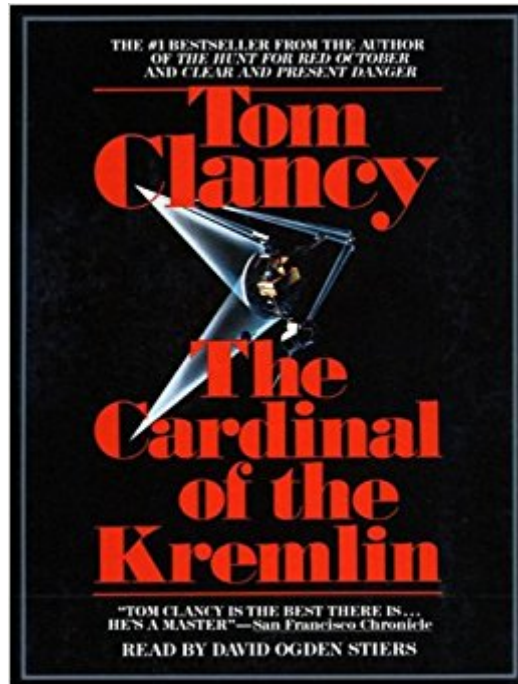




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The Cardinal Of The Kremlin



Synopsis

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In his fourth book, Clancy uses nuclear strategies to probe the ambiguities of fighting the good fightthe Americans vs. the Soviets. By the time familiar hero Jack Ryan steps in to investigate mysterious structures on the Soviet-Afghan border, the Soviets have struck again by zapping a satellite with a free electron laser. The title's cardinal, an elite, well-placed source in the Kremlin, leaks details of this secret activity to the United States. In the backdrop of technological bravura, spiced by artful espionage and all-too-human mistakes, intelligence is transferred back and forth and there are attacks and counterattacks. It is a mark of Clancy's growing maturity as a writer that he can bring these subtleties into highly entertaining form. Literary Guild Main. Barbara Conaty,

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Read other reviews about the story. If you like Tom Clancy novels, this one is on par with Red October. HOWEVER, this PRINTING of the book is utter GARBAGE!!! They printed up through page 738 and then inserted pages 675-706 for a second time. Sadly a reader will go from 738 to 771 without getting the pages inbetween. Those pages are the climax for each of the story lines. What lazy printing house lets an error like this out the door? Get a different printing. Do not buy the 2013 printing.

You are aware of the existence of hero of this novel if you have read other Tom Clancy novels. This novel fleshes out The Cardinal. The book is well written and a page turner. If your reading Tom Clancy books in order, this would be book #3. The Hunt for Red October and Patriot Games precede it. Clear and Present Danger and The Sum of All Fears follow it.

I have read most of Tom Clancy's novels published before 2000 and this is definitely one of the best. This is probably the beginning of his turn from looking at human-scale, personal stories to global-scale, high-level political commentary. I preferred his books when they were about Jack Ryan and the people he interacted with, rather than sweeping epics about the upheavals of whole nations. The Cardinal of the Kremlin focuses on espionage, missile defense, guerilla war, and grand political machinations, but it still manages to feel small and personal. Colonel Filitov, the Archer, Major Gregory, the Foleys, Colonel Vatutin, and a sizable cast of other characters join Jack Ryan in an ensemble that is probably Clancy's best balancing act before his novels became too ambitious. Each character is still unique, still well-developed, still being motivated in ways that are understandable and relatable. Highly recommended. As President Reagan said of The Hunt for Red October, it's a pretty good yarn.

It's confusing to keep track of all the Russian names and the ending is somewhat implausible. However there is plenty of suspense until the last few pages. As with many of his earlier works, Mr. Clancy wove a tale of intrigue.

Tom Clancy not one of his classics but in those lines good for long flights

The story is excellent! Typical Tom Clancy! But a bit hard to follow! As usual, there are three to four situations happening at the same time. that's great in that it adds to the intrigue! Problem is, the story changes from one situation to another between paragraphs with no indication that the scene is changing. You finish one paragraph dealing with one scene, and the next paragraph has switched to another scene. It takes some re-reading to figure out where you are! The usual 2 to 3 dots between paragraphs would have helped tremendously! Otherwise, a great read!

I read this when it first came out, and loved it. Having decided to go back and read Jack Ryan's adventures in chronological order on my lovely Kindle, I've just reached "The Cardinal of the Kremlin

Certainly held my attention

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