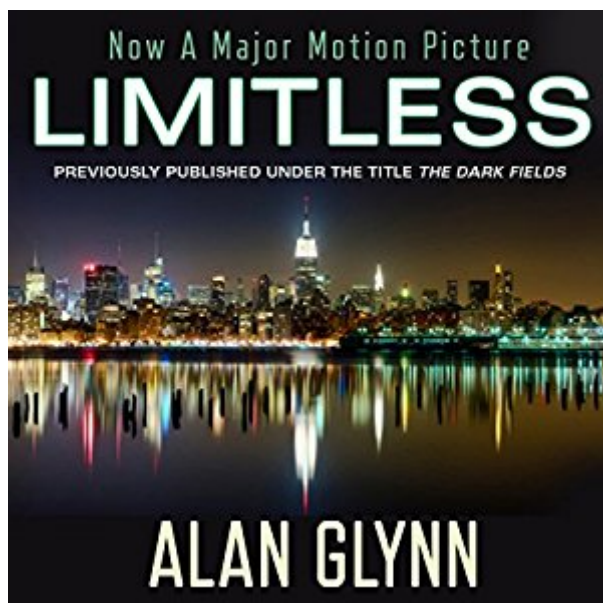


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Limitless: A Novel



Synopsis

Now a major motion picture from Relativity Media. A burnout at 35, months behind on his book, low on cash, and something of a loser, Eddie Spinola could use a shot in the arm. One day he randomly runs into Vernon, his ex-wife's brother, and his ex-dealer. Now employed by a shadowy pharmaceutical company, Vernon has something that might help: a new designer drug that stimulates brain function. One pill and Eddie is hooked. His book is finished within days; he learns and synthesizes information at a frightening rate; and he can go a long time without sleep or food. Naturally, he begins to play the stock market. But when Vernon turns up dead, Eddie makes off with the only stash of the drug in existence. Then come the side effects: black-outs, blinding headaches, and violent outbursts he can't seem to remember. Alan Glynn's *Limitless* is a high-concept thriller for this Adderall age, and a haunting meditation on the allure and the curse of human potential.

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Customer Reviews

Enjoyed the movie, & as I have been on Movie/Book theme, this was another satisfying read as to actual origins & motivations for the movie. I relish novels that call me to come back for more, like Dennis Lehane, Roslund, etc. The novel seemed futuristic, without giving too much away, plus having seen the movie, the characterisation remained with me throughout the novel. Would I read it again? Most Definitely!! I loaned novel originally at library, gobbled it up in no time with eyes wide open during the graveyard shift. I instantly decided to get the Kindle book to reread it again I enjoyed it that much. Highly recommended!!

Exciting and easy to read! I watched the movie years ago and liked it so much I finally had to read the book. The book and movie are NOT identical, which made the book even more entertaining! I recommend this book for anyone who desires an inner city tale with a suspenseful taste.

Stumbled on the Movie before the book and the movie definitely smoothed out areas of the book that were weak and gave it a better if implausible ending. The biggest weakness in the book is the character is superhumanly smart in some things and incredibly dense and stupid in others. The Russian mafia guy was a poor plot device, surely the character could have been patient enough to sock away the money to play the stock market on a larger scale. The antagonist of a back door government program along with deeper detail about the self improvement cult could have been fleshed out better and the mafia dropped altogether.

I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. However, it's worth mentioning that one of the largest distractions is that this character, who happens to be on a smart drug, really makes some very bad decisions. Part of me wants to look for deeper reasons about why this could be, the reality is that doesn't change a thing. Great novel. Great story. Quite engaging. Very hard to put down. On one hand you find yourself reading the story, and on the other hand you find yourself fantasizing about what you might do yourself. Perhaps, this is where the frustration over the novel comes in: it's quite easy to disagree with the actions this main character.

I loved this book. I've not seen the movie nor the miniseries but I can't imagine that they can compare to this book. I did recognize immediately that this book was written by an Irishman in the voice of an American. For me this made the story more interesting. The author is a truly gifted wordsmith with simple prose that say what is meant to be said without any literary BS. Great story. Great writing. Tough and well-placed violence that is appropriate to the story line. Chilling and lovely.

One of the top fiction books I've read in ages. Right up there with American Psycho, Clockwork Orange, etc. This book pulled me in quickly and had me reading vigilantly to know what happens next. It painted a great picture of the highs and lows of Eddie Spinola on MDT. Hallucinations, panic, drug abuse, and paranoia. All taking place around the backdrop of New York City. Very good. The movie adaption isn't bad either.

Like most people I was first introduced to Limitless, the movie, which I enjoyed, I must say however I rather let down by the book. Glynn started with an excellent concept but failed to deliver in the of way of painting a proficient word picture. In the film we are able to connect with Eddie on a human level and ultimately become envious of him... We are shown a complete and utter slob who through the miracle of experimental pharmacology turns his life around. Where as in the book Eddies only real problem is that he is afraid he will run out MDT which he eventually does. Or rather some ominous character comes in and somehow manages to rob him blind because "they've been watching him from the start". At any rate the end of the book is much like any film in the last couple years... Anticlimactic!!

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