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The trail of the terrorist who avoided capture in **THE ASSASSIN'S LIST** goes cold in Tijuana. Then radiation is detected from a nuclear device across the border in San Diego. Drake believes it's his terrorist who has the nuke and thinks he knows where he's headed. He's determined to hunt down the man who almost killed his family, but time's running out to prevent an unimaginable catastrophe.

Oath To Defend Details

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Simon Jenner says

I've been waiting with baited breath for this sequel to The Assassin's List, and the cat and mouse game played out between Drake and Barak did not disappoint. Barak's agenda is not clear until about half way through the book - a clever ploy to keep you reading late into the night. Drake's agenda is personal - he needs to see Barak pay for his past actions - that is until his gut tells him Barak is planning an act even more horrendous. As Drake's pledge to protect his country is called upon once again, the supporting characters we met before return to give him solid assistance. The camaraderie with Mike is entertaining and there are promises of an interesting relationship with Liz to come in future books. A key strength of the Adam Drake books is their frightening plausibility. The knowledge that the chilling depictions could be tomorrow's news never fails to disturb, while thoroughly entertaining the reader. Oath To Defend is an expertly crafted thriller, one which makes you pray that a hero like Drake is out there somewhere.

John Podlaski says

When I acquired "Oath to Defend", I was unaware that it was book #2 in a series. Before starting it, I was concerned that I might have trouble following the story because I missed the previous installment. I found the concern unwarranted, the story makes reference to occurrences in book #1, but it was a great stand-alone story.

Oath to Defend takes readers into the world of smuggling, espionage, drug cartels and fanatical terrorists where death is an everyday occurrence and consciences are non-existent. Now the United States is targeted - suicide bombers looking forward to martyr themselves and then joining their 72 virgins in paradise. The terrorist seem to always be a step ahead of the people looking for them. It's a game of cat and mouse...hundreds of Americans have already died needlessly - hundreds of thousands more will perish if the terrorists succeed in their mission! Adam Drake and his team of operatives must find them and stop them from detonating a nuclear bomb.

I sat on the edge of my seat intrigued and sometimes holding my breath while watching this story unfold...aware that something like this could very well happen in the near future. The characters are well developed and the story moves smoothly. Great job Mr. Matthews! I have already downloaded book #3 and can't wait to begin that adventure. Highly recommended!

John Podlaski, author
Cherries - A Vietnam War Novel

Jeff says

Good book, my only problem with this and Adam Drake #1 is that for such a brilliant hero, his lack of confidence in his findings is aggravating. I like a lead character that has the charisma and a skill level to actually believe in that skill level and not act so wimpy in pushing forward his findings as is done in these books. The third book a little more backbone is found so I will continue with the series. Overall though good

book.

Russell Quinton says

This is better than the Assassins List a very good thriller.

If the Assassins List was Scott's first book he is off to one hell of a start. I thoroughly enjoyed the previous book so I thought I would try this book. It has everything that I imagine terrorists would use. It was frighteningly realistic. He has forced me to read the third book in the series.

Tom says

Disclaimer: I won this book through the Goodreads First Reads Contest.

I was not a fan of this book. While the over arching storyline of an ex-military, current lawyer, guy tracking down a terrorist was interesting the execution of the story was lacking.

The first problem with the book is the fact that every setting in the book is basically the same, a luxurious house or hotel next to a golf course. I thought it was strange that terrorists trying to lay low would hang out in these more public and exposed types of places. The other problem with the settings is that the characters are almost always doing the same thing in these redundant settings, eating! Every chapter involves the characters eating. I realize the author is trying to make one of the secondary characters endearing by joking about the amount he eats, but everyone is eating and that is their main activity in the book. The book even goes into detail about the components of each meal. The process of discussing the upcoming mission over a meal in one chapter and then immediately coming back in the next chapter to have a meal and discuss what happened on the mission gets old quickly.

