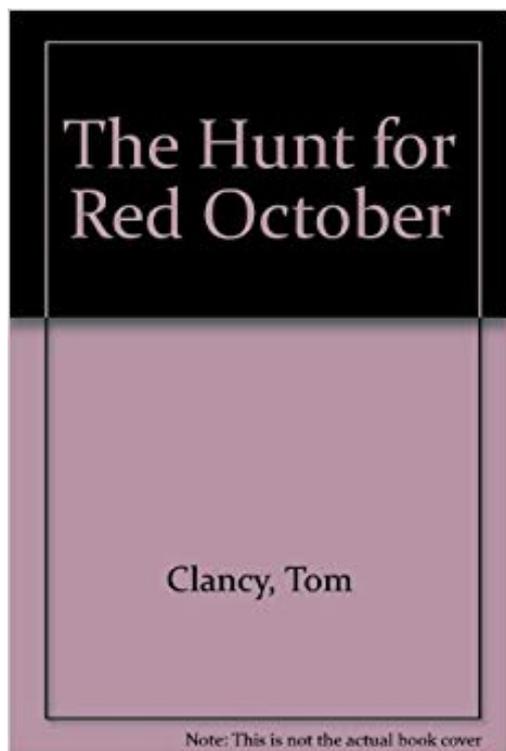


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Reviews of the *The Hunt for Red October* *by* Tom Clancy

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I was fully prepared not to be particularly impressed with this book, even though I have enjoyed watching the movie numerous times over the years. After all, when Clancy wrote it he was still selling insurance in Owings, Maryland. What could he possibly know about submarines?

I was very pleasantly surprised. The Hunt for Red October is a superbly crafted novel. The characters are well drawn and credible, plot is satisfyingly convoluted, and the density of technical detail provides the authenticity that one expects in a top rank technothriller.

For my taste, technothrillers don't get any better than this (and it was Clancy's first!). Engaging characters, great plot, well-realized setting, heart-pounding suspense all the way to the last few pages.

Highly recommended.

Faulkree

I have to say I saw the movie, Hunt for Red October first. My husband purchased the book for me on a whim. The paperback edition was very thick with small type. Since we were traveling to Florida I decided to purchase the Kindle edition, good choice. At first I thought the book was a mirror of the movie, but after awhile I realized it was much better than the movie. Tom Clancy is a wonderful writer and he puts you right into the action. With a good imagination you can view the entire book in 3D! The depth (no pun intended) of the details was astounding. Only one statement the movie added at the end I would have loved to have read, "Mr. Ambassador, you've lost another submarine".

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I read this book years ago. It was my introduction to Tom Clancy and I've been a devoted fan ever since. I decided to go back and read the entire Jack Ryan saga in chronological order starting with Patriot Games and then Red Rabbit and so on. It's great to see Jack, Clark, Chavez and all of the characters be developed and grown as only Tom Clancy can do. The Hunt for Red October is simply a great read. And while the cold war is over, the story is still timeless and relevant. Tom Clancy gives the reader insight into strategic and tactical thinking in such a way that you can't put the book down until it's done. He leaves you hungry for the next chapter in the saga. I miss him terribly and will eagerly await the efforts to carry on his work that will be made by the many talented writers Tom touched with his passion for telling a compelling and exciting story. If you've read this book, go back and read it again, if you've never read it then do so and you too will become hooked on the life of John Patrick Ryan.

Damand

The movie version of The Hunt for Red October is one of my favorite movies. I never read the book till now when Amazon offered the kindle version for a good price. So I thought I'd give it a try and see how the original novel was changed when converted into a movie. The pace was slower since you have to fit a movie into 90-120 minutes. The movie combined some of the action again to compress it all so I was taken by surprise when certain things didn't happen as in the movie. The book presents much more in terms of things like how Russian submarine crews differed from the American ones which I appreciated. It also provided info on the difference in the technology of the American vs Russian subs. If you never read the book and only saw the movie, it's worth a read. (It was interesting how in the movie they changed Ryan's daughter age from 6 to 5 and she wanted her dad to bring home a 'brother' for her teddy bear Stanley instead of a Barbie doll (in the novel). Visually in the movie it worked better in the end when Jack finally was able to sleep on a plane with the teddy bear sitting in the seat next to him.)

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When I joined the U.S. Navy this was the first book that I read when I completed Bootcamp. As a result of reading Hunt for Red October, I signed up for submarine duty. It is not an understatement for me to say that this story changed my life. I have never regretted the decision to join subs.

As for the story, it follows the Soviet submarine Red October as it leaves port and tries to travel the distance from the north Atlantic to the U.S. coast undetected. The Captain is a senior and seasoned professional that knows the methods of both the Soviets and the U.S. What he hasn't planned for is the submarine USS Dallas and her extraordinary crew who discover how to track the un-trackable sub.

This story also introduces Jack Ryan, who is a main character for Tom Clancy. In this story Ryan is a analyst for the CIA and he figures out what the Red October is unto and is key to helping execute the final plan. Without giving any spoilers, it is enough to say that this the Clancy thriller that started it all for Jack Ryan and even Clancy.

Recommend this story to all Clancy fans!

Mori

To be fair to the late Mr. Clancy, Red October is a decent enough book with a good story with most of the characters fleshed out. Where it falls apart for me and I've heard this about Clancy books, is that they tend to be verbose. This, for me, took away from a very thrilling story. The reason I prefer the movie is it streamlined the story making it even more thrilling.

Little Devil

This is an awesome story by Tom Clancy who brought Jack Ryan into books and films. This is the story which takes place in the Atlantic Ocean where a Soviet submarine is heading west. The American government wants to take over this submarine to avoid a possible nuclear attack. Jack Ryan is a CIA Analyst who is assigned to the field which is a hide-and-seek hunt. Two world powers, challenging each other. A very intense novel which engulfed me reading it quickly to the end. Highly recommend.

Bought it for a teenager who loves all things military but says he hates to read. It worked for my son 20 years ago and he ultimately became a voracious reader. Here's hoping it works again!

Great book, and while the movie was really good, there is so much more on the written page. Part of the ending was changed from the book to the movie, and I loved both ideas! Fun, fast read and I can highly recommend it for young men around 16 - 18. Even those who have been resistant to reading.

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