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Book 2 in the Jack Turner Suspense Series

Young history professor, Jack Turner, takes a retreat at a lakeside cabin just outside of Culpepper, Georgia to work on his doctoral dissertation. The cabin is owned by an ambitious state senator, an inheritance from his father. Inside, everything is exactly the way it was when the old man died ten years ago. While taking a break from his research, Jack snoops through the father's books and finds an old photo album filled with black-and-white pictures of orphaned children. Intrigued, he continues searching and finds what appears to be evidence of murder and an old leather journal, handwritten entirely in German. Rachel Cook, Jack's girlfriend, translates the journal for him. What it reveals instantly puts both of their lives in mortal danger.

Besides his bestselling inspirational novels, Dan Walsh is quickly becoming known for "unputdownable" novels of suspense.

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Tony Parsons says

Culpepper, GA. Professor Jack Turner (Culpepper U, PhD history student, PTSD) & Rachel Cook (Jack's GF, Culpepper U student) were discussing the horrors that occurred at Dresden, Germany back in 1945. 8 WWII piolets of the 379th. Bombardment Group had been murdered in arsonist/explosions related fires.

DS Joe Boyd (Culpepper PD) got a call to head out to the convenience store.

3 thugs were offended by a jar full of 50 confederate flags.

1 of the, was videotaping the events that were going to happen on his cell phone.

Jack had found a bunch of black/white pictures & WWII memorabilia that was left at the Lake Sampson cabin he/Rachel shared.

Lots of it was in German which he had to use Google to translate.

What was in the envelope Senator Burkhart "Burke" Wagner (D; GA) gave Harold Vandergraf (Burke's aide)?

2/13/1945, Dresden, Germany. Luther Wilhelm Hausen (8, son/brother), & Ernst Josef Hausen (12, son/brother, Hitler Youth) were crossing the Augustus-Brucke bridge & talking about the events of WII. The 2 of them were going to meet their sister Eva (28, daughter) at the Kleindeist Bakery (Altmarkt) where she worked.

At home the air-raid sirens went off & they were all headed for the cellar.

The Kleindeist Bakery was destroyed. Most of the town was in flames.

Explosion after explosion came.

What did Harold want Rob Strickland to do?

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written dual timeline book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a large set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great political thriller movie, or better yet a mini TV series. There is no doubt in my mind this is a very easy rating of 5 stars.

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Ann says

When Jack Turner rents a lakeside cabin near Culpepper University to work on his doctoral dissertation, he expects to escape all distractions and focus on his goal. But like so many of us (me included), he begins to seek ways to avoid what he's supposed to be doing. When he decides to look through a bookcase in the living room, he makes a surprising find. Eventually his curiosity leads him to further material, and now his surprise turns to shock.

Dissertation all but forgotten, Jack and his girlfriend, Rachel Cook, start on a dangerous course to learn how Jack's discoveries might relate to current-day citizens of the Culpepper area. As the WWII bombing of Dresden weaves its way into the fabric of the documents Jack discovers, he and Rachel have to decide between their personal safety or pursuing the links they've unearthed. Which choice is the right thing to do?

Dan Walsh has created another page-turning mystery-suspense to follow *When Night Comes*, though it's not necessary to have read the first book to love this one. I thoroughly enjoyed *Remembering Dresden*. The story caught me on the first page and didn't let go until the harrowing climax.

I give *Remembering Dresden* two thumbs up and recommend it highly.

My thanks to the author for providing my review copy.

Anne Campbell says

Dan Walsh has quickly become one of my favorite authors. He is super-talented at creating mysteries filled with heart-thumping action. This is the second one of his Jack Turner mysteries, the first one being *When Night Comes*, a spooky book indeed. As in the first one, be prepared for nail-biting with *Remembering Dresden*--which by the way has nothing to do with Dresden crockery.

His father already dead, a little boy in war-torn Germany loses his mother, brother, and sister in one horrific day, leaving Luther Hausen an orphan, one of hundreds in the country. He grows up without a touch of loving or caring from anyone, half-starved and homeless. The boy matures in post-war East Germany into a man filled with hatred and a thirst for revenge.

