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Hard Case 5: Blood And Fear (John Harding Series)



Synopsis

A Bulgarian arms dealer known as "The Ghost" moves into John Harding's turf with sights on controlling the ports. Supplying terrorist cells with electromagnetic pulse weapons capable of blacking out major cities, "The Ghost" puts a bounty on Harding's West Coast Avengers. Flooding the area with Boko Haram Nigerian gangsters, and assassins imported to cause havoc amongst the population hits a snag. The terrorist arms dealer's forces ram head on into an unimpressed Monster Squad of killers they never dreamed existed in politically correct America. "Jack Reacher fans, say hello to John Harding, in a new series you won't put down: He grew up mean, running away from his alcoholic father at the age of 14. With a little help in the form of a new identity, the runaway becomes John Harding. While in special ops overseas, he's recruited by CIA agent Denny Strobert, who sees something besides a knack for languages and combat skills: he knows he's found a killer." - Kindle Nation Daily

The John Harding Series

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"Bernard Lee DeLeo is one of the purest writing talents I have ever had the pleasure of reading - a brilliant writing talent that I can only envy." - [The New York Times](#)

Bestselling Author

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Customer Reviews

Everyone can have a bad book sometime, except apparently Bernard DeLeo. He produces great entertaining books on his slow days. When he's on, he produces incredibly great books that are non-stop thrillers populated with a cast of characters seldom, if ever, produced in any fiction ever. These hard case books are impossible to put down, you hate it when they end and can't wait for the next book in this series. In case you can't read between the lines, I purely love this book, and everything this author writes.

Wow! If you're looking for action, this is the book for you! Bernard Lee DeLeo delivers a fast paced thriller with Hard Case Book V: Blood and Fear. This is DeLeo's fifth entry in the John Harding/Hard Case series, and continues the exploits of Harding and his monster squad. When a Bulgarian arms dealer known as The Ghost muscles in to take control of Oakland's ports, Harding and his crew meet the challenge in full "Monster" fashion. The conflict becomes personal, and The Ghost targets the monsters for annihilation including their families. This book has everything a reader would want in an action based thriller & interesting characters (my favorite is Lynn), strong moral values, devout patriotism and, probably most important of all, a high body count & very high! Reader warning: do not read this book unless you're prepared to get hooked on an exciting action series. Once you've read one, you'll need to read them all!

Mr. DeLeo continues to deliver with the John Harding series. DeLeo's Harding and McCarty characters along with Jack Reacher are the three best characters I have come across. The thing I love most about Harding is the acceptance of what he and his crew are. His willingness to do whatever it takes is refreshing. There are so many characters out there that are limited by the morals and ethics of a 'polite' society. It is nice to see a different character doing those same good things as other heroes with really no restraints. Keep up the great work Mr. DeLeo.

Another great read by DeLeo. This starts with John Harding as coach of his step daughter Al's softball team. His assistant coach is Lynn Montoya Dostiene who's husband Clint is in Hardings estimation the most dangerous man on the planet. Lynn is also six months pregnant. She's a psychopathic killer but she and Clint are an integral part of The Monster Squad. The squad is a group of Americans who love America and will do whatever it takes to keep her free. John is learning being a soft ball coach is harder than it seems. There are parents out there who don't like losing and coach's who will do whatever it takes to win. John thinks he had it easier as a Force Recon Marine in Afghanistan. He does enjoy coaching "his" girls though and lets them know its all about having fun. Tommy Sands, Johns partner and manager as a fighter is present when Alexi Fiialkov approaches John about a fight. Fiialkov was a mobster but has moved all of his holdings into the legitimate colume. He's a member of the Monster Squad and has insight into much of the underworld in Oakland. If you need info on whats going on in that underworld then Alexi is the man who can give you the info. Fiialkov is also in the cage fight game big time. Seems there is a new Russian in town. Yuri Kornev is his name and death and violence is his game. He wants an in with Alexi's shipping business and thinks he can get that in if his fighter can beat John Harding in the ring. So begins another damned fine read by DeLeo. This one has John, Lora, Al, Clint, Lynn, Clint's well trained killer dog Tonto, Denny, his wife Maria, Tommy, softball games, a girl named Amera, her Father who wants her back in his home, honor killing, the rest of the Monster Squad, a fighter called the Assassin, a rigged fight, an attack on Clint and Lynn, a reckoning by Clint and Lynn, the birth of Clint's son, a man who tries to kill Clint Jr., a woman named Phoebe Christova, a man named Moronas, US Navy SEALs, the FBI, a hit on a yacht called Orion, EMP's, sarin gas and John Harding and his American compatriots in a fight to preserve America and what it stands for. Five Stars once again.

Loved this book and this author. I found DeLeo about 3 weeks ago and have read through four of his series. He has fantastical plots and a real gift for witty dialogue. Reminds me some of John Sandford in style. Hard Case features a professional cage fighter, and thanks to the rich detail, I picked up a lot of insider info and language that I plan to drop on my son, who is a MMA fan, when we next meet. It's not an area of expertise for me as a 60 something lawyer, but its so fun to see another lifestyle through the character. I also learned a lot about impromptu torture techniques, another area in which I am woefully uninformed, but the crew only practices on bad guys, so its all good. There is a very pleasant morality play feeling to the stories, with good triumphing and evil

getting its hat handed to it, that is just really satisfying. I recommend DeLeo for any thriller fan without reservation. He's one of those authors that I wish I hadn't read so I could read his books again for the first time.

I have enjoyed all the John Harding books. Heck, I've enjoyed all the DeLeo books I've read, which is most of them, but Harding remains one of my favorites. This one hardens back to the first one in flavor. I know there are always comments about writing mechanics, and I am a very visual person so I notice every missing comma or strange sentence syntax. BUT the characters and plots are so powerful in DeLeo's books, I ignore any mistakes just to get to the meat and potatoes of the characters and their delightfully vicious jobs. Kudos, Bernard, on another great job.

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