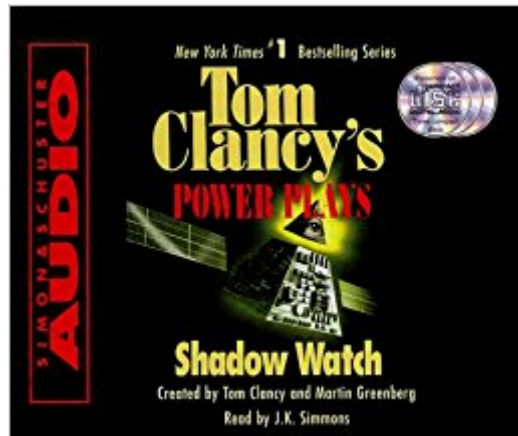




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Tom Clancy'S Power Plays: Shadow Watch



Synopsis

The year is 2001, and American businessman Roger Gordian has extended his reach into space. His company has become the principal contractor in the design and manufacture of Orion, a multinational space station. But the launch of a shuttle carrying parts for the station is sabotaged. Mysterious guerrilla attacks occur at the manufacturing facilities in Brazil and Kazakhstan. And Gordian's deepest fears are confirmed... The Orion project has been targeted by an international terrorist whose criminal enterprises thrive on violence and political instability. Harlan DeVane's goal is to cripple Gordian's intelligence and security team, while stowing a high-powered electromagnetic pulse generator aboard Orion -- a state-of-the-art weapon with the capacity to throw every major American city into chaos...

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Customer Reviews

Roger Gordian's troubles, which we heard about in *Ruthless.com*, continue in this work. Terrorists are out to get him, and this time they have a special microwave weapon. This clean, untraceable device cooks up some very big disasters involving, e.g., a space shuttle on the launch pad and a train in Brazil. The nonstop action in this story takes place in Florida, Brazil, and Kazakhstan. Like in *Ruthless.com*, the listener is given a great amount of detail concerning the weapons and equipment. Experienced actor J.K. Simmons displays his vocal versatility in this reading; he moves at a steady pace and is especially good with the narrative portions. For all action collections.

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Tom Clancy is the world's favorite international thriller author. Starting with *The Hunt For Red October*, all of Mr. Clancy's books have hit #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. Mr. Clancy lives in Maryland and owns an interest in the Baltimore Orioles. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Another thrilling novel by Tom Clancy, but after reading several of his novels, I realized that - while the ultimate evil deed was thwarted, the ultimate villains just kind of dry up and blow away. Disappointing. Maybe Mr. Clancy could put a little less effort into concocting distracting scientific jargon and more into resolution of the characters. We already know that the really good guys will be okay. But I'd like to know the disposition of the really bad guys too. In *Shadow Watch: Power Plays* 03, the #2 bad guy vanishes, and super villain #1 flies off into the sunset. Not inclined to read Tom Clancy further. Still, if you haven't read any of his novels, you should read a few.

I have to wonder if some of the other customer reviewers read the same book I did. For example, Chase Cole from Melbourne, Fla, states that we never really learn how or why the shuttle explosion in Chapter 1 occurs. Yet both questions are answered quite explicitly in the story, and more than once at that. He nitpicks about a single engine Beech Bonanza being unable to transport a significant amount of illicit narcotics, presumably unaware that the Beech can ordinarily carry close to one thousand pounds of cargo and be optimized for even greater loads. He also complains that the dream sequences serve no purpose and suggests they ought to be skipped. Well, by my reading they a) provide defining insights into the psychological motivations of Annie Caulfield, a major character who is clearly to become a member of the regular series "cast", b) reveal crucial information about her history and the internal and external obstacles she must overcome over the course of the novel, and most importantly c) develop the plot by setting up the very climactic scenes in which we, through Annie, discover "how and why" the shuttle exploded. But hold on, the page-skipping Mr. Cole isn't yet finished! He also complains about the villains "walking", seemingly being too obtuse (or pretending to be anyway) to grasp what should be obvious to anyone. Namely: we're being set up for a sequel, folks! This is a smart, crackling thriller. Don't let the nasties and kvetches steer you wrong.

Clancy is Clancy...I just can't get enough of his books. I love the action, the technology, and the

people, the warfighters extraordinaire and their significant others. I am so sorry to know that he is gone...and so early an age!!! He will be missed by his many fans...especially me!!!

This was typical Clancy hard reading. You need to have a white board handy to keep all the players in their correct categories.

I bought the Abridged CD version. There were no tracks on the CD. Therefore, if you stopped listening, you would have to search the entire CD to determine where you left off. A 70 minute disk needs several breaks. The story was abridged. Whoever did the production should look for another job. The first third of the novel was almost impossible to comprehend. I read/listen to approximately 5 books per week. This one was one of the worst editing jobs I have come across. The story itself was a major reach. There was little or no character development. I will not waste my time on any more series inspired books by Clancy.

I couldn't even get through this book. It was very hard to read and boring. There are many other better Tom Clancy novels out there.

As always - Clancy was the master.

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