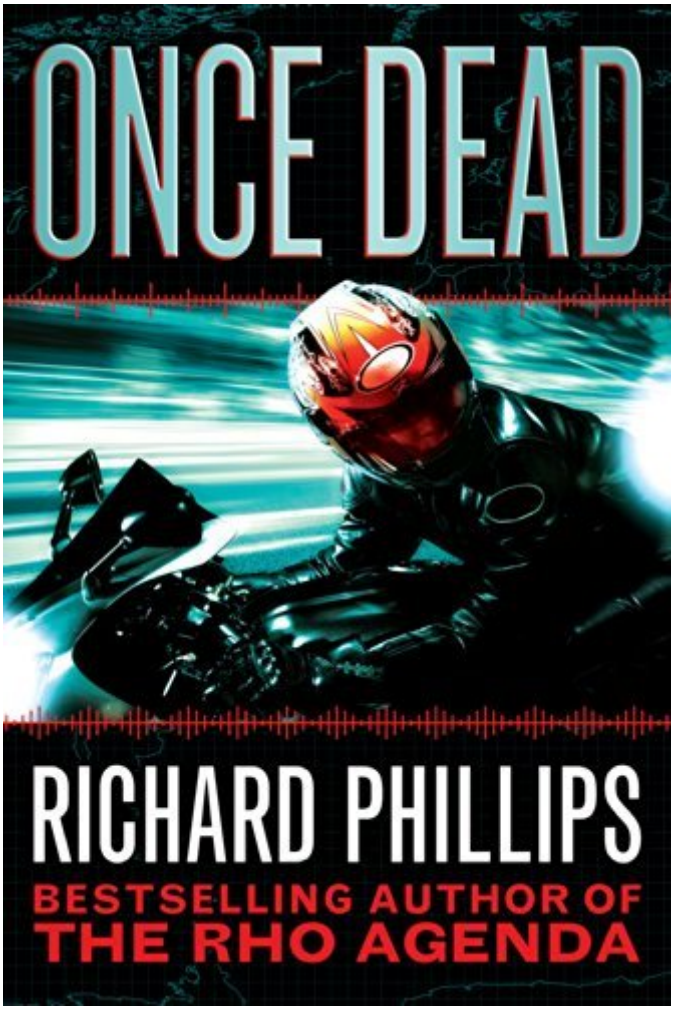
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Synopsis

Jack Gregory, the CIA’s top assassin, bleeds out on a Calcutta operating table and is about to die.But an alien entity has other plans for him.If Jack is willing to act as a human host for this dark figure, he lives.Ã Â Jack takes the deal.Ã Â One year later, he is internationally known as The Ripper, fixer for hire, and finds himself increasingly drawn to dire, world-shattering events.Ã Â Suffering strange premonitions and compulsions, Jack has more questions than answers.Ã Â What destiny does this alien mind foresee? Why has it chosen him?From bestselling author Richard Phillips comes a globe-spanning sci-fi thriller series with a twist ... culminating in the cataclysmic events that set the stage for The Rho Agenda.

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Customer Reviews

"Once Dead" catapults Richard Phillips into serious thriller writer status. It’s fast-moving. The hero, Jack Gregory, is conflicted in an interesting fashion, and he’s good at getting himself out of serious scrapes. In the opening scene, Gregory gets jumped in an alley Return of the Dragon style. But he’s not Bruce Lee. He’s about as good though and gives worse than he gets. But Gregory is near

death. He gets sewn up by a couple of helpful people, but it’s not enough. Yet, Gregory pulls through. He dreams that some demon entered his system and gave him enough of a jolt to get out of the poor man’s clinic and back into circulation. Gregory is an assassin, but he’s not working for the CIA anymore. They think he’s dead. He starts working for a model married to a brilliant billionaire and finds himself involved in a massive scheme to depopulate the earth. Nobody figures it out by him and a new and beautiful sidekick. I can’t wait to read the next one.

