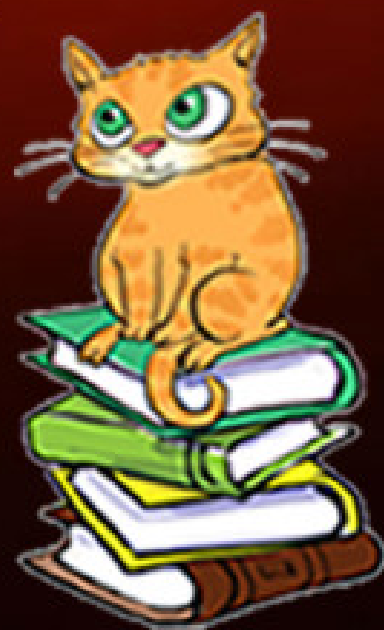


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Introduction

When I like a writer or a series character, I want to read every book and story I can and I want to follow them in the Best Reading Order. It's so much more fun that way. And, although there are author websites that offer quite a bit of information, and other places on the Internet to find some data, I haven't found anywhere I can get a simple list in the best reading order with publication dates, the number of each book in the series, and a short synopsis to tell me what the books is about.

So, I decided to gather this information for myself and for others who would appreciate having it as well.

This is a E-Reader checklist of Lee Child's Jack Reacher books and short stories; first, in order of publication; second, in the best reading order, with books and stories listed in character chronological order.

Included in the first part of this book is the full list, including a short synopsis of each story. The second part is the list of books and stories in the best reading order. You can use this section to keep track of the books you've read. Check off the ones you've finished by using E-Reader's highlighting feature.

Lee Child

Lee Child is the pen name of British author Jim Grant. Grant was born in 1954 in Coventry, England. When he was four years old, his family moved to Birmingham so that he and his three brothers could get a better education. When he was twenty, he studied law at University of Sheffield. After graduation, Grant joined Granada Television, where he worked as a presentation director from 1977 until he was laid off in 1995.

Always an avid reader, Grant saw his unemployment as an opportunity to write a book. He purchased some writing supplies, sat down and wrote

Killing Floor, the first Jack Reacher novel. The book was a huge success and launched the series, which continues to grow in sales and popularity.

Jack Reacher

Jack Reacher was born on an army base in Germany. His father chose his name and it read on his birth certificate as Jack-None-Reacher. He's never called by his first name, only his last, and no one knows why.

Reacher is a former member of the U.S. Army's Military Police. Since leaving the service Reacher, now a drifter, travels across the country finding adventure and giving us a great story. Using the special skills he acquired throughout his military career and his personal honor, Jack Reacher combats villains and saves lives.

Each Jack Reacher story stands on its own and can be read in any order. However, the series can best be enjoyed either by reading them in order by publication date or in chronological sequence for the character.

Publication Date Order Jack Reacher Novels and Short Stories

Killing Floor (1997) - Book Series #1

First published Jack Reacher novel (1997)

The Killing Floor is the story of an ex military policeman and a drifter named Jack Reacher. Reacher is just passing through a town by the name of Margrave, Georgia to find out information about a musician by the name of Blind Blake. Almost immediately he finds himself arrested for a murder he

didn't commit. The book follows the exploits of Reacher as he overcomes the odds to prove his own innocence.

Die Trying (1998) - Book Series #2

Reacher is walking by a Chicago dry cleaner when a young, attractive FBI agent shows up. Suddenly, both he and the agent are kidnapped by a Montana militia group. Reacher must use all his military training and finely tuned instincts to help himself and the FBI agent escape the kidnappers and foil a plot that threatens the safety of the United States.

Tripwire (1999) - Book Series #3

A mysterious stranger who has been searching for ex-military policeman Jack Reacher is found murdered. In order to find the killer, Reacher must follow the cold trail back to his own haunted past.

James Penney's New Identity (1999) Short Story - Flashback

Published in 1999, this story is a flashback that takes place before Killing Floor.

A man names James Penney has been laid off from the Southern California plant where he worked for the past seventeen years. Penney, now broke, with the bank threatening to repossess his treasured Firebird, takes off on the run, only to find the cops hot on his trail. Why all the police attention? What else is going on? A tall military policeman appears offering help.

The Visitor (Running Blind is the US Title) (2000) - Book Series #4

Women across the country are being murdered - each a victim of a disciplined and diabolical killer who leaves no traces, no fatal wounds, no

signs of struggle, and no clues to a motive. These truly appear to be perfect crimes. Only one thing links the victims; each one of the women knew Jack Reacher - and that's got Reacher running blind.

