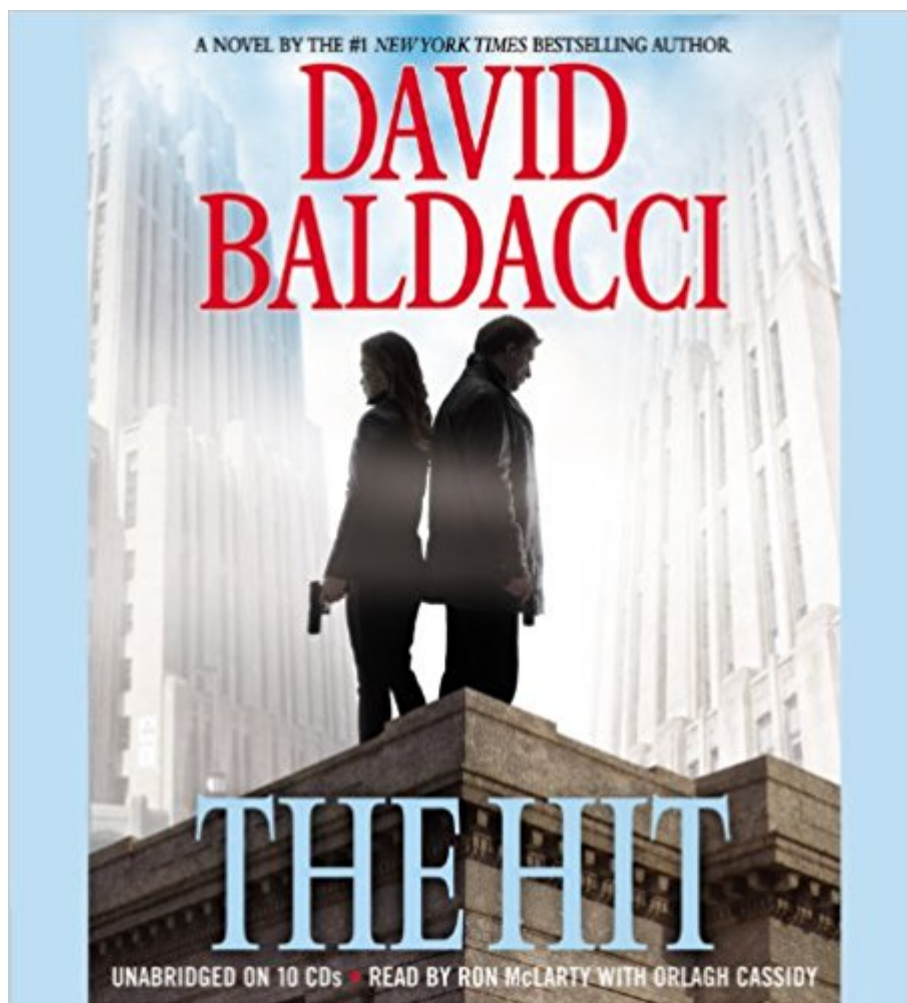


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The Hit



Synopsis

From David Baldacci--#1 bestselling author and one of the world's most popular, widely read storytellers--comes the most thrilling novel of the year. **THE HIT** Will Robie is a master of killing. A highly skilled assassin, Robie is the man the U.S. government calls on to eliminate the worst of the worst-enemies of the state, monsters committed to harming untold numbers of innocent victims. No one else can match Robie's talents as a hitman...no one, except Jessica Reel. A fellow assassin, equally professional and dangerous, Reel is every bit as lethal as Robie. And now, she's gone rogue, turning her gun sights on other members of their agency. To stop one of their own, the government looks again to Will Robie. His mission: bring in Reel, dead or alive. Only a killer can catch another killer, they tell him. But as Robie pursues Reel, he quickly finds that there is more to her betrayal than meets the eye. Her attacks on the agency conceal a larger threat, a threat that could send shockwaves through the U.S. government and around the world.

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Customer Reviews

"The Innocent is Baldacci at his absolute best...Baldacci provides the reader a non-stop pulse pounding ride that will keep you on the edge of your seat into the wee hours of the morning...Five Stars." •Examiner.com
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David Baldacci is a global #1 bestselling author, and one of the world's favorite storytellers. His

books are published in over 45 languages and in more than 80 countries, with over 130 million worldwide sales. His works have been adapted for both feature film and television. David Baldacci is also the cofounder, along with his wife, of the Wish You Well Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting literacy efforts across America. Still a resident of his native Virginia, he invites you to visit him at DavidBaldacci.com and his foundation at WishYouWellFoundation.org.

