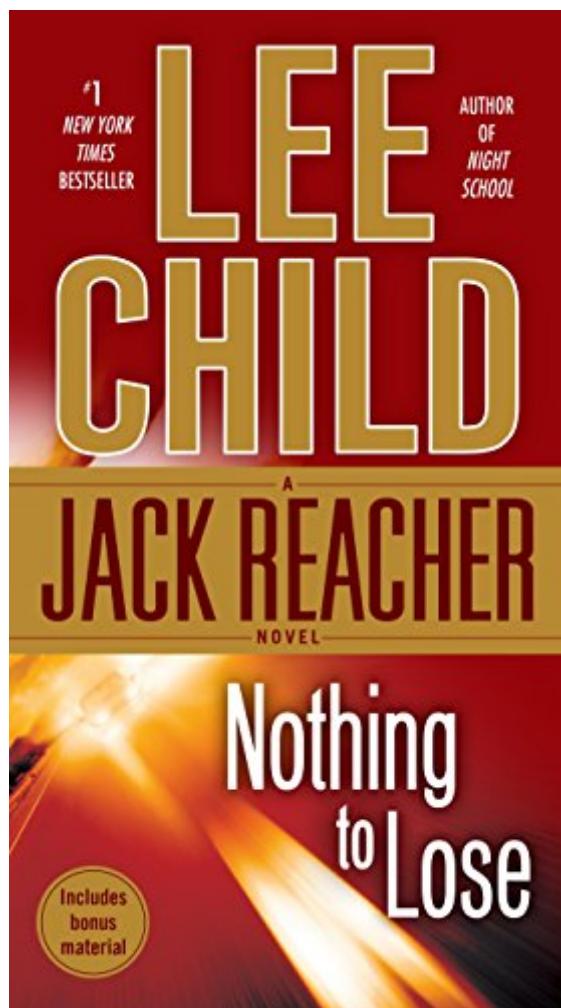


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Nothing To Lose (Jack Reacher, Book 12)



Synopsis

BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Lee Child's *Gone Tomorrow*. Two lonely towns in Colorado: Hope and Despair. Between them, twelve miles of empty road. Jack Reacher never turns back. It's not in his nature. All he wants is a cup of coffee. What he gets is big trouble. So in Lee Child's electrifying new novel, Reacher—a man with no fear, no illusions, and nothing to lose—goes to war against a town that not only wants him gone, it wants him dead. 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. Now, between a town and the man who owns it, between Reacher and his conscience, something has to give. And Reacher never gives an inch.

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Customer Reviews

Not his best, the plot was unlikely and at times confusing. Reacher of course saves the world, but the process is messy and not sure where the characters are going. The town of Despair is adequately named, and controlled by an end-of-times preacher who is determined to make it happen. He manages to trick Reacher, but he doesn't know how resourceful Reacher is, so the surprise is on the preacher. Of course there is a woman, and the sexual interludes are at least non-graphic and implied. I had the feeling that the author wasn't really into this plot, but since I love the story lines and the character, I know that he can do better. I sort of wish that even though the books stand alone, that there are more references to the previous book.

This is my 12th Jack Reacher book... I started at #1 and now I am off to #13... "Nothing to Lose" kept my curiosity peaked at all times.... Like how do all these characters all fall in place? And slowly in a typical Lee Child's way everything falls in place... And I look back from A thru Z thinking about all the twists and turns ... A fun book... Why watch a "Thriller" on TV when one can sit and read a great Jack Reacher / Lee Child book?

Lee Child writes this character of Jack Reacher so well, I actually find myself getting angry with him for going back into a dangerous situation, much like Vaughn in this novel. I feel like I know Jack's habits and character better than some of my friends and family!

I consider myself a diehard Reacher fan, but after reading this I am not as much of a Lee Child's fan. Nothing to lose was grabbing in the beginning but became an anti war work with too much emphasis along that line. It became all about senseless war, the acceptance of AWOL practices, domestic terrorism at the hands of a preacher, and anti religion beliefs. I don't expect such in a Jack Reacher series. I won't give up on the series, but I will read on with some caution. If I had to do over I would skip #12.

Jack Reacher is the kind of guy who will turn over stones solely to see what's underneath. He's

good at it and he loves what he finds. Particularly if it's an injustice, a conspiracy, a damsel in distress or a murder. In this book, Reacher hits the jackpot and finds all four under the same rock. Jack Reacher is perhaps the most tenacious person on Earth and he doesn't like being thrown out of town by a corrupt judge and dishonest cops. Toss in a body, a couple of pretty women, a war vet abused by a medical facility and some mysterious business in the desert, and you have Reacher's undivided attention. If you are a bad guy, that's the last thing you need to have! Once again, Jack Reacher uses his fists and his brain as he aims to put things right . . . right up to the surprise ending. Given the plot, you will have a hard time putting this story down.

Reacher is walking through Hope, Colorado & in to Despair Colorado. He walks into a restaurant & tries to order a cup of coffee & no one will even speak or look at him. Next thing he knows, he is in a jail cell charged with being a vagrant. Despair is a company town owned by one man. With seemingly one business. The seemingly business gets Reacher interested. This is a great read.

This one is a bit of a letdown. The story seems cobbled together so Child could make some confusing statement about the Gulf War. Reacher's apparent approval of soldiers deserting the army reflects the authors lack of research into the military mind. Otherwise, this one is just forgettable.

Up until the last book I've enjoyed them and ignored what I would call the authors lack of knowledge because he's not American but his love of PETA in the last book was a bit much and this book goes further left with his 'end times church' and view of the war. Incidentally his church sounds far more like the 12th Imam'ers. No thanks. I'll find some else to read.

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