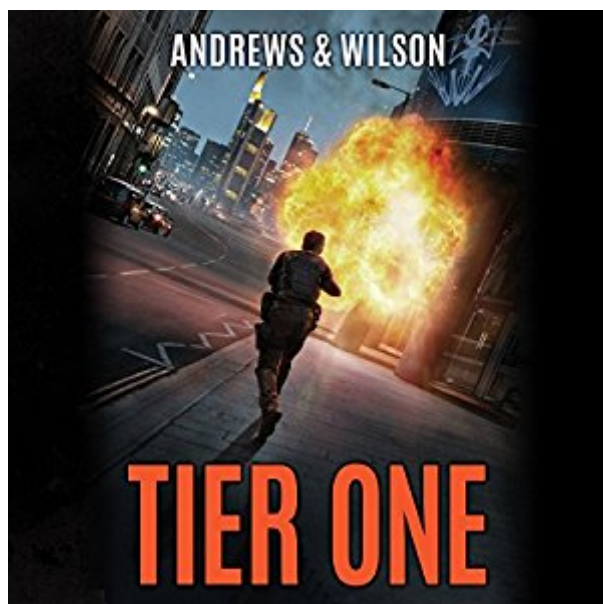


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In a world violated by terror, the old lines have blurred. Meet the next generation of covert ops. John Dempsey's life - as an elite Tier One Navy SEAL named Jack Kemper - is over. A devastating terrorist action catapults him from a world of moral certainty and decisive orders into the shadowy realm of espionage, where ambiguity is the only rule. His new mission: hunt down those responsible for the greatest tragedy in the history of the US Special Ops and bring them to justice. But how does a man torn between duty and revenge walk the line and preserve his soul? As Dempsey struggles with the games of spies, the case propels him across the globe in a desperate effort to prevent a new, horrifying attack on American soil. Once, John Dempsey followed orders blindly. Now he sees behind the curtain, and the security of the civilized world rests on one question: Can a Tier One Navy SEAL adapt and become the world's most lethal spy?

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Customer Reviews

This type of book is NOT my usual genre . I selected this book from Kindle First simply because none of the other selections appealed to me, and I liked the cover art. Let me first send a big thank you to the authors for including a glossary of all the acronyms used in the book! Other reviews have discussed the plot so I won't go there. I was engrossed in this story from the very first page. The plot is, unfortunately, very realistic in this time in history. I experienced several different emotions during the reading of this book. I was fascinated by the plot twists and turns , saddened by the losses of life and the sacrifices of personal happiness made by the hero, fear because the plot

was so realistic it could be a harbinger of events to come, and lastly, satisfaction at an ending well written. This book is so well written that the use of acronyms did not seem excessive, a reader not familiar with military lingo can easily follow the story. I am very much looking forward to reading more books by this writing duo.

A former SEAL who finds a new identity as a spy, Jack Dempsey has a score to settle. Traveling the globe with his new team that is just beginning to form a bond, he will face perhaps the most serious terrorist plot since 9/11. Racing against time, will he and his team be able to figure out the plot and intervene before time is up? I love a good thriller, and Andrews and Wilson do not fail to deliver in Tier One. I found myself consistently engaged in the storyline and loved the characters, especially Jack Dempsey. The plot was so realistic it could have been ripped from the headlines (though thankfully it was not!). The action was non-stop, and the authors' writing style flowed well and was authentic to the events portrayed in the book. I was hesitant about choosing this as my August Kindle First selection I realize this is a bit silly, but I do tend to judge books by their cover, and I really did not like the cover artwork for this title. However, I was very pleased with the book and found it to be one of the best Kindle First selections I have read in some time. I am looking forward to reading future installments in this series, and can't wait to see how the characters will develop over time. The brotherhood and bond between the team members really added to the character development, and the authors also left room for some romance in future sequels. Thomas and Mercer have another hit series on their hands!

Action Check Thrilling Double Check Buckle your seat belts Triple Check No decision for me on my selection for the Kindle First book for August. How could I possibly choose anything other than a novel about Navy SEALs? And, the end result is that I was not disappointed for one minute while reading this book. It is filled with action which starts in the Arabian Sea where the reader first meets Senior Chief Jack Kemper on a mission with his fellow SEALs. We learn that during his 20 years of service he is used to the harried missions that start with the 3 beeps on his cell phone. So, he takes each one in stride with his thoughts of 'Blow up, Clean up or Pick up'. Life goes on with the SEALs and along the way we get a refresher course concerning Iran's nuclear program in 2003. As the description of this book mentions, the story delves deeply into the line between duty and revenge. Al Qaeda plays an active part in this one and I actually felt shaky when reading the scene in the Tactical Operations Center in Djibouti on the horn of Africa. Powerful, poignant and packed with action that will not disappoint readers that like military action. The trident symbol for the SEALs has

always been so important to them. There is a scene concerning the passing of a trident that will make one tear up with emotion. And, yes, justice comes into play. Characters are well developed as is the plot and the story flows smoothly from the beginning to the last page. There are a lot of acronyms in this book and all are well explained. So like the military in every day life. Most highly recommended. Please note that this my Kindle First selection for August.

He smirked. She smirked. They all smirked. Every character in this book is constantly smirking. Maybe it's because of all the tropes that the book manages to squeeze in. You've got your noble, somewhat misunderstood hero, the super genius boss, the weaselly scheming bureaucrat (grossly overweight, of course), the woman with secrets to hide who has to prove herself... You get the idea. I thought that maybe they would be lampshading some of these, but no. This is not to say it's a bad book. The reason all those tropes exist is that they're common elements in good stories. This one is enjoyable, but there's nothing here that isn't in a hundred other books like it. (Except maybe the smirking. Have I mentioned that the authors like that word?) If you want a fun, fast paced story that's got clear good guys and bad guys, this is a great book for a quick escape from reality.

Non-stop action! Non-stop reading! Jarvis is the most interesting character. With his thought processes being so dimensional, he's an enigma - brilliant but can you really trust him. Great start to a new series. Looking forward to Book 2.

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