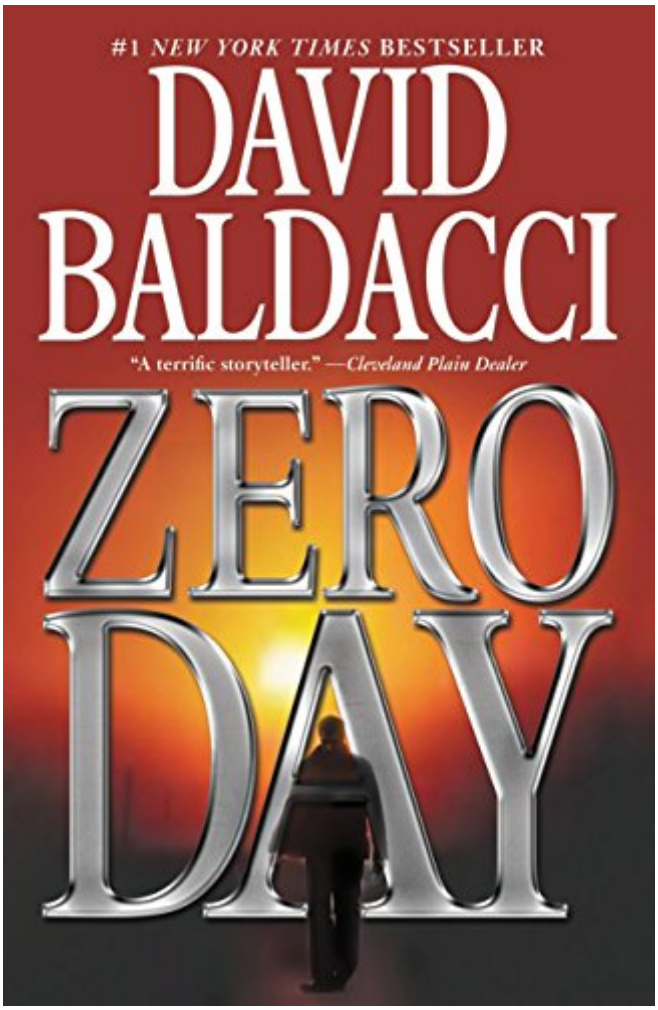
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Synopsis

From David Baldacci--the modern master of the thriller and #1 worldwide bestselling novelist-comes a new hero: a lone Army Special Agent taking on the toughest crimes facing the nation.And Zero Day is where it all begins....John Puller is a combat veteran and the best military investigator in the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Division. His father was an Army fighting legend, and his brother is serving a life sentence for treason in a federal military prison. Puller has an indomitable spirit and an unstoppable drive to find the truth. Now, Puller is called out on a case in a remote, rural area in West Virginia coal country far from any military outpost. Someone has stumbled onto a brutal crime scene, a family slaughtered. The local homicide detective, a headstrong woman with personal demons of her own, joins forces with Puller in the investigation. As Puller digs through deception after deception, he realizes that absolutely nothing he's seen in this small town, and no one in it, are what they seem. Facing a potential conspiracy that reaches far beyond the hills of West Virginia, he is one man on the hunt for justice against an overwhelming force. David Baldacci is one of the world's favorite storytellers. His books are published in over 45 languages and in more than 80 countries, with over 110 million copies in print. David Baldacci is also the cofounder, along with his wife, of the Wish You Well Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting literacy efforts across America.

