The Jack Reacher series By Lee Child



The Killing Floor [1997]

Ex-military policeman Jack Reacher is in Margrave, Georgia, for less than a half-hour when the cops come, shotguns in hand, to arrest him for murder. All Jack knows is he didn't

kill anybody. Not in their town, and not for a long time.



Die Trying [1998]

Jack Reacher's gallant attempt to help a woman with an ungainly load of dry cleaning leads to kidnapping and murder in this classic.



Tripwire [1999]

Jack Reacher's anonymity in Key West is shattered by an investigator who has come looking for him. But only hours after his arrival, the stranger is murdered. Tracking the PIs trail

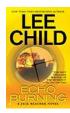
back to New York City, Jack is compelled to find out who's looking for him and why in this explosive novel in Childs "New York Times" bestselling series.



Running Blind [2000]

People say that knowledge is power. The more knowledge, the more power. Suppose you knew the winning numbers for the lottery. What would you do? You would run to the store. You

would mark the numbers on the play card. And you would win. Same for the stock market. Same for basketball or the horses or anything. Same for killing people... So begins Running Blind, the electrifying new novel in the acclaimed series featuring ex-military policeman Jack Reacher. Women are dying. Women who have nothing in common except the fact they once worked for the military. And they knew Jack Reacher. How and why these women are in danger completely baffles the elite FBI team working the case. There is no trace evidence. There are no links between the victims. Their bodies have no fatal wounds. And the killer has entered their homes and exited again like a summer breeze. Are these the perfect crimes? There is only one certainty: there is a new kind of killer out there, one so calm, cautious, and careful that even the brilliant Reacher is left running blind.



Echo Burning [2001]

Reacher is hitching through the heat of West Texas and getting desperate for a ride. The last thing he's worried about is exactly who picks him up. She's called Carmen. She's a good-looking young woman, she has a beautiful little girl...and she has married into the wrong family. They're called the Greers. They're a bitter and miserly clan, and they've made her life a living hell. Worse, her monster of a husband is soon due out of prison. So she needs protection, and she needs it now. Lawyers can't help. Cops can't be trusted. So Reacher goes home with her to the lonely ranch where nothing is as it seems and where evil swirls around them like dust in a storm. Within days, Carmen's husband is dead-and simmering secrets send Echo, Texas, up in flames.



Without Fail [2002]

In <u>Without Fail</u>, Reacher is approached by a Secret Service agent who needs a favor. "I want to hire you to assassinate the Vice President of the United States," she asks. She is the newly appointed head of the VP's security detail and

wants Reacher to try to penetrate her team's shield. He has the skills and the stealth, and no one knows him. How else can she be sure her protection is truly effective? What she doesn't tell Reacher - but what he soon discovers - is that a very determined and deadly team of assassins has just put the VP in its sights. These men have planned well, but they haven't planned on Reacher. For only Reacher has the head and the heart to corner his prey and bring them to justice - without fail.



Persuader [2003]

Jack Reacher. The ultimate loner. An elite exmilitary cop who left the service years ago, he's moved from place to place - without family - without possessions - without commitments. And without fear. Which is good, because

trouble — big, violent, complicated trouble — finds Reacher wherever he goes. And when trouble finds him, Reacher does not quit, not once - not ever. But some unfinished business has now found Reacher. And Reacher is a man who hates unfinished business. Ten years ago, a key investigation went sour and someone got away with murder. Now a chance encounter brings it all back. Now Reacher sees his one last shot. Some would call it vengeance. Some would call it redemption. Reacher would call it - justice.