Echo Burning (2001) - Book Series #5

Jack Reacher is hitchhiking across west Texas when he's picked up by a troubled woman with a hair-raising story to tell.

Without Fail (2002) - Book Series #6

Assassins are out to get the vice president of the United States and the head of the secret service security detail wants Jack Reacher to find and fix any holes in her system - and fast. The conspirators who have the VP in their sites have not accounted for one very dangerous problem... Jack Reacher.

Persuader (2003) - Book Series #7

Ten years ago, an investigation went sour and someone got away with murder. Now a chance encounter brings it all back and Jack Reacher is there to see it through to the end. Some might call it vengeance. Some might call it redemption. Reacher just calls it justice.

The Enemy (2004) - Book Series #8

Published in 2004, this prequel is set eight years before Killing Floor.

A two-star general has been found dead in a cheap motel in rural North Carolina. His briefcase containing secret papers is missing. Within minutes Jack Reacher is dispatched to take care of the situation. Just a few hours later the general's wife is murdered. Next, two Special Forces soldiers—the toughest of the tough—are taken down in this strange game of chess where the stakes are life and death. Now Reacher is fighting a new kind of war

and he's taking a young female lieutenant with him on a deadly hunt that leads them from the edges of a rural army post to the cobblestone streets of Paris and a confrontation with an enemy he didn't know he had.

One Shot (2005) - Book Series #9

A wrongly accused man turns to Jack Reacher to solve a dangerous and complex case. Always in the shadows, Reacher moves closer and closer to the ruthless, unseen enemy who is pulling the strings. The only chance Jack Reacher has for bringing down the killer is to match him...shot for shot.

The Hard Way (2006) - Book Series #10

In this exciting book by Lee Child, Jack Reacher is hired to track down vicious kidnappers and rescue the family of a wealthy man by the name of Edward Lane. As the story progresses, Reacher learns more and more of the chilling secrets of his employers past and of the horrific drama of his current life. Reacher becomes aware that something big and something dirty is going on. But he also knows he's gotten in way too deep to stop now.

Bad Luck and Trouble (2007) - Book Series #11

Ten years after leaving the military, Jack Reacher travels with only an ATM card and the clothes on his back. He has no phone, no address and no ties. Nevertheless, a woman from his old unit, desperate for his help, does the impossible and tracks him down. Frances Neagley, using a signal only the eight members of their elite team of army investigators would know, locates Reacher and tells him a terrifying story about the death of a man they both served with years ago. Soon Reacher has reunited with the survivors of his old team and is scrambling to solve a mystery that is growing darker and more dangerous by the hour.

Nothing to Lose (2008) - Book Series #12

Reacher, a man with no fear and no illusions, goes to war against a town that not only wants him gone; it wants him dead. Joining forces with a beautiful cop who runs the city called Hope, Reacher goes up against the neighboring town of Despair where deputies try to break him and a rich man tries to scare him off. All the while, Reacher is getting closer and closer to exposing the terrifying connection between the nighttime activities in this small, lonely town and a distant war that's killing U.S. soldiers by the thousands.

Guy Walks into a Bar (2009) - Short Story

Never one to turn away from trouble, Jack Reacher is once again pulled into mystery and danger when he stops at a bar in Manhattan for a little music and a late night beer. As he sits quietly in the dim room, his eyes are drawn to a wealthy-looking Russian girl and her bodyguard. Why the protection? Is she in danger? Reacher soon finds out in this thrilling short story that takes place right before the opening scene in *Gone Tomorrow*.

Gone Tomorrow (2009) - Book Series #13

As Jack Reacher travels the New York City subway, at two o'clock in the morning he studies his fellow passengers. As he does so, he notices in one of them the 12 tell-tale signs of a suicide bomber. When the train brakes at Grand Central Station Reacher will have to intervene in order to save lives. But what if he's wrong? Will his intervention cost lives - including his own?

61 Hours (2010) - Book Series #14

When a bus crashes during a raging snowstorm, it lands Reacher in the middle of a deadly confrontation. In the nearby town of Bolton, South Dakota, one brave witness is threatened by sinister forces as she stands up

for justice. If the woman going to live long enough to testify, she'll need the help of Jack Reacher.

Reacher's original plan was to keep on moving. But the next 61 hours will change everything. The coldly, professional killer is coming to Bolton and Reacher will be there to meet him.

Worth Dying For (2010) - Book Series #15

Jack Reacher, in his own personal style, walks right into trouble, once again. This time, it's the corn county of Nebraska where he runs foul of a local clan named the Duncans. These villains have terrified the entire county for years. But it's the decades old, unsolved mystery of a missing child that grabs hold of Reacher.