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Customer Reviews

The new book from David Baldacci "Zero Day" introduces us to a new hero, John Puller. Like in his other books David Baldacci the plot develops quickly and makes you root and care for the hero. He is a army Special Agent who prefers field work to advancement in the military ranks. He is called to investigate a case in rural area in West Virginia, and unravels a conspiracy that reaches well beyond the borders of West Virginia borders. The plot is fast-moving, enjoyable, and unpredictable. Just when you think you know what is happening Baldacci takes the story in a new direction.I got this book on a vacation day when I was supposed to do a slew of errands... however, I could not put the book down and wound up reading the book all day turning my chore day into a fantastic trip into imagination and adventure.The book ends in a way that makes you think we will be seeing this hero again, and I am looking forward to it.Ali Julia review----------P.S.I "discovered" David Baldacci only about a year ago. My plan is to read all David Baldacci books, so I put this list together with all the books and which series they belong to, I hope someone else will find this list useful as well.David Baldacci book by publication yearAbsolute Power (1996)Total Control (1996)Winner, the (1997)Saving Faith (1999)Simple Truth, the (1999)Wish You Well (2000)Last Man Standing (2002)Christmas Train, the (2002)Split Second (2003) King&Maxwell seriesHour Game (2004) King&Maxwell seriesCamel Club, the (2005) Camel Club seriesFries Alive! (2005)Collectors, the (2006) Camel Club seriesMystery of Silas Finklebean, the (2006)Simple Genius (2007) King&Maxwell seriesStone Cold (2008) Camel Club seriesDivine Justice (2008) Camel Club seriesWhole truth (2008) Shaw&James seriesFirst Family (2009) King&Maxwell seriesTrue Blue (2009)Hell’s Corner (2010) Camel Club seriesDeliver us from eval (2010) King&Maxwell seriesThe Sixth Man (2011 King&Maxwell seriesOne Summer (2011)Zero Day (2011)Baldacci books by seriesSean King and Michelle Maxwell1 : Split Second (2003) by David Baldacci2 : Hour Game (2004) by David Baldacci3 : Simple Genius (2007) by David Baldacci4 : First Family (2009) by David Baldacci5 : The Sixth Man (2011) by David BaldacciCamel Club1 : Camel Club, the (2005) by David Baldacci2 : Collectors, the (2006) by David Baldacci3 : Stone Cold (2008) by David Baldacci4 : Divine Justice (2008) by David Baldacci5 : Hell’s corner (2010) by David BaldacciJohn Puller1 : Zero Day (2011)Shaw & James1 : Whole Truth, the (2008)2 : Deliver us from evil (2010)Freddy and the French Fries (Fiction’ Children & Young Adult’ Humorous

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My first novel that I read from this author was a story in another series with the main character being a man named Amos Decker. After I read those, I decided to try another series by the author and I am glad to share with you how fantastic this novel was to read! The John Puller series I think is going to be just as thrilling and suspense filled as DavidÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s other novels.John Puller Jr. is in the Army CID. When an Army Colonel is found murdered, he is tasked with solving the crime. What at first appearance looks to be a somewhat hard and often trying case to solve turns out to be just the tip of the iceberg! John ends up in a small town in West Virginia that looks like its dying a slow death, but what occurs thereafter is the uncovering of decades old trouble with new antagonists. On top of that, JohnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s father is in a home being cared for because his mind is slowly losing ground and his brother is in jail for treason.The author weaves a thriller that includes the military, local law enforcement, civilians and a government cover up. The case could be the last one of JohnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s career as he isnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t getting help to find those responsible for the ColonelÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s death and bodies are starting to stack up as John comes closer ever so slowly to the final piece that will expose the danger to America!The next book in the series is titled, The Forgotten, which I cannot wait to start to see what case John will be working and where! I hope you take time to really enjoy this suspense thriller because it is well crafted and there are surprises in the plot I never saw coming that were brilliantly inserted! There is no sex in the book, which I am always grateful for and just some use of foul language. However, the story is what will draw and keep your attention until the very last page and emotionally packed ending! Read and see!

Some of the themes in this book are common in any police procedural... local cops in over their head, random hostility to the outsider (aka an excuse to show the hero kicking some caveman's ass)... You also have oddly over-the-top methods of killing, and a tough chick who helps with the investigation and provides potential romance.But as others point out, some of this book reads so much like Lee Child's latest effort that you'll understand why people think it's fishy.The hero is a current MP named Puller rather than a former MP named Reacher. They're both well trained, serious, smart, and shop in the big'n'tall section. They both find an mysterious enormous abandoned military bunker in the middle of nowhere, and are stuck trying to infiltrate it with no backup except the token tough chick. Spoiler alert: bad guys are inside, and someone the hero has

grown fond of may die.All in all, it reads okay, there's some meat to it. If Baldacci copied anything, he at least also mimics Lee Child's writing style, which means you'll want to read it even if it IS more-of-the-same. It's enjoyable enough that I burned through it in a couple of days.Additional spoiler alert: Ever watch pawn stars? The ending to this book reminds me of that show:"Let me just call my buddy who is an expert in disarming nuclear bombs over the phone".While we're at it: "Let me just call the one living human being who knows of the secret underground passage into the bad guys fortress that's activated by a hiddens switch in the third locker from the left in an abandoned building."

This is the first and last of Baldacci's books that I started to read. As a veteran of both law enforcement and the Army I just couldn't read this tripe.

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