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The third book in the bestselling Dan 'Spider' Shepherd series.

Even deadlier than terrorists . . . are the men trying to stop them.

People-smuggling, counterfeit currency and attempted murder. It's all in a day's work for undercover cop Dan 'Spider' Shepherd. But what starts as a run-of-the mill investigation quickly turns into a matter of life and death when he uncovers a terrorist cell on a mission of death and destruction. The target: hundreds of passengers on a cross-channel train deep below the English Channel.

With the clock ticking and the explosives primed, Shepherd and his colleagues have to decide just how far they are prepared to go to save innocent lives. And they realise that to avoid catastrophe, they have to be even more merciless than the terrorists.

Cold Kill Details

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Chris says

Very violent and certainly not for the faint hearted in places , but I've come to expect that from the man.

As ever wonderful, really original plots!

James says

This was my first Stephen Leather and I enjoyed reading it very much. It has a central hero in "Spider" Shepherd, who is ex Special Forces and now working undercover for the police. Called Spider because he once ate a spider. Haven't we all?

The story jumped around a little but was very readable and has a solid plot. Interesting characters who are well developed by the author. I will read more of the author's books.

Richard Mulholland says

Awesome thriller

Phil Altimas says

another great book about spider shepherd.

in this adventure we have people smuggling , counterfeit currency and terrorists on the street of London

a great pace, great story line and a great characters, all the hallmarks of a Stephen leather book!

Jess says

Took me two weeks to get through the first hundred pages but after that I couldn't put it down. I love the swapping between characters at the end. Also, nice mix of action and storyline - if there was a bit more romance I would be backing it 100%. Nice easy read

Alex R. Orue says

Quite entertaining but predictable. With an intriguing beginning but with a lame end. Easy to read.

James says

This is a great continuation in a great series that just keeps on going and going, entertaining and petrifying its audiences as it goes.

This book really asks some hard questions of the reader as it focuses on terrorists and what we are willing to do about it. Are we willing to torture them for information, are we willing to sink to their level? Its a hard question, and one that I don't like the answer I came up with in response. But the truth is we are at war - this book just reminds the reader that while we are cooped up in our 'idyllic worlds' there are people out there who want to kill us, to destroy us and this book is a wake up call for all of those who do not believe that we are at war with these people - whether we want to be or not.

Now, apart from the hard questioning, this book also produced on the simple story telling aspect, examples of how good it is are;

1. The relationship between Dan and his Son - this really does bring a sense of realism to the story. Most action packed novels such as this tend to have that sense of fanaticism that means we can disassociate it with our world, but this relationship is real. The reactions true, I wouldn't be surprised if the author has some experience in such a father/son relationship.
2. The emotional baggage of Dan in regard to his wife's death. This truly brings home his character and sells the story brilliantly.
3. Dan's reaction to the 'assassin' tag and job offer.
4. The suspense built into the text is heart stopping.
5. The plot line itself is original and captivating and the way that it is intertwined with reality just adds to the emotional investment in the story.

Overall this is a VERY GOOD BOOK on a simple storytelling level and rates a 4, but add in the hard questions that Stephen Leather asks you this becomes a VERY GREAT BOOK and easily a 5.

Read this book, it will truly hit home.

Have fun reading.

Allen Vincent says

Another brilliant instalment in the Spider Shepherd series. Fast paced and full of action.

Gary says

The 3rd book in the Dan Shepherd series by Stephen Leather.

Another great read from this series of books, lots of action, plenty of drama and full of twists and turns. I didn't like it as much as the previous 2 books that were very close to a 5 star rating but still gave it 4 stars. This series is getting better as I get to know the characters more and I am really looking forward to the next book which I intend to start before the end of the week.

Caz Ward says

Great story but weird that it is just one long chapter - made putting it down very difficult!

Amanda Patterson says

Good reading. Leather provides holiday entertainment with a twist. He really does pose the what if questions. He crosses the thriller / conspiracy / spy genre perfectly. This deserves 3.5/5.

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Can't say this was 'amazing' but it's very enjoyable read. The action pace was slower which is something I missed. However, when it comes to our hero, Daniel Sheperd, we've come to know a great deal about him professionally as well as his relationship with his kid. It's great to see Sheperd trying to deal with his kid, who he always lets down by not being there for him. We also see Sheperd reaching his tipping point when a Bangladeshi family, he's come to be friends with in his undercover operation, are sent to Guantanamo prison for forging UK passports.

Final Verdict: I liked this book mainly because it huge character development for Daniel Sheperd. And this is a series I plan to keep reading.

Ian Heap says

Great read again. Liked the plot and was wondering just how the book would end up. Excellent finish and the last 20 pages were laid out brilliantly. Leaving you wondering what would happen on the next page.

Skip says

Dan "Spider" Shepherd is back to try to stop terrorists from a major London disaster. He gets a new boss. Fast paced.

John says

My wife insists that I'm a real saddo for liking these types of books... she calls it guy-lit-pulp.... but hey... I don't give two-hoots cos' I simply love it.

Again we find out hero Dan Shepherd going undercover and coming out smelling of roses... but as always... there's a personal cost.
