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Tom Clancy's Op Center: Divide And Conquer



Synopsis

Shadowy elements within the State Department secretly cause tensions to flare between Iran and the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan. They hope to start a shooting war to increase their own power and profit. At the same time, the conspirators decide to up the ante -- by deposing the President of the United States. In a treacherous scheme, they convince the President that he is mentally unstable, and a silent coup d'etat is within their reach. Now, Paul Hood and the members of Op-Center are pitted against the clock to prevent the outbreak of war, save the honor of the President -- and expose the traitors within... A powerful profile of America's defense intelligence, and crisis management technology, Tom Clancy's Op-Center is the creation of Tom Clancy and Steve Pieczenik -- inspiring thi's and other gripping audiobooks.

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Customer Reviews

I'm a big reader of all the Clancy books, both the hard covers he works on every few years and the series written under his masthead by other authors. This new Op Center, written by Jeff Rovin (as it seems all the Op Centers were if you read the credits in the back of the book), is the best of the bunch. (In my opinion, Netforce and Powerplay series aren't really worth reading compared to Op Center.) In Divide and Conquer, the returning hero, Paul Hood finally confronts his personal demons and gets on with the business of saving the country. The plot is plausible (which is always a good thing in a techno-thriller) and very gripping....I read the book in one sitting and I look forward to the next in the series...sounds like there will be trouble brewing in India....

Overall, the Op Center books remain the strongest of the four on-going "Clancy" serials. While not as strong as Games of State or Acts of War, Divide and Conquer makes a solid contribution and continues to build the depth of the series. One of the things that I enjoy most is the continued development of the on-going characters. This book focuses almost exclusively on Hood and does a good job of continuing the development of his character. In general, I find the characters believable and that they act rationally; I can not always say this about the Net Force characters. I did miss several other continuing characters, including Rodgers, McCaskey and the Striker team. These characters essentially did not appear in Divide and Conquer. One of my dislikes about this book was just this omission; it ignored almost all of the normal supporting characters. Just as disconcerting, there are hints that the next book will continue this trend. Additionally, I have a general sense of unease that the events of the last few books are supposedly so close together on the timeline. The pace of the events of these books seems unbelievable. Finally, it will be interesting to see if the authors ever have the nerve for the main characters to fail, rather than succeed, when they are acting on their instincts...

I loved this book. It is wonderfully crafted, and is a real page-turner. It focuses on fewer characters, providing more depth about Paul Hood -- whose humanity makes him one of the greatest characters in these types of books. The plot in this Op Center is especially good -- very devious and smart. Strategy and deception play a much larger role than military force in this Op Center, which makes the story so compelling. Essentially, in this Op Center, we encounter a Paul Hood who is beginning to get past a lot of difficult personal issues that built up in previous Op Centers. Just as this is happening, however, Paul Hood finds himself in a real maze of intrigue that requires all of his cunning and intelligence. In short, the best Op Center ever. You will love this one.

Clancy, Pieczenick and Rovlin hit a home run with this thriller that has a lot to offer between its covers. Indeed, this is the best of the Op Center series, and perhaps better than many of Clancy's own projects. Rovlin has picked up these characters very well and developed them seamlessly with what the previous authors have done. Hood's character draws empathy from the reader better than most techno thriller protagonists. The plot in this installment is delicious, as is the pace. There are plenty of Whitehouse shenanigans, lots of intrigue...resourceful terrorists pursuit by intrepid and equally resourceful agents. There's even a bit of detente as the Russian Op Center makes a dramatic appearance. All together, a stellar job by the authors. Its a good read, folks. Questions?

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I've read all of the Op-Center Books, and think this is the best one for a lot of reasons. It's even more suspensful than the others, and requires the Op Center team to defeat a terrorist through strategy rather than with force. What's more, the story is very creative. The conspirators are cold and super-ruthless. In the end, the message of the book its positive -- the efforts of a few dedicated people (even in this computer age) end the crisis.

This story is well written except for a portion of an easier chapter mixed in. Is not a fault of the writing but rather one of creating a digital copy. Still the story is exciting and quite plausible as told.

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