The Enemy [2004]

Jack Reacher. Hero. Loner. Soldier. Soldier's son. An elite military cop, he was one of the army's brightest stars. But in every cop's life there is a turning point. One case. One messy, tangled case that can shatter a career. Turn a lawman into a

renegade. And make him question words like honor, valor, and duty. For Jack Reacher, this is that case. New Year's Day, 1990. The Berlin Wall is coming down. The world is changing. And in a North Carolina "hot-sheets" motel, a two-star general is found dead. His briefcase is missing. Nobody knows what was in it. Within minutes Jack Reacher has his orders: Control the situation. But this situation can't be controlled. Within hours the general's wife is murdered hundreds of miles away. Then the dominoes really start to fall. Two Special Forces soldiers -- the toughest of the tough -- are taken down, one at a time. Top military commanders are moved from place to place in a bizarre game of chess. And somewhere inside the vast worldwide fortress that is the U.S. Army, Jack Reacher -- an ordinarily untouchable investigator for the 110th Special Unit -- is being set up as a fall guy with the worst enemies a man can have. But Reacher won't quit. He's fighting a new kind of war. And he's taking a young female lieutenant with him on a deadly hunt that leads them from the ragged edges of a rural army post to the winding streets of Paris to a confrontation with an enemy he didn't know he had. With his French-born mother dying -- and divulging to her son one last, stunning secret -- Reacher is forced to question everything he once believed...about his family, his career, his loyalties -- and himself. Because this soldier's son is on his way into the darkness, where he finds a tangled drama of desperate desires and violent death -- and a conspiracy more chilling, ingenious, and treacherous than anyone could have guessed.



One Shot [2005]

Six shots. Five dead. One heartland city thrown into a state of terror. But within hours the cops have it solved: a slam-dunk case. Except for one thing. The accused man says: You got the wrong guy. Then he says: Get Reacher for me. And sure

enough, from the world he lives in — no phone, no address, no commitments — ex—military investigator Jack Reacher is coming. In Lee Child's astonishing new thriller, Reacher's arrival will change everything — about a case that isn't what it seems, about lives tangled in baffling ways, about a killer who missed one shot—and by doing so give Jack Reacher one shot at the truth. The gunman worked from a parking structure just thirty yards away — point-blank range for a trained military sniper like James Barr. His victims were in the wrong place at the wrong time. But why does Barr want Reacher at his side? There are good reasons why Reacher is the last person Barr would want to see. But when Reacher hears Barr's own words, he understands. And a slam-dunk case explodes. Soon Reacher is teamed with a young defense lawyer who is working against her D.A. father and dueling

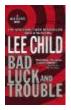
with a prosecution team that has an explosive secret of its own. Like most things Reacher has known in life, this case is a complex battlefield. But, as always, in battle, Reacher is at his best. Moving in the shadows, picking his spots, Reacher gets closer and closer to the unseen enemy who is pulling the strings. And for Reacher, the only way to take him down is to know his ruthlessness and respect his cunning – and then match him shot for shot.



The Hard Way [2006]

In Lee Child's astonishing new thriller, exmilitary cop Reacher sees more than most people would...and because of that, he's thrust into an explosive situation that's about to blow up in his face. For the only way to find the truth

 and save two innocent lives — is to do it the way Jack Reacher does it best: the hard way. Jack Reacher was alone, the way he liked it, soaking up the hot, electric New York City night, watching a man cross the street to a parked Mercedes and drive it away. The car contained one million dollars in ransom money. And Edward Lane, the man who paid it, will pay even more to get his family back. Lane runs a highly illegal soldiers-for-hire operation. He will use any amount of money and any tool to find his beautiful wife and child. And then he'll turn Jack Reacher loose with a vengeance because Reacher is the best man hunter in the world. On the trail of a vicious kidnapper, Reacher is learning the chilling secrets of his employer's pas -- and of a horrific drama in the heart of a nasty little war. He's beginning to realize that Edward Lane is hiding something. Something dirty. Something big. But Reacher also knows this: he's already in way too deep to stop now.



