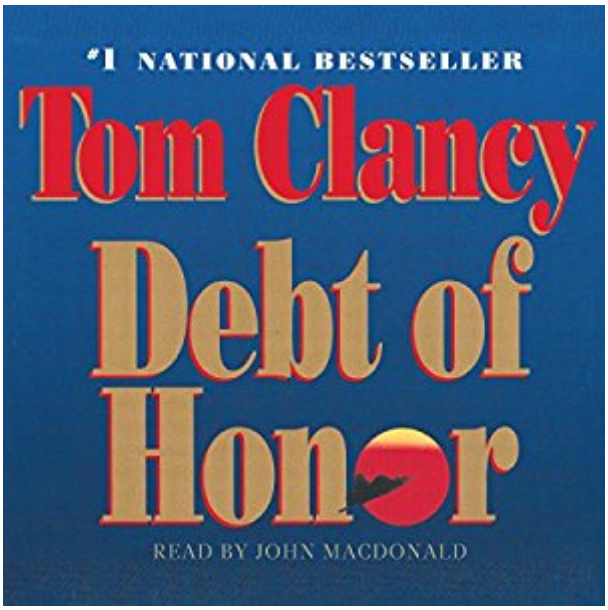
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Clancy plunges hero Jack Ryan into nonstop high adventure, as two seemingly unrelated occurrences being a chain of events that will stun the world. Called out of retirement to serve as National Security Advisor to the president, Ryan, with the help of CIA officers John Clark and Domingo Chavez, must prepare the untested president to meet the challenges of a new world order.

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Customer Reviews

This is a weaker Clancy book and quite dated. It reflects the early 1990s fear of economic dominance by Japan and the plot is among Clancy’s least probable, although it does serve as a useful cautionary tale on the role of the military in projecting US power in peacetime. It was slow to build but once the action started, it was pure Clancy.This is the second time I’ve "read" it, this time as an audio book using the Kindle version with ’s Whispersync technology (Whispersync is great, I highly recommend it). I had a difficult time with the voice artist. He was fine with dialogue but his narration (the closest thing I can think to call it is recitative) was so wooden that at first, I thought it was an electronic voice transcription. The difference between his narration and dialogue was so great that I wondered if the producers had used two voice artists. While he was good with voices and accents, at times his Indian and Japanese characterizations veered uncomfortably close to racial stereotypes.The audio production was also weak. Clancy constantly shifts among various locales and in this version, locales and chapters run together with no break or audio cue to let you know when you are shifting to a new scene. That made for a disconcerting and sometimes

confusing listening experience.

This may very well be Tom Clancy’s most complex and satisfying novel. It links the bought-and-sold world of politics, the house-of-cards nature of industrial outsourcing and the pervasive though subtle nature of national history and pride. At the intersection of those 3 elements is the dark and ominous spectre of geopolitical ambition realized by the projection of military force. An entirely believable cast of characters (including some old friends from previous Clancy adventures) breathes life into the complex plot that draws tighter, like a purse-string suture, until all the elements are within view...and the view is nearly cataclysmic. In a final twist (no spoiler here...) the stage is set for yet the next Clancy masterpiece in a shocking but believable conclusion. Get it!

This is one of the best Jack Ryan novels, it starts out what I feel is the heart of the Jack Ryan saga. About every year or so, I start with this book and read straight through - Debt of Honor, Executive Orders, Rainbow Six, Bear and the Dragon, Teeth of the Tiger, Dead or Alive, Locked On, Threat Vector, and now Command Authority.With the sad passing of Tom Clancy, this body of work may be now complete. If you want to experience a master at work - start with Debt of Honor and be ready to read (at least) Executive Orders - which picks up immediately where Debt of Honor leaves off. If you go through the whole progression of these 9 novels you will not be disappointed. The realism of Clancy’s work, always rooted in real technologies, agencies and geopolitical dynamics - and his ability to weave together dozens of fully defined characters and sub-plots is a thing of beauty.And if you look for some action in your reads - go no further. He describes real weapons & technology, and how they work mechanically, physically and emotionally on enemies. Tom Clancy will forever be a giant due to this body of work alone. Read Debt of Honor, you will not be disappointed and you will probably jump right into Executive Orders.

I wore out the original audio cassettes I had of this book and was glad to find the CDs. I like the tone of this book. It moves along well and the characters are true to nature of the whole series of books involving Jack Ryan. This is earlier in the life of the character and his work in government, but there would be a huge gap in his growth over the entire story line had this book not been written. It ends on a suspenseful note and is a great lead-in for the next book in the series, Even though I have listened through it many times, I don’t seem to get tired of it. Clancy was a masterful writer.

I like the detail in Tom Clancy’s books, what I don’t like is the time line. His books can be hard to

follow at times because the time line is hard to follow because he skips around a lot. He has great detail and character development, but the only way you know you changed from one character or scene is an extra space between paragraphs. It makes it hard to follow and interrupts the flow of the books. That's my only real criticism

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