Tileston says

started reading yesterday. just finished. I couldn't put it down. it feels like Otto and Gaspar are family. still looking for Reached and finding other problems instead. I think I've read all of Lee Childs Reacher novels,

and Dianas novels are a wonderful tie in to continuing Reachers life.

Woody James says

I don't think I would read this series without it being connected to the Jack Reacher character, although this one was a little better than earlier stories.
