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Live Fire is the sixth book in the best-selling Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series.

Mickey and Mark Moore are hard men who live by their own code and leaders of a gang that has made millions at the point of a gun. Now they're enjoying a life in the sun in Thailand.

Dan 'Spider' Shepherd is sent to infiltrate the tightly-knit team of bank robbers. But when he does, he discovers that he has more in common with them than he first thought.

While he and his Serious Organised Crime Agency colleagues are plotting the downfall of the Moore brothers, a far more sinister threat is stalking the streets of London. A group of home-grown Islamic fundamentalist fanatics embarks on a campaign of terror the like of which Britain has never seen. Car bombs and beheadings are only the beginning . . .

And Shepherd is the only man who can stop them."

Live Fire Details

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Gavin Rogers says

Currently my favourite author. I love the Dan 'Spider' Shepherd books...always packed full of action and adrenaline. Old friends and foes regularly appear in the series...I enjoy it when the author sucks you into the life of the criminals which at times leaves me actually wanting them to succeed. I see Mr Leather has started a new series...I hope he doesn't leave it too long before delivering another Dan Shepherd adventure!

David Morgan says

Another great read

What a great author/publisher I just can't get enough of these amazing books,, it leaves me no option in what I'm going to read next...

If the author of this book (Stephen Leather) reads this review please could you send me a free book or something haha

Katie Murdoch says

I started this book and unfortunately couldn't finish it, I've given up on it. I found it annoying that women were constantly just referred to by their bodies (specifically their 'tits'), all of the protagonists are male and it felt very outdated. The main characters are just cheesy and I just couldn't relate to the storyline at all.

Dan says

I really enjoyed this one. Being set in Thailand makes a pleasant difference, and the life of a criminal is not so bad after all...maybe! If I'm not mistaken, Stephen lives in Thailand and although his reference points in the UK are always accurate, you can tell that there are some hands-on facts flowing in the descriptions of the local sights in Thailand.

In this 'episode' you can get the drift that Spider is second-guessing the morals of his job, and his targets as undercover agent in SOCA. I feel that a change of career is on the horizon, especially in the climax at the end where spider makes a hasty decision to eliminate a threat and turn a blind eye to a criminal involving 'victimless' crimes.

Even though the read was enjoyable throughout, the ending was really high-pace and a good finish to a fine book. The only 'criticisms' I have are that a few steps seemed to be skipped: Spider never seemed to mention to Sharp about the hotel change; Sharp knew about the BBQ at the Moore's before Dan mentioned it and what happened to the London Eye?

All in all, the various plots, which I have often criticised, worked effortlessly in this book and the plot seemed focussed, flowed well, and made a pleasant change from the usual Iraqis/Muslims against the west storyline. Good work!

Ray says

Just like most things in life, the more you do it the better you become at it. This is the case with Stephen Leather and his writings in the Dan "Spider" Shepherd series. Simply could not put this book down. I even took the bus to work so I could keep reading it :-). I am looking forward to books 7, 8 and hopefully more!

James V. Lee says

I agree with many of the other reviewers who thought the two separate trains of events finally intersection near the end provided a thrilling finish to the book. I thoroughly enjoyed Steven Leather's scenic description of whatever locale the action takes place, almost up to being a travelogue! The cliff-hanger ending left me downloading Volume 7 of the Dan Shepherd chronology. I'm hooked!

KEVIN says

A contemporary thriller composed of two stories running side by side with no overlap until the final showdown. Exciting stuff and tightly written; one story involves home-grown (UK) Islamic terrorists the other an undercover cop infiltrating a gang of bank robbers who have semi-retired to Thailand but are still carrying out robberies back in the UK.

I had to deduct a star because of one niggle. The undercover cop is pretending to be a tough criminal in order to infiltrate the gang but he goes through the book acting like a choirboy. Refusing to join in with any of the villains jack-the-lad antics and therefore ruining the reality of the situation. I don't think this was the author's choice (he even addresses the unreality of it at one point) as if saying to the reader; "I know, I know, but what can I do?" I think rather that the publishers insisted on the hero being politically correct even if it was going to be detrimental to the story and the reader's enjoyment. Seems like there's no room in mainstream publishing for heroes behaving inappropriately even in an adult man's adventure read. Sigh.....the times we live in!

Chris says

Sent to infiltrate a gang of armed robbers in Thailand that target the UK, Spider discovers that there is a far worse group of men living in London that plan to do more than just steal money.

The job appears to ask more of Spider than normal, the Moore's are only robbing banks,, but the people that surround them in Thailand are far worse, making Shepherd doubt whether what he's doing is really worth while, in the end it may just compromise the entire case.

Phil Altimas says

The sixth book and it just gets better, spider is tasked with infuriating a gang of bank robbers

while doing this he comes across old friends and learns about a terror plot

the book culminates in an all action end
another wonderful read from Stephen Leather

Ian T says

Good Book. Simple Plot involving high flying bank robbers and middle eastern terrorists. Quite current really but a bit too close to home for comfort, this book could give the wrong people the wrong ideas. But Dan Shepherd is a great character who we can all relate to.

Sean Randall says

More lawbreaking, and an appreciation of criminals? What is going on? And sharp was rather irritating on this

Neil says

Book 6 in the Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series, and there seems to be no let up in the quality of writing. Again there are two parallel plotlines running. In the major one we follow Spider as he infiltrates a gang of armed robbers. They are mainly based in Thailand, and only fly into the UK to carry out their next jobs. So most of the events happen far away from home, meaning that the only close backup Spider has is from 'Razor' Sharp. The second plot involves a group of home grown terrorists, to find out how the twin story lines mesh together you will have to read the book for yourself.

I enjoy the well crafted characters in these books, and each book seems to have a certain amount of continuity with the preceding ones. For those who like the Jack Reacher and Mitch Rapp series of books this series is also well worth a read, and being British based is sometimes easier to picture.

Paul Mort says

Loved this one. Great characters, excellent narrative of the different areas and background

Paul says

Spider is getting better and better, would be an interesting contest between Spider, Reacher and Mitch Rapp!

Lysa Nevill says

Fab read

Another great read in this series of books. So good I read it in three days. Can't wait to start the next one
