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The Rogue Agent (The Agent Series)



Synopsis

Former covert ops agent Tom Sexton is living quietly in rural Vermont. Running a diner with his girlfriend, Stella, he thinks that the worst he's seen, done, and suffered is finally behind him. But when a long-hidden specter from his troubled past emerges, Tom is shaken out of his safe, furtive life. With no choice but to lock and load, Tom falls back into a world where valor and violence collide and his isn't the only life in danger. Summoned into the ranks of top-secret intelligence, Tom is tasked with protecting a teenage girl targeted by agents of an infamous mercenary. It's a high-risk mission that will pit all his combat and espionage skills against ruthless paramilitary hit squads. Leading them is a legendary and mysterious killer for hire who's making Tom doubt everything, and everyone, he has come to believe in. Even himself. Surrounded by enemies he can't see and allies he can no longer trust, Tom will have to face alone the fatal fury of a madman if only to save the woman he left behind.

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Customer Reviews

decent espionage thriller.

This is not your typical thriller by any means. One would not expect it to be. Over the course of the past decade or so, author Daniel Judson has proven that he can write just about anything, and do it quite well. He turned his hand to something of a hybrid espionage-adventure novel in *THE TEMPORARY AGENT* less than a year ago, and this fine sequel is even better. The *“agent”* of both titles, if you will, is a gentleman named Tom Sexton. Orphaned before he was out of his teens, Tom enlisted in the Army but was tapped by one of a succession of military mentors to join a US Navy Seabees special ops team, where he was a standout performer, taking medals and wounds with equal valor. He left the service and wandered for a bit before meeting Stella, the love of his life. The problem is that Tom reluctantly keeps being drawn back into his military life. This was the thrust of *THE TEMPORARY AGENT*. *THE ROGUE AGENT* opens approximately 18 months later. Tom and Stella have built a life together, living under assumed names and running a popular diner with limited hours in a small town in Vermont not far at all from where Tom grew up and the lives of his family members ended so tragically. However, events slowly begin to overtake him when he is contacted out of the blue by his former superiors and more or less blackmailed into another mission. A young woman has been targeted by the agents of an infamous mercenary known as The Algerian, who in turn works for an even more nefarious and mysterious character known as The Benefactor. Given that Tom and Stella are living quietly and anonymously, with their location known only to a handful of people, Tom’s once and future military handlers feel that the targeted woman is better housed with him than at one of the safe houses they maintain. This would seem to be true. *THE ROGUE AGENT* serves as a how-to guide if you really, really want to turn your residence into a seemingly impenetrable space, loaded with plenty of adult firepower toys that will enable one not only to take fire but also to return it. That’s how it seems, anyway. However, a late-night attack demonstrates that the suspected but unthinkable is true: there is a traitor in their midst, and it is someone who is otherwise completely trustworthy. Judson does a terrific job of keeping the reader guessing as to who the snake might be right up until near the end, when he drops another revelation for the next book in the series just as he is resolving the issues raised here. *THE ROGUE AGENT* is very fast reading; the pages just fly by. This is especially remarkable because Judson isn’t afraid to give the reader background on the primary characters. All of it is extremely interesting, even the elements that in the hands of a lesser author would be boring minutiae. Tom Sexton is not a world-beater, either. While many espionage novels involve changing locales on the global map with the frequency

of underwear changes (nothing wrong with that— the changing locales, I mean), most of this book is played out in rural Vermont and urban New York. More is almost certainly coming, so get on board the Agent train now. Reviewed by Joe Hartlaub.

Quick fast paced read. I read cover to cover. Still, like the 1st book Temporary Agent, could use some editing. The players are mostly the same, the setting is moved to Vermont. Where Tom and Stella are hiding out from the bad guys from the previous book. If you liked the Bourne type books, you might like this one.

If you like action books that actually have a compelling story line, then this book is for you. Judson allows his reader to peer into the mind of his central character. In my opinion, this is something few action/adventure writers bother to do. Judson clearly is allowing for another novel in this series, and I, for one, am looking forward to it.

Excellent! Absolutely loved this book. It's fast paced non stop action. Tom And Stella are wonderful characters and you feel as though you know them. Each character was made so personal you feel like your right there with them. What a rollercoaster ride.. no one knows who to trust and the ones you do trust and believe could be your worst nightmare. These are all well trained warriors and the best of the best. I highly recommend this book and can't wait for a third book in series to really find out who will fall and fall hard for all his evil greed, and selfish arrogance!! Definitely needs a third book. Kudos to Daniel Judson.

How Daniel Judson is not a household name has got me beat. The agent series gets better and better. If you love Silva and Thor you have to add the novel to your collection. Fantastic work Daniel.

The book starts off slow, but once the reader is in the second chapter they can't put it down. Great story, I didn't want the story to end. Tom's sister and mom were killed while his dad was away on a conference (so he was told) Tom learns years later that they were killed while the Benefactor attempted to kill his dad (an ex-military man who would go out on missions undercover).. Tom and his girlfriend have been hiding in plain sight for two years, and have tried to keep a low profile. The Benefactor (someone who has put a contract on Tom and his girlfriend) is the same man who had his dad killed twenty years ago, No one knows who the Benefactor is, or why he wants to kill Tom. I don't want to give the plot away.

This can only be read in one sitting! There was no way I could put my Kindle down until I'd finished this book. The suspense is constant. The insight into the characters that Judson creates inspires empathy and a sense of family with the reader. I really enjoyed The Temporary Agent , but The Rogue Agent far surpasses Judson's first agent novel.

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