I have read all of these books. This one did not disappoint. Unlike the TV Series and the Nikki Heat Books, Derrick Storm plays on the world stage... more super spy than NYC Detective. Fast paced action with big themes, world wide consequences. Is it James Bond good? Well, it's as good as some James Bond books. Who is Richard Castle? No one knows but I suspect it is more than one author. There is a hint in the acknowledgements. But who cares? It's a fun franchise for someone. I love the TV show and will keep buying the books.

Rule Number 1: Never Kill the Innocent. Rule Number 2: Not Everyone Plays by the Rules. David Baldacci brings back Will Robie in *The Hit*, this second in the Will Robie series. Robie works for the US Government, but in a department that the US Government would deny any knowledge of...that being the Department of Sanctioned Assassinations. And don't worry...no spoilers here...all this is evident in the first few pages of the book. Robie is the best at what he does. He kills people. But what if the second best assassin was almost as good as Robie? And what if the second best went rogue, and Robie's next assignment was said rogue agent? If said rogue agent were smart, and SHE is indeed smart, the tables could be quickly turned and Robie may be the one joining his past targets in the afterworld. *The Hit* was an awesome page-turner, and Baldacci weaves some of Robie's past endeavors and characters from the previous novel *The Innocent* into the best Baldacci book that I've read to date. Some of Baldacci's work prior to *The Hit* had too many implausible scenarios (there are still a few here), where literally you would find yourself saying out loud, "Cmon, Dave, gimme a break." However, *The Hit* was extremely well written and super entertaining. If you like a good thriller, click the Add to Cart button...you won't be disappointed. 4.5 stars.

At first I thought, "what kind of trash is this", one word guttural, cave-man like utterings. I know my David Baldacci can do better than this. However, loving him as I do I read on and on and couldn't put the darn book down....now I have no Baldacci fix....his next book is not coming out until Nov. I absolutely fell in love with Jessica Reel (felt sorry for Ms. Vance, she is definately going to lose out

to Jessica in the long run. What happens when two equally matched CIA agents (or whatever top secret organization they work for) are pitted against each other...each trying to kill the other. As with all Baldacci books, all is not what it seems when Robie gets the orders from on high to hunt down and kill Jessica Reel for she has turned or been turned rogue agent after "assassinating" two high-level CIA officials. I am a conspiracy theorist at heart and believe that truth is stranger than fiction, however when people complain that this couldn't have happened this way or that, I really want to know how they in fact know that it couldn't, I don't care if this gun wouldn't do this or that or the shooter couldn't be that good....it is called fiction for a reason and I read for entertainment, not reality, that is why we have CNN and really how much of that is real?????I am not going to spoil my review by giving the reader a glimpse of the end, but I will see this....I can't wait to hear more from Will Robie.

First off I thought the narrator was a little hard to get used to. He sounded like a character I've heard on TV who just didn't sound smart/sharp enough. Granted I did listen to the whole story except for the last 45 minutes, so I would say it was entertaining enough for the most part. There were a couple of things in the story that weren't totally convincing but when I got close to the end getting bogged down by the bureaucracy and the stupidity of the man in charge just was too much. I've been reading and listening to a lot of Lee Child 'Jack Reacher' stories and have not been disappointed yet. I ordered a David Baldacci paperback at the same time I ordered This audiobook and I will see how I like that.

It was certainly good to see the return of Will Robie. We had last seen him in the "Innocent". In this thriller a government assassin Jessica Reel shoots a spotter on a killing mission. Her target for that assignment is the next President of Syria. Shortly thereafter she strikes again killing a highly ranked C.I.A. official. Her next victim is the number two man in the C.I.A. The C.I.A. calls in the most dangerous man on the government payroll Will Robie. He is given the task of tracking, hunting, and killing Jessica Reel. Reel proves herself to be a very difficult target. He comes inches from killing Robie at her retreat. Once again she strikes killing a Congressman. Finally Reel and Robie meet and discuss the situation. Reel has discovered a government conspiracy. This group was responsible for killing someone near and dear to her. In the meantime they discover that a federal judge named Sam Kent is involved in this conspiracy. Reel and Robie stop the attempted killing of the Arab leaders in Canada. They are given the task of killing the next President of Syria. To their horror they discover that they have been betrayed. This is a good book from start to finish. Be sure to read it.

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