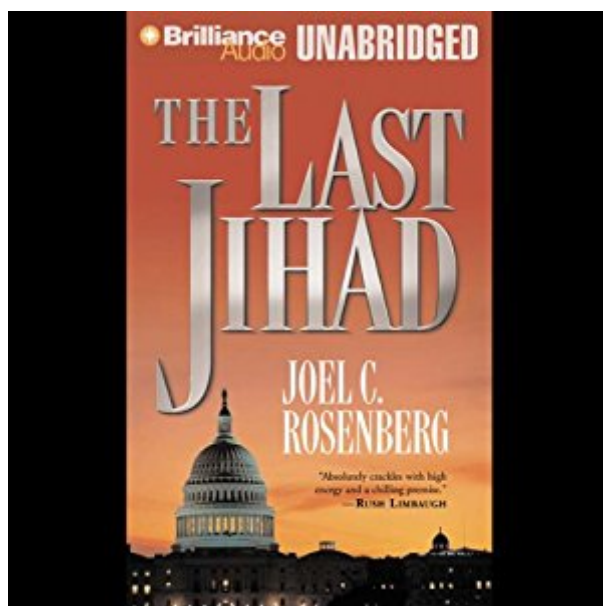


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Synopsis

Jon Bennett is a top Wall Street strategist turned senior White House advisor. But nothing has prepared him for the terror that he will face. Saddam Hussein dispatches his top hit men to assassinate the President of the United States. Iraqi terrorists spread carnage throughout London, Paris, and Riyadh . . . and the Butcher of Baghdad has a nuclear ace in his hand that he has not yet played. Only a solid Arab-Israeli coalition against Iraq can keep the U.S.--and other Western nations--from certain devastation. And only Bennett and his beautiful partner, Erin McCoy, can make that happen. Their secret project--a billion-dollar oil deal off the coast of Gaza--could be the basis for an historic peace treaty and enormous wealth for every Israeli and Palestinian. But just before a treaty can be signed, Israeli commandos foil an Iraqi Scud missile launch, recovering a nuclear warhead and evidence that the next attack will level Washington, New York and Tel Aviv. Now, the Israeli Prime Minister gives the American President an ultimatum: Melt down Baghdad within one hour . . . or Israel will do it herself. From Jerusalem, Bennett and McCoy must summon all their stealth and savvy to save themselves--and the world--from absolute destruction.

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Customer Reviews

This is another excellent thriller by Joel Rosenberg. I am accustomed to thrillers, but this one had me hating to put it down when duty called. The author takes us back to the time of Saddam Hussein as dictator of Iraq. But this time, he has nuclear weapons and the ICBM's to carry them to wipe out

his enemies. As a starter, assassins try to kill the President of the United States. They nearly succeed, and it is fascinating to see how the Secret Service, FBI, CIA, and Defense Department work together to protect the President and try to block Iraq's nuclear threat. The story is a thriller from start to finish, and I recommend it.

I purchased this book because of the many positive reviews and because I enjoy listening to Joel Rosenberg. I must say flat out that I am greatly disappointed by this book. My reasons are many, but here are a few: 1. The characters come fast and furious, with so little character development, that quite frankly, I was confused throughout the entire book. There are so many characters introduced in the first half of the book that I really did not know who the main characters were until well into the book. 2. Author Rosenberg seems as though he is trying to impress the reader with his knowledge of governmental processes, weapons, etc. There is so much useless information given, I found it frustrating and distracting. 3. Rosenberg gives far too much distracting detail on what color nail polish someone is wearing, how many cubes of sugar used in a person's coffee, the firing sequence for a surface to air missile, etc. It is non-stop and aggravating. It truly distracts from the narrative of the story-line. 4. Rosenberg switches from scene to scene far too frequently, again confusing the reader. Granted, Mr. Rosenberg is an authority on Middle East politics, but his attempt at fictionalizing Iraq's grand assault on the world's powers flounders in trivial and inconsequential minutiae. Since I purchased the entire series, I am hoping that the next book will be less detail and more story. At best, I give this volume ONE star for confusing the reader with ridiculous detail, and not advancing the narrative story at a satisfactory pace. This book needs a Reader's Digest condensation, and then instead of 300 pages, the resulting 150 pages might be more coherent and interesting. Sorry Mr. Rosenberg. I love you but dislike your book.

I can't recommend this book, I find it so confusing trying to keep up with what is going on. Every day when I start reading, I don't know where I'm at and have to go back and reread several pages. I have never had to do this with other books. A person is supposed to be excited to continue reading the story not be constantly lost and confused.

This book is as current as today's news casts and it was written years ago. When I read the headlines, it's like reading a chapter of this series I'm reading. Gives me chills to read the stories today that his books depicted back in the early 2000s but his command of Scripture and prophecy brings it all into focus as we realize that it has all been known to God, even though we have ignored

the signs. I have to take a breather periodically because it is so real and I am almost overwhelmed.

Rosenberg blows you out of the sky with the start of this seemingly intense thriller and then shoves you into a back room of bureaucratic discussions among the powerful governing elite "defconning" the reader to death in details. It was difficult remembering the seemingly hundreds of names of Americans, Russians, and Israelis woven into various subplots and then tackling the daunting task of aligning them into one cohesive plot, but it was fun doing it. The Christian undertones also fit well within the premise of the book's title, but unfortunately the story also includes descriptions of every kind of food served throughout the book as if they were important to the plot. Rosenberg throws surprise after surprise at the reader, along with interesting history lessons of Russia and other foreign countries, and elaborate explanations of seemingly futuristic surveillance equipment and death machines. He uses war as a medium to show globally we are all connected and individually affected by actions of those driven by hatred. More action and less elaboration of food and furnishings would have increased my rating of this culinary designer foot fault. Maybe the sequel will offer up more action, since it follows the release of nukes or maybe we'll just enjoy more snacks.

I enjoyed the book quite a lot. Major page-turner. My issues were with the abundant characters we were not able to really know, so we're reading confused as to who has what position and basically who is who? Also the jumping from one scenario to the next after short descriptions of each one, was confusing at times. Overall, great story, just a little choppy and too many character to keep straight. I do look forward to the next book, so my complaints aren't enough to keep me from continuing the series.

I don't know how I missed this series. Joel Rosenberg is one of my favorites and I was not disappointed. I was absolutely unable to put the book down. If you enjoy historical information mixed with current events and an edge of your seat political thriller, this one's for you.

I am an avid reader. Usually read the Vince Flynn, Brad Thor, Tom Clancy genre. I have 15 books lined up, yet to read. Came across Joel Rosenbergs name by accident. Read the reviews, and decided to take a chance on "The Last Jihad." WOW!!!! After reading the book, I immediately started "The Last Days," the second book of the serie. Then ordered the final 3 books of the series. Will not give away any of the plot. Yes, character development is lacking. But its the events, and not the characters that makes these books absolutrly super. But for the record, the protagonist is not your

usual former CIA/FBI/SEAL/DELTA FORCE type of hero. Instead he is a 40 year old financial advisor who hates guns and is afraid of violence. Just a bit of advice. READ THESE BOOKS

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