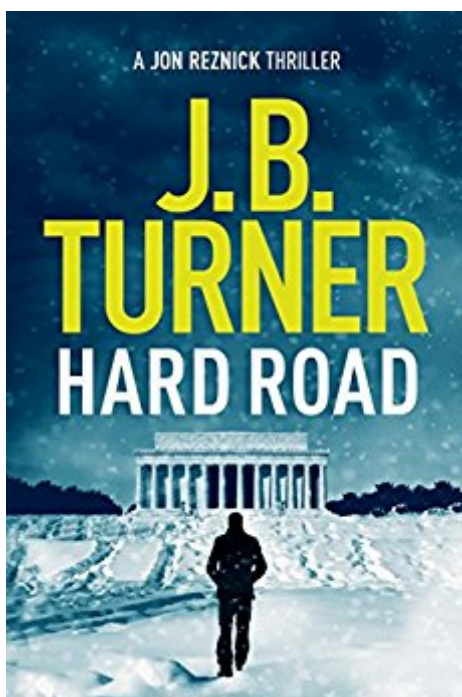


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Synopsis

Jon Reznick is a black-ops specialist who takes his orders from shadowy handlers, and his salary from the US government. Still mourning the loss of his beloved wife on 9/11, he's dispatched to carry out a high-level hit. Reznick knows only that it must look like suicide. It's textbook. But the target is not the man Reznick expected. The whole setup is wrong. In an instant the operation is compromised, and Reznick is on the run with the man he was sent to kill. A man wanted by the FBI, and by a mysterious terrorist organization hell-bent on bringing the United States to its knees. FBI Assistant Director Martha Meyerstein is determined to track him down, and to intercept whatever it is Reznick was sent to do. When Reznick's young daughter becomes a pawn in the game, he has to use more than his military training to stay one step ahead of those responsible. Meanwhile, he is the only person who knows the true extent of the threat to national security—and has the stealth and determination to stop it. Revised edition: This edition of *Hard Road* includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

A great read. Spoiler alert for those who don't want to know what the books about. This one starts with Jon Reznick at his home in Rockland, Maine. Reznick is ex Delta Force and was involved in black ops all over the world working for the CIA. Reznick still works in black ops and his handler is a man named Maddox. A Maddox he's never met and who's only a voice for missions and instructions. Reznick is an assassin who takes out sh**bag terrorists who masquerade as businessmen and world leaders. It's a lucrative business and is something Reznick is very, very good at. Killing and surviving. Reznick lost his wife when the Twin Towers collapsed on 9-11. She was an attorney who worked in the South tower. Reznick has an eleven year old daughter named Lauren and the with help of his Mother-in-law, Beth, he managed to survive the death of his wife. Jon needed loads of help because the death of his wife almost tore him apart. Beth is a great lady and her help was immeasurable. Right now Maddox, Jon's handler, has called. There is a package that needs taking out and Reznick agrees to the mission. Once inside the man's hotel room, Jon is getting ready to kill him when he spots tags around his neck. Military?? On reading them he finds the name Benjamin Luntz, IDF. Israeli Defense Force. Reznick decides he needs to speak with this man. It takes eight minutes for the man to wake up after Jon had sedated him. The man says his name is Frank Luntz. Benjamin was his son. A son who killed when an IED exploded in Israel. Luntz says he's a Govt. Scientist and he has a Federal minder in the bedroom adjoining his.

Hurricane Reznick Smashes Through Former Special Ops agent Jon Reznick has retired and found the only freelance job he's really fitted for is as an assassin. (it's sort of like being unemployed and becoming a writer but less complicated, I suppose) In the final moments of a job, he talks to the victim (never a good idea) and begins to have doubts. In order to ensure that his doubts don't spoil his otherwise perfect record, someone kidnaps his daughter. "Someone" made a very bad mistake. Reznick, who really sort of reminds me of the Juggernaut from the old Spiderman comics, tucks the intended victim under his arm, and goes hunting. OK, he mostly tucks the guy in the trunk but the imagery was better the other way. Like the Incredible Hulk (I'm going with the Marvel Comics analogies and you can't stop me) he pummels people, cars, and small buildings all the way down the East coast on a steady diet of Dexadrine and coffee. I do have to remark that this is an error on J.B. Turner's part. I know from personal experience that when you work past 72 hours straight, regardless of the amount of various chemicals you may use, you end up in the hospital. Yes, that ward where they lock the elevator. But that's a minor quibble. Turner flips constantly between Reznick and the FBI team trying to bring him down. It's like the way *The Wire* portrayed both dealers and cops as tough people--just in different lines of work. The dialog is excellent and Turner

describes Washington DC so accurately that I was thinking of having a cup of coffee with him until I learned he lives in England.

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