Bad Luck and Trouble [2007]

From a helicopter high above the California desert, a man is sent free-falling into the night. On the streets of Portland, Jack Reacher is pulled out of his wandering life and plunged into the heart of a conspiracy that is killing old

friends... and the people he once trusted with his life. Reacher is the ultimate loner—no phone, no ties, no address. But a woman from his old military unit has found him using a signal only the eight members of their elite team would know. Then she tells him a terrifying story about the brutal death of a man they both served with. Soon Reacher is reuniting with the survivors of his team, scrambling to unravel the sudden disappearance of two other comrades. But Reacher won't give up — because in a world of bad luck and trouble, when someone targets Jack Reacher and his team, they'd better be ready for what comes right back at them.



Nothing to Lose [2008]

It wasn't the welcome Reacher expected. He was just passing through, minding his own business. But within minutes of his arrival a deputy is in the hospital and Reacher is back in Hope, setting up a base of operations against

Despair, where a huge, seething walled-off industrial site does something nobody is supposed to see...where a small plane takes off every night and returns seven hours later...where a garrison of well-trained and well-armed military cops -- the kind of soldiers Reacher once commanded -- waits and watches...where above all two young men have disappeared and two frightened young women wait and hope for their return. Joining forces with a beautiful cop who runs Hope with a cool hand, Reacher goes up against Despair -- against the deputies who try to break him and the rich man who tries to scare him -- and starts to crack open the secrets, starts to expose the terrifying connection to a distant war that's killing Americans by the thousand.



Gone Tomorrow [2009]

New York City. Two in the morning. A subway car heading uptown. Jack Reacher, plus five other passengers. Four are okay. The fifth isn't. In the next few tense seconds Reacher will make a choice -- and trigger an electrifying

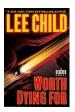
chain of events in this gritty, gripping masterwork of suspense by #1 New York Times bestseller Lee Child. Susan Mark was the fifth passenger. She had a lonely heart, an estranged son, and a big secret. Reacher, working with a woman cop and a host of shadowy feds, wants to know just how big a hole Susan Mark was in, how many lives had already been twisted before hers, and what danger is looming around him now. Because a race has begun through the streets of Manhattan in a maze crowded with violent, skilled soldiers on all sides of a shadow war. Susan Mark's plain little life was critical to dozens of others in Washington, California, Afghanistan...from a former Delta Force operator now running for the U.S. Senate, to a beautiful young woman with a fantastic story to tell -- and to a host of others who have just one thing in common: They're all lying to Reacher. A little. A lot. Or maybe just enough to get him killed. In a novel that slams through one hairpin surprise after another, Lee Child unleashes a thriller that spans three decades and gnaws at the heart of America...and for Jack Reacher, a man who trusts no one and likes it that way, it's a mystery with only one answer -- the kind that comes when you finally get faceto-face and look your worst enemy in the eye.



61 Hours [2009]

Jack Reacher is back. The countdown has begun. Get ready for the most exciting 61 hours of your life. Sixty-one hours. Not a minute to spare. A tour bus crashes in a savage snowstorm and lands Jack Reacher in the

middle of a deadly confrontation. In nearby Bolton, South Dakota, one brave woman is standing up for justice in a small town threatened by sinister forces. If she's going to live long enough to testify, she'll need help. Because a killer is coming to Bolton, a coldly proficient assassin who never misses. Reacher's original plan was to keep on moving. But the next 61 hours will change everything. The secrets are deadlier and his enemies are stronger than he could have guessed -- but so is the woman whose life he'll risk his own to save.



Worth Dying For [2010]

There's deadly trouble in the corn country of Nebraska...and Jack Reacher walks right into it. First he falls foul of the Duncans, a local clan that has terrified an entire county into submission. But it's the unsolved case of a

missing child, already decades-old, that Reacher can't let go. The Duncans want Reacher gone -- and it's not just past secrets they're trying to hide. They're awaiting a secret shipment that's already late -- and they have the kind of customers no one can afford to annoy. For as dangerous as the Duncans are, they're just the bottom of a criminal food chain stretching halfway around the world. For Reacher, it would have made much more sense to keep on going, to put some distance between himself and the hard-core trouble that's bearing down on him. For Reacher, that was also impossible.

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