



Transfer of Power by Vince Flynn
Reviewed by Zachary



It is part of the much larger Mitch Rapp series. It was the first release containing Mitch Rapp, however there are two prequel books containing part of his story, and the book *Term Limits*, released two years before *Transfer of Power*, contains some characters that are in the book. These characters are hardly essential to the story of *Transfer of Power* and you get a good background of those characters.

Give a summary without spoilers!

Mitch Rapp is a CIA operative mostly stationed in the Middle East. After successfully tracking down a terrorist, Rapp discovers a plan on the White House. After a successful raid on the White House, where the president is forced into hiding, and the manor being controlled by terrorists, Mitch and the government must make plans of how to take back the White House and secure national safety. Along the way is 500 plus pages of exciting action and tense moments.

What drew you to this book?

I think one thing is just how action packed the book is. Down to one of the last pages there is constant worry of bombs and guns, helping make the book feel fast paced and hardly able to put down. As well, the book is able to handle so many different points of views effectively, throughout you ever get the terrorist point of views, and they are handled with the same amount of care as the story's protagonist. I think the action packed but also thoughtful writing really is what makes the book such a fun and good read.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

To me Flynn's style reminds me of other political spy thrillers such as the *Winter Soldier* movie, or the *Metal Gear Solid* video games. I've heard many of my family compare the books as well to those of Tom Clancy. While I've never read his books I have played some of the video games, such as *Rainbow Six Siege*. As well, the less action packed moments which still are intriguing in ways reminded me of the film "*All the President's Men*".

To whom would you recommend this book?

I would recommend *Transfer of Power* to anyone looking for high action and a quick pace. The book does have some gruesome violence, and talk of sexual violence that could quickly make some uncomfortable, however it rarely weakens the story, and never last for very long. Anyone intrigued by spy thrillers will likely get a kick out of the book,

especially where in the back half there's a lot of spy work happening. While the book may not offer the best political commentary, those looking for an introduction may also find something out of it.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Yes I do like the book, however it is not a book I can recommend to everyone. The book's story, while fun doesn't offer much to actually chew on, if you're looking for something deeper than fun action, it might not be the book for you. As well, people uncomfortable with sometimes detailed violence and sexual violence might not feel comfortable for parts of the book. But if neither of these things bother you then I would definitely recommend the book, while the book did take me a little while to read, it kept a constant fast pace and was hard to put down for too long.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

I was recommended the book by my uncle and dad, who both have a lot of the series. I've seen many different covers for the book but the one I have is interesting, with a picture of the White House behind red bars, clearly symbolizing how it's being held captive. I did not find the book in the library as it is my uncle's copy.