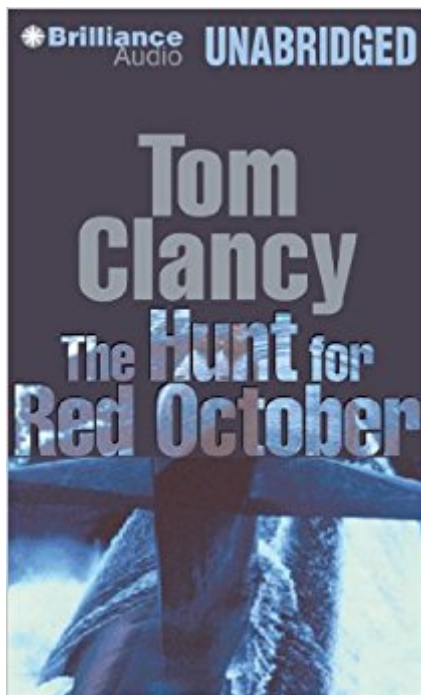


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The Hunt For Red October



Synopsis

A deadly serious game of hide-and-seek is on. The CIA's brilliant young analyst, Jack Ryan, thinks he knows the reason for the sudden Red Fleet operation: the Soviets' most valuable ship, the Red October, is attempting to defect to the United States. The new ballistic-missile submarine's defection is high treason on an unprecedented scale and nearly the entire Soviet Atlantic Fleet has been ordered to find and destroy her at all costs. If the U.S. fleet can locate her first and get her safely to port, it will be the intelligence coup of all time. The nerve-wracking hunt goes on for eighteen days as the Red October tries to elude her hunters across 4000 miles of ocean. The rousing climax is one of the most thrilling underwater scenes ever written.

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Customer Reviews

Somewhere under the Atlantic, a Soviet sub commander has just made a fateful decision: the Red October is heading west. The Americans want her. The Russians want her back. And the most incredible chase in history is on.... The Hunt for Red October is the runaway bestseller that launched Tom Clancy's phenomenal career. A military thriller so accurate and convincing that the author was rumored to have been debriefed by the White House. Its theme: the greatest espionage coup in history. Its story: the chase for a runaway top secret Russian missile sub. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

“Flawless”
frighteningly genuine.
•The Wall Street

“Remarkable”
intricate and nerve tingling.
•Clive

Cussler's "Gripping narrative" Navy buffs and thriller adepts have been mesmerized. •Time --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

This novel, though published in 1984, can still be applied to events happening today. Russia is still a major enemy. Its navy, including its submarine fleet, is still very formidable. The story of a famous admiral, taking his submarine toward the northeast coast of America, to present it to the President of the United States is unique, to say the least. I am sure that many readers are familiar with the exciting, suspenseful events that take place. For those few readers who are not familiar, it would ruin things, and are not, therefore, disclosed here. The only disappointing events I found in this novel happened after the conclusion of "The Main Events". These disappointments lie in chapter after chapter, in Russia, where Russian authorities, intent on fixing blame for the defection, and/or establishing political controls that would prevent future occurrences of traitorous behavior. Fortunately, these chapters may be quickly skimmed, and do not affect what is truly a very good read, and one which I recommend highly.

I read this book 30+ years ago, & while I remember it broadly, it still held my interest because of the author's dedication to the real aspects of the situation. Having just finished it, my heart rate is elevated because this story is so well crafted.

If your soul yearns for adventure on the high seas, and you love the excitement of Cold War military tensions boiling over this is the book for you. Even if you just like all things navy and submarine you will get a great deal of enjoyment out of reading this book. Clancy does a great job of being accurate in his use of terms and descriptions of equipment so that the reader feels like they know a little bit more about the subject than they did before.

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".

I read most of Tom Clancey's books growing up and enjoyed most of them. I was happy to be able to purchase this in hard cover with a dust jacket. Arrived in New condition and packaged well.

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.

Way better than the movie. The movie plot was full of holes. The book has no plot holes that I found. If you have seen the movie, you will recognize where the movie quotes the book. However, you will see early on that the book is far more believable than the movie. Makes you wonder if it's a history book instead of fiction.

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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