After reading the Rho Agenda trilogy (and you should if you haven’t), there are many characters that you want to learn more about. Thankfully Richard Phillips realizes that too and has blessed us with a prequel trilogy for Jack and Janet. "Once Dead" is the first of these and boy does it deliver. With good books, I always end up visualizing what scenes in the movie would look like. And this one is an action packed thrill ride. Great characters, great locations, great action sequences and more. Such a fun read. Climb aboard for a well written adventure.

Once Dead is the first book in The Rho Agenda Inception Series. This series follows Jack Gregory and Janet Price’s story prior to the Rho Agenda. Jack is a mercenary for hire and Rachel Koenig has hired him to take out a Russian mobster. But things aren’t always as they seem and Jack is very good at what he does. I loved reading this and I can’t wait to start reading the next book in the series.

"Once Dead" by Richard Phillips is a terrific read, particularly if you are an action junkie like me, wow what a ride! Richard Phillips continues to amaze with his originality and imagination...he’s fearless in his dedication to developing extraordinary and unique storylines in the sci/fi genre. I really enjoyed this story in spite of the implausibility of the non-cybernetic physicality of "The Ripper" the ex CIA protagonist. For pure entertainment and fun this is a wild ride for adrenaline junkies like me...it’s just plain fun. So buckle up and enjoy the ride...4 stars!!!!

I was in a quandry as to whether to give this a five or four star rating. It’s a great read. In fact, I haven’t stayed up late to read a thriller in one sesson since I read Tom Clancy’s Patriot Games a couple of decades ago. I finally settled on four stars for two reasons. First, since there seems to be no hint of Jack’s "Rider" in the Rho Agenda series, I knocked off a few points mentally for inconsistancy of plot lines. However, perhaps the author is planning to deal with that in his next Ripper prequel. In that case I’ll have to eat crow. Secondly, while I enjoy cliff hangers as much as

anyone, and I actually grew up in the 1940's when they were the mainstay of Saturday afternoons at the local movie theater, I did find some of the ups and downs in the final chapters to overly stretch my credulity or be insufficiently developed. I don't want to be too specific and spoil the thrills for anyone who hasn't yet read Once Dead, but for the benefit of the author, I felt the Aegis slap in the face needed better foreshadowing and that the final denouement did as well. In the Rho Agenda series the computer bona fides of your protagonists are much more believable and if you are already using a couple of deus ex machina such as Anchanchu and Big John why not make use of them rather than ask a mere human to hack such a sophisticated system in mere minutes? All in all, I'm looking forward to our next encounter with Jack and Janet, which I undertand is already in the works and hope I can gve a five-star rating. Who knows? Maybe I'll have to come back and upgrade this review as well.

Great book. I've read all of Richard Phillips books (Rho Agenda Inception, Rho Agenda). And I'm looking forward to the next book (series?) coming out in April, 2016, I believe.Writing is well done, and I really couldn't put the book down. I read all 6 books in a week. Although not necessarily true of all people, I truly liked having the chapters be short. Makes you feel like you're reading quickly.Now, on to the review. Phillips does a great job introducing us to all of the major side characters (I'm writing it from this perspective as I read Rho Agenda a long while ago and these are the major side characters) of the Rho Agenda. While never truly discussed in the Rho Agenda (other than one character mentioning it in book #2), Jack Gregory is potentially "cursed" by a spirit. This isn't a spoiler as this happens in first couple chapters of the book. This book goes into how Jack and Janet meet, as well as we get to meet Admiral Riles and several other characters from Rho Agenda.This book truly is great. It's a spy/action novel (rather than sci-fi as Rho Agenda is). I look forward to continuing reading his work.

I have of course never met the author.....would like to . I read a lot and his style is very similar to Tom Clancy as well as his correct knowledge of some technical stuff. Clancy knows more than the NSA or CIA and I would trust his information almost as much. I am looking forward to any more of Richard Phillips books . Once Dead was a great read.....story was resolved ...bad guys dealt with.....the good guys at least ok. The back space to before his other books were published was a great story..... tied a lot of loose ends together and keeps on ticking !!!!!!! I already have the next story and have pre ordered the last in Rho Agenda. Will be looking forward to ANY more of his books. I have written a couple of books ..not published .....I could write with

this fella. Really NICE read !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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