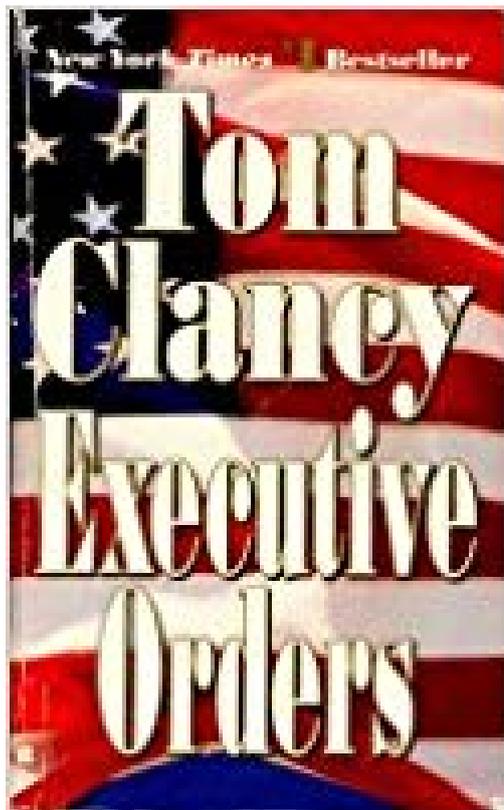


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Reviews of the *Executive Orders: Internatinal Edition* *by* Tom Clancy

- **Thundershaper**

The book was far too long -- despite that there was a lot going on, it just plodded slowly through everything. It seemed to take 200 pages of angst after the previous book's ending before the plot of this one actually spooled up and started to go anywhere; and then, eventually, it got to feeling as though we were paying for the privilege of hearing Clancy's political rants against obvious straw men. By the end we only get resolution to some of the plot threads that we've been drawn along for all those hundreds of pages while others (cement truck, India) just abruptly ended with a token page or two of minimal justification -- which would have been okay if we hadn't spent so very, very long having them built up in the first place. Didn't feel nearly as tight and polished as, say, Hunt for Red October which I feel was Clancy more at the top of his game.

As others have mentioned, either the Kindle edition came from an early version of the book before it ever saw an editor, or there's some truly horrible OCR butchery going on -- chunks missing from sentences, punctuation AWOL, capital letter H's rendered as two capital letter I's... this kind of amateurishness is exactly why I usually play it safe reading established authors instead of \$0.49 bargain basement self-publish titles from an author whose claim to fame is "I have almost 100 five-star ratings on goodreads!" Not a product the publisher should be at all proud of charging full retail price for.

- **Gardagar**

This book has a lot of interesting discussion of what it takes to make our country work and, in particular, what our President has to deal with. The setup for addressing those questions is Jack Ryan suddenly becoming President after the capitol - and most of our national elected leaders - are killed.

To find out how that happened, read the preceding book in the series, Debt of Honor. In fact, I have greatly enjoyed reading the series, of which this book is the ninth, from the beginning, Without Remorse. Although I do recommend reading the series in sequence, this book can easily stand alone on its own merits, as allusions to earlier events add color, but remembering them is not necessary for enjoyment of this one.

I'm really looking forward to reading the rest of the books in Tom Clancy's "Jack Ryan universe". I might mention along those lines that not all of the books in the "universe" star Jack Ryan. Several star John Clark, who is more of an intelligence operator (sometimes a spy, sometimes a paramilitary, sometimes a Presidential bodyguard), while Jack Ryan is more of an intelligence analyst. Jack does get into a lot of action, though, so don't be misled. Some of the later books in the series, say from seventeen on, were even written by other authors. I haven't read them yet, so I can't comment on their quality.

- **Zeueli**

Tom Clancy's works are pure brilliance. This one is a favorite of mine for many reasons. Its depth, scope, bone-chilling accuracy, and insight deep into the realities of the Executive branch of world governments is both fascinating and extremely enlightening. If one enjoys being thoroughly entertained while viewing a part of the world that few ever come to understand, this is definitely the book for them. With masterfully adept strokes, Clancy covers everything from realpolitik to the many shades of terrorism, the pecking order of law enforcement, plague warfare, traditional war and warmaking tools, the subtle art of diplomacy, the truth about the humanity of our leaders, and much more. Simply put, there will never be another Tom Clancy. I am thankful he wrote here, because governments with less freedom would have definitely worked to silence him for his cunning grasp of politics alone. The world should mourn the loss of his knowledge and brilliant voice, for I certainly do.

- **I love Mercedes**

I have read just about all of Clancy's directly-authored novels, and most of his collaborations, had somehow missed this one. It was typical Clancy with excellent technical detail and multiple, parallel plots. This is a loong book - 1,300+ pages. An argument could be made that some judicious editing might trim a few hundred pages from it without damage, particularly from the detailed sections on biological warfare. But for Clancy fans, more is better, so maybe this observation is moot. The technology is dated, as this was written in 1996, but is not too distracting. I would recommend not being in a hurry when you read this - just kick back and enjoy.

- **Taun**

I have been reading Tom Clancy of late. I am reading the novels in the order they were written. I am

a fan. but, this novel was about 400-500 pages too long. There was just too much repetition about the inner thoughts of the Ayatollah. Also, Ryan spent far too much time whining about being President. OK, we know you don't want the job...you hate the job...but you don't have to keep reminding us in every chapter!

Cut down it would have been a 5 star book.

- **Helo**

This book, like all of Clancy's novels, is well-written, with an interesting plot, and good character development. I was initially really enthralled by the plot, but as I continued to read toward the end, I found reading increasingly challenging due to the plethora of (to me) unintelligible and arcane military and government acronyms, and the fact that it was becoming more and more focused on the minutia of the war aspects of terrorism. Someone who has more of an interest in the military aspects of the "war on terror" would no doubt really enjoy the book, but I found it a distraction from the main premise of the story. I was disappointed that the focus of the story seemed to change - almost as though a different author had assumed the writing.

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