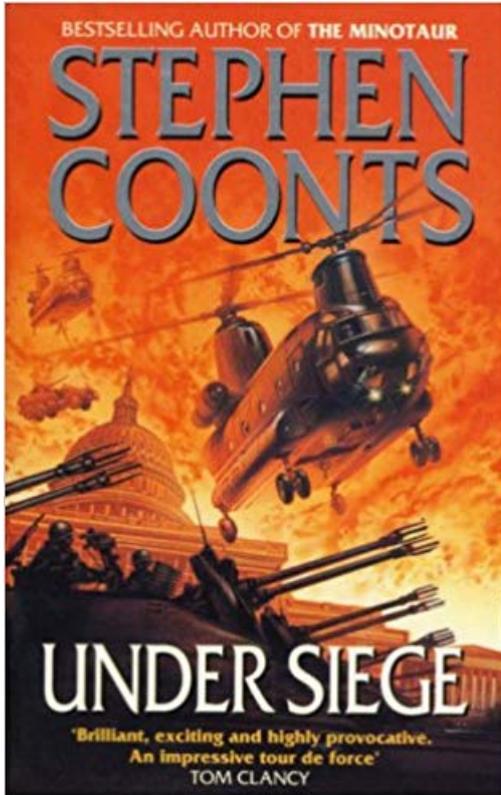


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Reviews of the *Under Siege* *by* Stephen Coonts

• Skrimpak

I have read and enjoyed several books in the Jake Grafton series by Stephen Coonts but unfortunately IMHO this one is a "Lemon". It falls between the early adventures when Jake Grafton is a Naval pilot and the latter stories when Grafton is associated with covert operations. This time Grafton is working in the Pentagon directly for the Joint Chief of Staff on drug related issues and seems to be a bit out of his depth in a pretty unrealistic story.

What would happen if a Colombian drug lord is apprehended and brought to trial in DC? What would happen if that drug lord (with a wealth of billions of dollars) wants to spend part of his wealth hiring terrorists and assassins to bring Washington to its knees? Coonts paints a violent picture of a missile

attack on the President's helicopter, the assassination of several key politicians, Judges and power brokers plus an invasion of suicide gangs intent on killing as many people as possible.

What is the outcome - martial law and Grafton and his cronies trying to find the main assassin and destroy the suicide gangs. This is done against a background of war between drug dealers. IMHO things like this are a bit over the top.

All in all this book really didn't work for me especially because Coonts involved real people in the drama, with George Bush Snr and Dan Quayle taking leading parts in the fiction. He also manufactured a fictitious overthrow of Fidel Castro.

The only part of this story that really interested me was that Coonts told me how Washington Post journalist Jack Yocke became an unusual associate of Grafton - something that had puzzled me in some future books where Hockey plays an important supporting role.

All in all I still love the Jake Grafton series, despite this "Lemon".

- **Arihelm**

This novel reads like the author tried to address many of the trials and tribulations of the country. This is the first Coonts novel I have read that has too many sub-plots, too many characters, and no reasonably realistic theme. Ending the story with a mob lynching is so out of character for this country in the '70s it is not believable. The author's attempt to tie characters together in the end is simply unrealistic. The lawyer and his thieving nemesis from early in the book was just too much. Hanging from the same light post - really. The only character he did not complete was Liarakos' cocaine addicted wife.

Too far fetched - Castro killed - but then nothing about Cuba except the inference that the revolution was CIA controlled, or at least that the CIA was involved. Jake Grafton acting like an Infantryman. Rediculous. The entire postulation of how the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs would act, how a staff officer on the Joint Staff would become involved in a drug war, policing DC, running down an assassin and inviting a reporter to tag along in his adventures is beyond Zebra. This storyline does not even begin to touch on the possible, much less the maybe in events that could occur within the laws of our country. Even the most stringent conspiracy theorists would find this story line implausible. Last, at least if a writer is going to introduce multiple plots he should consider having logical lead ins, and/or breaks in he story line. In this novel Coonts just went from one paragraph to another without any logical transitions. This novel is the worse example of Coonts I have ever read.

- **Gaiuaco**

Meh...

This is a good book - if you want to get to know drug dealers and other lowlifes up close and personal. That was what the author spends most of the book doing.

If you like martial law, there's some good stuff for you too.

But if you like an actual cohesive story, look elsewhere. This is really just a bunch of sub-plots rolled into one book. Some of them come together in the end, some don't.

And if, like me, you bought this as a "Jake Grafton" book, you might be wishing you could get your money (and reading time) back. Jake and the other familiar characters are basically bit players, and their roles could have been played by any generic new characters instead of falsely advertising this

as a Grafton book.

I've loved so many of Mr. Coonts' works, and I've read several good Grafton books. This just isn't one of them.

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