While the obsession of the luxury lifestyle and constant eating helped make the book dull, the political and sexist jabs sprinkled throughout the book made the story terrible. While I won't get into the specifics of the politics involved, the jabs only took me out of the story and never added anything. The secret agenda of the author to assert his political beliefs only helps to potentially alienate at least half of a potential audience and weaken the story. While the topic of national security somewhat requires the need to be somewhat political, the blatant bashing of the political party you disagree with only ensures your readership will remain small or shrink. Additionally, there are several rather sexist remarks that also have this same effect. Again, they don't add to the story and also make your main character look like a jerk.

Despite all this, I do have to admit that the last few chapters, where the main characters are actually chasing the terrorists, kept me entertained. Had the rest of the book been more like this minus the political and sexist jabs, I would have liked the book a lot more.

rosemarie galati says

An exciting and scary read!!

Love the Adam Drake series! Just purchased book 3. The best part about these books is that it's something that can actually happen here in America if not for the diligence of our homeland security! Bravo Scott Matthews!!

Laura says

Enjoyed the book and it makes you think. The plot is good and fast paced and WAY too plausible. Can't wait for the next book.

Tulay says

Story that's plausible.

Jihadist cell known as Brotherhood, Mexican cartels, Hezbollah all working together advance their businesses and the destroying America. Russian Special Atomic Demolition Device, vulnerable infrastructure in USA, our dams. Terrifying story, but learned some things, like war with Muslim terrorists started while back when Thomas Jefferson was president at Tripoli.

Mary Smith says

Even though this is not a genre I choose to read, I jumped right in the same day that I finished the Assassin's List. I got hooked on the characters and the continuing storyline. I am about to start book three and I am curious how the story will continue.

Bill Hamilton says

Great read. Good action. Fantastic storyline. Excellent characters. Engaging pace. Superb settings. Adam Drake is my new favorite literary hero.

Cyndy says

It took me a while to get to this second book in this Adam Drake series, as I was working on the 2015 pop sugar challenge and I couldn't figure out how to fit this into any empty slots. While you don't really need to read these two in order, there are tie backs to the first book in the series that I would consider spoilers. Recommended for anyone that likes terrorism type thrillers.

Yvonne says

Loved It

Filled with a love for our great nation. A team of no men and one woman risk all to stthe PUS SACKS allowed to cross our borders and spew their poison .Attempt to kill hundreds of thousands thousands of law abiding Americans. The ending wasn't the one I wasn't the one I was hoping for. But it was almost as good as a machete to the neck without a blindfold.

Gin Hunt says

Another GREAT GETAWAY!

I don't read a lot of "action" books. They usually are too brutally descriptive and lose me but this book is just a great exciting story. It speaks to the patriotism in you as well as so n e sit on the edge of your seat excitement. These are not Tolstoy but they are very enjoyable reads with characters easy to get to know and like. After I read the first Holm-schwartz stand alone as are all this author's line-up couldn't wait to read the next book in the series so I could find out what was going on with my wonderful characters. I am able to lose myself in these stories and really don't want to put t he book down until I'm finished. I would recommend this book to all. It's a thrilling action packed story without resorting to language or gory descriptions which bore me. From the beginning it hooks you and doesn't let go until t :) e end-to-end and then you still want to jump nacho on the hook for more by this author. :)

HIGHLY RECOMMEND. :)

Jim A says

This action thriller takes place about a month after the ending of The Assassin's List. Adam Drake, attorney and sometimes consultant to Department of Homeland Security, is still looking for the antagonist, Barak.

In the meantime, a nuclear device has been detected being smuggled into the U.S. via a tunnel from Tijuana. Connected?

The action moves to the greater Bend, Oregon area in the search for that nuke. Drake seems to feel that the nuke and a polo exhibition are related. The DHS representative is not so sure and won't commit resources to the search.

This book is an entertaining and fast paced read. Matthews has one character, Mike Casey, constantly eating or asking when the next meal is scheduled. This reminded me of Ian Fleming's James Bond novels and Fleming's many references to Bond's meals. Matthews even mentions Bond while describing an egg dish Casey is preparing.

Dennis says

This is book two of four in the Adam Drake series. It was just as much fun as the first book - another page-turner. Give the series a try if you like action/thrillers.
