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LoveReading Reader reviews of **ORPHAN X** By Gregg Hurwitz



Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading members.



Phyllippa Smithson

Jack Reacher eat your heart out, competition has arrived in the form of Evan Smoak. And wow this is one fantastic cat and mouse thriller.

Evan is taken as a child and groomed to be an obsessed and self-sufficient murderer. Now experienced and in his 30s, his saving grace is that his targets, in his opinion and the victims who bring his attention to them, deserve to die. These people are rapists (no age excluded), extortionists, and murderers themselves.

In page-turning Reacher style, I found myself really rooting for Evan as he finds himself no longer the controller but the controlled. He is the target and his would-

be assassins want him off the street as he is the competition.

What transpires is that both parties want the same thing – to kill the other. Getting to the answer, is absolute ‘seat-of-your-pants’ writing and brilliant. And the likelihood that Evan is the survivor is lessened as the life he has lead with his head ruling his every decision, is diluted as he finds himself dropping one of the 10 commandments of his childhood education – ‘do not make it personal.’

Hurwitz, you are a brilliant writer.

Sue Pledger

Wow! Fast and furious, really loved it.

The action started on page 1 and did not stop until last page. The Pace did not let up at all. Very exciting thriller and I look forward to more from Orphan X (Evan Smoak).

Angie Rhodes

If you are looking for a hero like Jack Reacher, then look no further than Evan Smoak, aka: Orphan X and he's not your average man, far from it. He is that person who will be there if you need him, but whatever you do, never lie to him.

He lived in an orphanage until he was taken and trained by a top secret program and sent all over the world. Until he decides he is not playing by their rules any more, now he is a loner, blending in, and if you ring him he will ask one question. "Do you need my help?"

Taking a phone call from someone who needed his help lands him in danger because someone wants him dead. Now all hell is going to break loose because Evan has no wish to be killed and someone taking pot shots at him is not going to end well...

I was holding my breath as I sat reading, for two days. "Just one more page" and then four chapters later - "One more page"

A page turner? Hell yes, is he everything a woman wants like Jack Reacher? Yes! And like Jack he is so much better than James Bond.

Chris Parfitt

A gripping thriller that will keep you turning the pages.

This is one of those rare creatures.

An action packed thriller that grips from start to finish.

The author manages to avoid the usual vacuous two dimensional characters that so often inhabit books of this type.

The technology and weaponry facts and figures are well researched and the author obviously knows his subject worryingly well as the book contains an impressive body count as we progress towards the climax.

As the story unfolds we gradually learn more and more about the main character's background and what events took place in his past that cause him to be where he is, doing what he does in the present time.

If Hollywood has not already optioned this book for film rights then it should very soon.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and look forward to the author's next novel with bated breath.

If you are in the market for an intelligently written, fast paced page turner then I recommend this novel to you unreservedly.

Judy Connolly

Evan exchanges life in the orphanage for an unknown future with a strange man He finds himself under the covert government programme trained to be an assassin. When the programme closes he decides to carry by helping ordinary people in trouble. Not knowing that someone is after him.

A really well plotted and fast paced book. I hope use shall see more of Agent X in future.

Fans of Reacher and Pike will enjoy this I'm sure

Edel Waugh

This is the story about a man named Evan, he started his life in a most unusual way and now as an adult he has become a gun for hire with an extremely high success rate. Highly trained and almost invisible this man takes what he does very seriously. You do not want this guy after you! He is a bit of a knight in shining armour for the right people but you don't want to be on this guy's bad side. After attempting to help someone in need things in his life become infinitely more complicated and this is when the action is kicked up a notch and as a reader the adrenaline starts to pump.

I really liked Evan, his past, and his whole hero persona is admirable and you can't help but want him to do well. I was rooting for him throughout the entire book. I loved this!

<http://edelwaugh.blogspot.ie/2016/04/orphan-x-by-gregg-hurwitz-review.html?m=1>

Michelle Hodson

Evan is my kind of hero. I read this book in super-fast time as I found it difficult to put down. The story raced along with engaging characters and an interesting plot. Brilliant read!!!

This book had me hooked from the very start. I felt it was really well written in that the reader was able to engage with Evan and in fact many of the other characters throughout the story. I loved the flashbacks which explained where Evan had come from and the rigorous training he had been subjected to and I loved the interaction and the affection which grew between him and his handler. I also really liked how he dealt with all of the other characters from his building particularly the relationship which grew between him and Mia and Peter. I loved this book, enjoyed the story and can honestly say that Evan goes right to the top of my favourite 'hero list'. I hope the writer will continue with this character because I would really like to see where he can go next.

Highly recommended

Ian Tyreman

Excellent page turner a must for anyone looking for a quick thriller novel.

Hooked from the first page, and raced through to cliff hanger end leaving me wanting more. Hopefully a second book is in the making.

If you like a thriller with a hint of sexual tension this is the book for you. The characters come to life and take you three a twist and turning story of loyalty to people and situations.

Can not recommend more highly.

Sara McLaughlin

Wow! When is the next instalment coming out? This is a great read – fast paced, thrilling and the main character even has a heart.

Evan Smoak (aka Orphan X) is my new favourite action hero – a highly trained assassin, peak condition, highly intelligent and perhaps surprisingly – he's got a heart too.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It's fast paced; moving through several connected storylines effortlessly. All the characters are so well portrayed that

they felt real to me, I was really interested in their stories and what happens to them.

There are some very dark themes explored in this book, but it's not heavy going. The balance between the serious scenes, the action and also the more human side of Evan is very skilfully done and with some twists and turns thrown in – it's a winning blend.

Overall a great read, I highly recommend it and can't wait for the next instalment to be released.

Annette Woolfson

Move over Jack, there's a new kid in town. He's highly trained and on a mission to help those in need. But what happens if he answers the wrong call for help?

This new series will surely appeal to all Jack Reacher and Jason Bourne fans. *Evan Smoak was recruited as a child for a top secret black ops programme and trained to do the government's dirty work. He has now left the programme and is using his highly unusual skill set to help those with nowhere else to turn. It would appear though that someone is out to get him and that they are also highly trained.*

I thought this was a passable read and certainly the last quarter kept me entertained ***but overall I felt the inordinate attention to detail*** on his bed, his weapons, his clothing ***was just too much***, at times it read like an arms catalogue! I will read the next in the series to see if things improve but as it stands I think Jack and Jason may be safe for a while longer.

Nikki Chandler

This book is a must-read thriller that left me unable to stop thinking about it if I tried to put it down!

Fast-paced and brilliantly written to keep you wanting more!

The main character Evan, aka Orphan X conducts secret missions to help the desperate, each mission starting with a phone call answered simply with "do you need my help"right from page one of the book the reader is hooked and there is no let-up in the twists right up until the very last page! This is not a book you can second-guess! I found myself really rooting for Evan/Orphan X and have lost count of the number of shocked gasps at a twist within the story!

This book has been brilliantly written and I can't wait to read another from this

author, I cannot recommend 'Orphan X' highly enough, I enjoyed it so much more than I was expecting to!