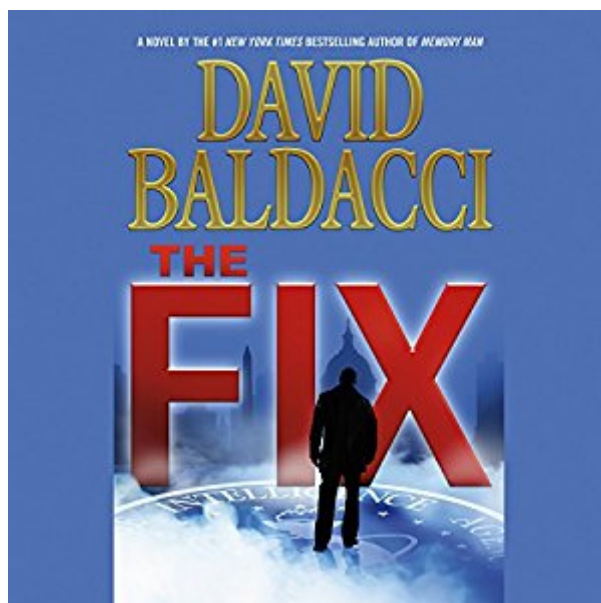


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The Fix



Synopsis

David Baldacci's remarkable detective Amos Decker - the man who can forget nothing - was first introduced in the sensational number-one New York Times best seller *Memory Man*. Now Decker returns in a stunning new novel.... *The Fix* Amos Decker witnesses a murder just outside FBI headquarters. A man shoots a woman execution style on a crowded sidewalk, then turns the gun on himself. Even with Decker's extraordinary powers of observation and deduction, the killing is baffling. Decker and his team can find absolutely no connection between the shooter - a family man with a successful consulting business - and his victim, a schoolteacher. Nor is there a hint of any possible motive for the attack. Enter Harper Brown. An agent of the Defense Intelligence Agency, she orders Decker to back off the case. The murder is part of an open DIA investigation, one so classified that Decker and his team aren't cleared for it. But they learn that the DIA believes solving the murder is now a matter of urgent national security. Critical information may have been leaked to a hostile government - or, worse, an international terrorist group - and an attack may be imminent. Decker's never been one to follow the rules, especially with the stakes so high. Forced into an uneasy alliance with Agent Brown, Decker remains laser focused on only one goal: solving the case before it's too late.

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Customer Reviews

I like Baldacci. I really like protagonists Puller, Decker, and Robie, but I'm not sure I really like this offering in the Amos Decker series. Baldacci always writes a book that instantly grabs you and then you pretty much hold on for dear life for the rest of the story. This one grabs you but then makes you

loosen your grip when the dialog goes on and on and on with much of the same information being repeated over and over again. There are the usual crew of agents, some fleshed out a bit, some left behind and DIA Agent Brown adds some interest and life to the story but I have to say I got to the point where I didn't care if Decker solved the case or not. The story lagged at times and the action scenes were implausible and sometimes just plain silly. Amos seems to be softening, and his quirky, Asperger type behaviors were less evident which, to me, is an injustice to Decker's character. Succeeding despite not adhering to the usual social conventions made Decker endearing in a funny sort of way. I miss his struggle. I miss his courage. I miss his awkward vulnerability.

I always enjoy a David Baldacci book, but this cast of characters....Amos Decker, Alex Jamison and Melvin Mars is a winning combo. As a prolific reader, I can usually figure out the ending well before the last page has been turned, but this series always keeps me from piecing it all together until the very end. As with a jigsaw puzzle, I can get all the edges in place, but the center remains elusive until the end of the book. So, if you like a good tale of murder and espionage, FBI and government agency intrigue with well fleshed out protagonists, this book is a good read for you.

Have read all the Amos Decker books. This one is near the top of the series. I swear they just keep getting better. David Baldacci is an excellent writer. His books are just a joy to read. Excellent plot, character interactions, and suspense. Keeps you guessing till the very end. It's a common theme in his books, that nothing is as it first appears. The first book in the series was very good, but every book after that, just gets better and better. If you have already started the series, keep reading. If not, check out this series. Excellent!

Well plotted and fun to read. Decker is a terrific character. If I had my druthers, I would like his personal life to develop more quickly. Certainly the character has come a long way in some areas, but it is time his romantic life moves forward. I did not count the pages but it is counter intuitive for a couple, who obviously like each other to be housemates for several hundred pages but nothing happens between them

Lots of clues along the way but I love the way they worked it out. I did not see the ending coming and those are my favorite kind of reads. It's like Folgers - good to the last page! Spies everywhere and a complicated plot. I did know a couple of things as soon as they happened but didn't get the rest until Decker figured it out. I knew why he stumbled getting into the van of spies as soon as he

did it and I always thought the killing in front of the FBI office was a message for the FBI but they couldn't see its purpose. As always, great story by David Baldacci!

Way too expensive to purchase--something like \$14.99 for Kindle version.Pro: Written in the great Baldacci style; fairly long read--good for when killing time in the airportCons: Too much like old Tom Clancy novels--way, way too much slow background boring filler; way, way too few exciting kick-ass events; and when the kick-ass events finally came along, they were over way too fast.Conclusion: Reading the book kept my travel time out of the total boredom category, but this book was a real disappointment--especially considering the way too high price tag.

I liked this but not nearly as much as the first two in the series. The plot overtook the characters completely.

As usual with a David Baldacci book I hated to put it down. His style of writing keeps me riveted to the story and the characters. I like the Amos Decker stories because it is interesting to read how he solves the crime. There are always some twists and turns to further stimulate the reader. I don't think David Baldacci can be topped.

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