When the Berlin Wall is destroyed, the man leaves for the US with his own young son, one thing on his mind: to find and kill all the pilots of the bombers who destroyed Dresden. His son, Burke Wagner (name changed when they left Germany) is a State Senator in Virginia. He has embraced the US, especially the capitalism and politics. His father is dead, buried along with his vicious deeds. Burke has an aide who carries out the senator's own cover-ups and hidden skeletons.

Until Jack Turner rents the senator's cabin and stubs his toe on a loose board. He pulls up the unfastened loose board and discovers something the senator will do anything to cover up. Jack and his girlfriend Rachel find themselves again embroiled in a horrifying mess.

You definitely want to get this book to see how they get out of this scrape!

Meagan says

I loved this book! I haven't read the first one in the series, but plan to pick it up; this one stands on its own nicely, despite some references to the first.

The Kindle version I have could have benefited from an additional round of proofreading; that being said, I still enjoyed the plot immensely. It was gripping to the overy end. I do wish that the mole in the police

department had been brought to full closure, but maybe it's going to be a continuing plot point in book 3.

All in all, a great, clean read.

Lindamac says

I'm enjoying this series with Jack Turner. Intriguing plots and characters!

Christine Ottaway says

This story started so promisingly with a very accurate portrayal of the terrible and unnecessary Allied fire bombing of Dresden towards the end of the Second World War. It is great topic to take for a story. This led into a trail of revenge for the bombing. Excellent.

However the rest of the novel just did not live up to the beginning. I found it all a little bit too predictable with no surprises and the denouement rather tame. The heroine was easily rescued, the besieged policeman relieved and the baddie shot first time. Even the dodgy politician could have weasled his way out without too much problem but he too caved in. I was expecting so much more.

Mr Walsh needs also to resist the temptation to explain everyone's motives and thinking. Let the words and actions show it. So all in all a bit disappointing from what could have been – devious, dark dealings with a bloodthirsty desire for revenge playing out into the modern day.

Nancee says

Dan Walsh has been a favorite author of mine for many years, and there hasn't been a book of his that I haven't loved! Remembering Dresden is one of his most masterfully written books thus far. The prequel, When Night Comes is another. These books can stand on their own, but some of the characters from When Night Comes carry over to Remembering Dresden. By all means read both of these impressive suspense novels, and read them in sequence!

This novel is actually a novel within a novel based on a background record of historical accounts from WWII. The horrors of that time period are incomprehensible. Moving into the present, shocking information reveals itself, putting Jack and his girlfriend in grave danger.

The book moves at a fast pace, filled with suspense and moments of terror and agonizing events. Characters are very well portrayed with characteristics realistic and believable. The setting is very picturesque and the ambiance of the cabin on a lake is charming, yet a site of horrifying secrets and jeopardy. This novel will keep your attention until the very end.

I highly recommend this powerful and intriguing novel. This is one of my favorite books of the year! Dynamic and impressive!

Disclaimer: I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review. All opinions expressed are my own, and no monetary compensation was received for this review.

Melinda says

Dan Walsh is one of my favorite authors (in the top five). No matter what genre he writes he creates amazing stories, and this book is no exception! This book will keep you on the edge of your seat. I liked that it was a schmaltzy romance novel, but it had a relationship in the book which was fun to follow. I also like how you have suspicions about everyone who pops up in the book, trying to figure out the ending. It made it hard to put down.

Teresa Small says

Great read

Full of suspense, kept my interest so much I could not put it down. Would advise my friends to read it.

Lisa says

I enjoyed the character and the intrigue of non-coincidence--hey! imagine that, finding a journal his girlfriend can translate about the very subject he planned to make his doctoral thesis in the cabin he was renting...to plan his thesis! Even the characters talk about the odds. But as Walsh brings alive a horrible event in international history, he doesn't excuse anyone for being heroic during a time when there were no heroes. Initial back-and-forth history to WWII and the present to set up the story isn't confusing. Well written from multiple viewpoints. The side characters are somewhat stock. I don't know that state senators have the power Walsh gives, but it's fiction. I kept waiting for the twist in the mystery so I didn't read the end...highly unusual for me. Caveat: the book isn't a mystery, it's suspense--just like it says. Several references to the first book in the series are clear and not very distracting and did their job by encouraging me to read the series.

