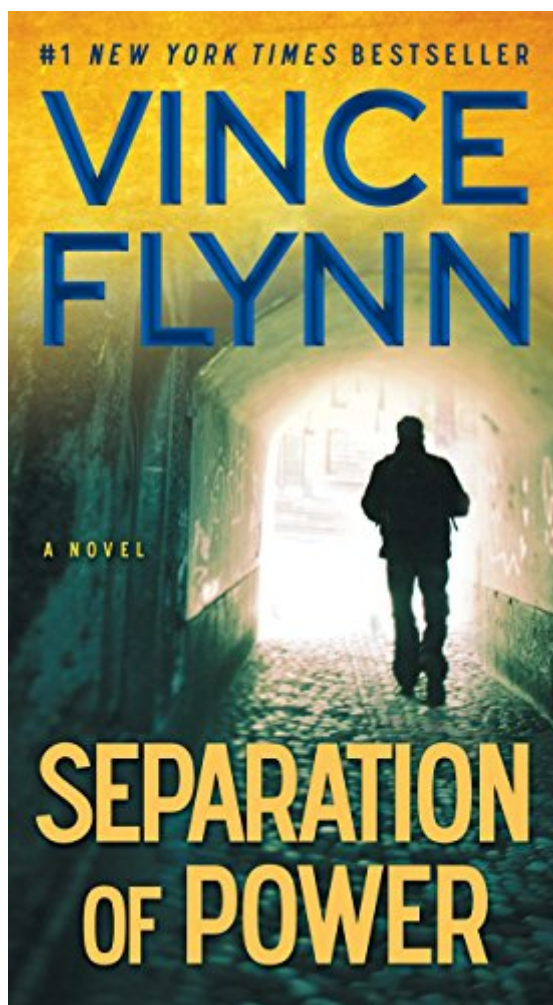


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Synopsis

#1 New York Times bestselling author of *American Assassin*—soon to be a major motion picture—Following up Vince Flynn's *The Third Option*, this electrifying Mitch Rapp thriller delivers “first-class political intrigue from a master storyteller” (Booklist). The confirmation of Dr. Irene Kennedy as the CIA's new director explodes into chaos as a deadly inside plot to destroy her and prematurely end the president's term emerges. Meanwhile, as a dangerous world leader gains power in the nuclear arms race, Israel forces the president's hand with a chilling ultimatum. With the specter of World War III looming, the president calls on top counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp, who scours the alleys of Baghdad and the avenues of Washington for America's enemies. But with only two weeks to take out the nukes, Rapp is up against a ticking clock—and impossible odds.

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Customer Reviews

Vince Flynn is an imaginative and prolific writer who exhibits a true genius for research. His

knowledge of the inner-workings of our government and its weak-points is impressive. Equally impressive is his ability, willingness, and courage to "tell it like it is". In his series of Mitch Rapp novels, Vince Flynn grabs your attention and his face-paced story-telling style holds it in a vice-like grip. I found myself unable to put any of his novels down once I started them. Considering the fact that most of these novels run somewhere between 500 and 700 pages, this is no small feat for any author. I have read every one of the Mitch Rapp novels and believe me when I say that there is not a bad apple on that tree. Each of these novels may be read as a stand-alone but you may find yourself with a better grasp of the overall flow of characters and events if you read them in proper sequence. By the way, the proper reading sequence cannot be determined by publication date alone as a couple of the Mitch Rapp novels were written (more or less) as prequels. I recommend that you read these novels in the following sequence: (1) "American Assassin" (2) "Kill Shot" (3) "Transfer of Power" (4) "The Third Option" (5) "Separation of Power" (6) "Executive Power" (7) "Memorial Day" (8) "Consent to Kill" (9) "Act of Treason" (10) "Protect and Defend" (11) "Extreme Measures" (12) "Pursuit of Honor". There is another novel ("The Survivor") in the Mitch Rapp series scheduled to begin shipping in hardback around October 8, 2013 by Simon & Schuster and it can be pre-purchased via .com.

Series is overpriced and pretty predictable at this point. MAJOR TERRIBLE SPOILERS in this Kindle edition after end of novel in intro and preview to another Vince Flynn novel much later in the series. I am so mad and bummed about it that I have stopped reading the series.

I'm a big fan. So many parts to this book. Like a window how each of the players think and the behind the scene setting how each of the character play to make this book so exciting to read. Don't know how to describe the feeling I get reading this book. As in all of Vince Flynn series on Mitch Rapp. If you like action and behind the scene strategy, you have to read for yourself. Following Mitch Rapp series will not disappoint.

This continuation of the Mitch Rapp series was another page turner...the first two books have been a two of three night read and Separation of Power didn't disappoint. Flynn hit the mark on the suspense and his storytelling again. I recommend, if you want to get started with the Rapp anthology, you get the chronological sequence first and read them in order. It's not critical to understand or follow each book without it but there are some details that build off each book in the series.

STORY: Mitch Rapp, Anna Riley and Irene Kennedy are back. This time forces are at work to stop Irene Kennedy from being confirmed to the position of Director of the CIA and Mitch is torn between his work and settling down with the love of his life, Anna Riley. Not to mention someone has to find if Saddam Hussein has access to weapons of mass destruction and if he does, then someone has to stop him.

MY FEEDBACK:

- 1) **SETTING:** Again we are in a current day world where spies, assassins and government conspiracies prevail. The world created is believable and functional but nothing super great or memorable.
- 2) **CHARACTERS:** I'm glad that Mr. Flynn is sticking with a working formula and brining the continuing adventures of characters we have grown to love. Thus if you have read the other books prior to this one there are no real surprises. The characters stay true to form though by now there is very little new to reveal about them. They work and they are still fun to read about.
- 3) **PLOT:** No major surprises, suspense or red herrings, but Mr. Flynn still develops a solid story that keeps you wanting to know what happens next. You know the good guys are going to win, but there is enough mystery to not know exactly how they will prevail above the opposition. Some may consider this formularic but it works and is still an enjoyable read.
- 4) **READER:** Armand Schultz is the reader of the audio book version and he does a good job. He has different accents and reflections for different characters, but not nearly the same "impersonation" ability as Roddy McDowell or some other readers. This was most noticeable when the female characters would speak. His very masculine voice was a bit distracting at such times. But he has a great Mitch Rapp voice.

OVERALL: If you enjoyed any of his previous Mitch Rapp stories you'll enjoy this one. I almost didn't bother since it was such a long duration between reading the previous book and getting my hands on this one. But I'm glad I continued with the storyline and characters.

If you like empathizing with the super hero who gets the bad guys against all odds and political opposition (and who doesn't), Mitch Rapp is the guy for you. Easy to read and always engaging with nice, clear divisions between good (us) and evil (them). There are 13 in the series before Mr. Flynn passed away. I recommend reading them in order. There is a substitute author writing newer ones. I haven't reached that point yet, but am enjoying the ride with Mr. Flynn.

Although I continue to savor the Mitch Rapp series, this one was somewhat annoying. The emotional relationship between Mitch and Anna was overwhelming. I kept thinking 'didn't I read this already?'. Adding a former lover and fellow assassin was a nice addition, but the Anna/Mitch relationship was a bit much.

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