Joleen says

Remembering Dresden by **Dan Walsh**

Genre: Suspense, mystery, Christian romance, historical fiction

Format: Kindle

Timeframe: 1945 and present day

Location: Dresden, Germany and Culpepper, GA

Characters:

Jack Turner: History professor

Rachel Cook: Jack's girlfriend

Sergeant Joe Boyd: Culpepper police detective

Hank Jensen: Unofficially Joe's partner

Senator Burke Wagner: Georgia Senator, dirty
Harold Vandergraf: Senator's aide, also dirty

A quote from the blurb about this book: "*Dan Walsh is quickly becoming known for "unputdownable" novels of suspense.*"

Unputdownable is a good way to describe this second book in the Jack Turner series. A history lesson, with such a fascinating narrative as the background to the mystery and suspense element for the rest of the book, that I was entirely absorbed.

Jack Turner is a college history professor in Culpepper, Georgia, taking some time off to finish his dissertation on Dresden during World War II. As he's tucked away in a cabin in a remote area around a lake, he discovers a loose board in the floor. Lifting it off, he finds a safe containing a scrapbook of WWII pilot obituaries and a journal written in German. Curiosity has him trying to figure out why someone would compile obituaries from different states on different dates throughout several years. When Jack's girlfriend (Rachel Cook) begins to translate the journal, their findings are anything but sweet, or even legal, and getting the law involved might prove lethal. Someone doesn't want him nosing in his business. (The suspense during this investigation was gripping, and kept me up way into the night.)

The author clearly studied the effects of bombing a city during World War II. One just thinks of an "explosion", but the devastating firestorm of thousands of tons of bombs on this peaceful and beautiful city was beyond belief. This was the side story of a family in Dresden trying to find one son who was lost to them as he helped put out fires created when allied forces dropped bombs in waves for three days. Also dramatic, full of tension.

I truly liked this book. As I recall I enjoyed the first in the series and I'm looking forward to the third. I like Mr. Walsh's writing. Not overly creative nor flowery in any way, but he creates easily visualized scenes, which I appreciate.

Just a little warning: The language is fine except for a commonly used expletive a few times. Not what I'd call foul, but certainly a word mothers wouldn't let their children use. Did I think it was necessary? Not for a Christian book. Was I offended? Not really. But it may cause some to shake their heads.

Stacy says

I've enjoyed both of these in the Jack Turner series so far. Dan Walsh writes easy to read prose (almost too easy at times, but sometimes, that is JUST what I am looking for) and the storylines are always just intriguing enough to keep me turning the page. I'm looking forward to reading the third in this series at some point :)

Linda says

While Jack Turner is trying to work on his doctoral dissertation he is staying in a cabin outside Culpepper, Georgia. He hopes to have his dissertation done within the month he has allotted but a major distraction keeps calling to him. As he looks about the fully furnished cabin he discovers all kinds of books relating to

WWII and Germany. He also finds a photo album that was put together by the original owner, apparently a man born in Germany before the war. Now deceased, the man has left behind several pieces of evidence that show he very well might have been a serial killer, exacting his revenge on American War Heroes that bombed his city and killed his family.

Jack turns to his friend, Police Chief Joe Boyd to help him discover the truth, as well as his girlfriend, Rachel Cook. As they all dig deeper into the crime they believe has been committed threats begin to come in on Jack's life making it appear that they have come very close to the truth and a very upset Senator who's father it was that did the killing.

If you haven't read anything by Dan Walsh, you should. I can't wait to read more!

Christine Dillon says

This was my first book by Dan. I would happily recommend it to others.

I especially loved the historical part and think maybe that is a direction Dan might consider writing in the future. There were very few places I was jerked out of the book (a German in 1940's wouldn't say 'oh my gosh'!)

I've read a lot of WW2 books and so it was good to see another on a part I wasn't familiar with.

The only bit I didn't like was the casual attitude to guns.

Please write more WW2 books Dan.

Coco.V says

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