The local clan wants him gone. But that's not going to stop Jack Reacher from solving the mystery of the missing child and saving the town from the dangerous Duncans.

The Affair (2011) - Book Series #16

It's March 1997. Jack Reacher is at the end of his military career. When a woman is viciously murdered, the main suspect is a soldier with strong Pentagon connections. Reacher is ordered undercover to assist the beautiful local sheriff with her investigation. This book marks the turning point in Reacher's career. Will he ignore his conscience and do as the military wants or will he risk his career for the sake of his honor?

Second Son - Short Story (2011)

Published in 2011, this story is the earliest prequel in the Jack Reacher series and takes place when Reacher is 13 years old. This work tells the

story of one of Reacher's earliest challenges in combining his analytical brain with his impressive strength and physical ability.

Jack Reacher's Rules (2012)

Jack Reacher's Rules is a compilation of advice from Reacher and is the ultimate guide to Jack Reacher's world. It features selections from all 17 (at the time) best-selling Jack Reacher novels. The book includes an introduction by Lee Child.

A Wanted Man (2012) - Book Series #17

All Jack Reacher wanted was a lift to Virginia. But he soon discovers he may have hitched a ride with a team of professional killers and tied himself to a massive conspiracy, in which nothing is what it seems, and nobody is telling the truth. As tensions rise and the plot twists at a furious pace, readers will be kept guessing until the explosive finale.

Deep Down - Short Story (2012)

Reacher must match wits with four high-powered, female liaison officers, all headed toward the top. Three of the women are just who they seem; the fourth is a vicious traitor, actively selling classified data about a top-secret military rifle to sworn enemies of the country.

High Heat - Short Story (2013)

It's July 1977 and Jack Reacher is almost seventeen. He has stopped over in New York City on his way to visit his brother at West Point. Reacher meets a woman with a problem, and agrees to help her . . . but when the power grid fails and the lights go out, the city is plunged into lawlessness and chaos. Even as a teenager, Jack Reacher seizes the opportunity to fight for the underdog and return to life some sense of order.

Never Go Back (2013) - Book Series #18

Jack Reacher has traveled from snowbound South Dakota to northeastern Virginia to meet the new commanding officer of his old military unit. Until now, the new CO, Major Susan Turner, has just been a warm and interesting voice on the phone. When he arrives at headquarters, it isn't Turner behind the CO's desk.

Reacher is hit with two pieces of shocking news; one highly personal and one with serious criminal consequences. Immediately Reacher must fight to find Major Turner and to clear his own name of false charges that have been raised against him.

Good and Valuable Consideration - Short Story (2013)

Reacher and new acquaintance, Boston Redsox fan Nick Heller find themselves drawn into serious rivalry and danger when the guy sitting between them at the Boston bar turns out to be a marked man.

Not a Drill - Short Story (2014)

In this short story, Jack Reacher has hitched a ride with some young Canadians who are planning a hike through the dense forests of Maine. After parting company with them, strange things begin to happen in Reacher's vicinity. First the trail is suddenly and inexplicably closed. Then the military police show up in force. It may be a drill or it may be trouble - it's up to Reacher to find out which.

Personal (2014) - Book Series #19

Retired military cop, Jack Reacher is pulled back into service, this time, for the State Department and the CIA.

Someone has taken a shot at the president of France. The bullet is American. The sniper's skills can only belong to John Kott, the American marksman gone bad. After fifteen years in prison, Kott is out, unaccounted for, and likely has his eye on an international summit filled with enough world leaders to tempt any assassin. The one man with a chance of stopping Kott is the only man who ever stopped him before; Jack Reacher.

Make Me (2015) - Book Series #20

In a tiny place called Mother's Rest, Jack Reacher meets a worried woman named Michelle Chang, who mistakes him for her missing partner in a private investigation. With no particular place to go, Reacher teams up with Chang.

Quickly the search picks up speed as Chang and Reacher desperately race through LA, Phoenix, Chicago, and San Francisco, toward the worst nightmare he could imagine.

Small Wars - Short Story, Prequel (2015)

In this short story, Lee Child takes Jack Reacher back to 1989, when Reacher is an MP charged with the task of solving the cold-blooded murder of a young officer. He calls his older brother, Colonel Joe Reacher, at the Pentagon for intel and enlists Sergeant Frances Neagley to help him answer the big question: Who would kill a brilliant officer on the fast-track to greatness? For Reacher the answer may lie too close to home.

Night School (2016) - Book Series #21

It's 1996 and Reacher is still in the army. Reacher and two other high-level operatives are sent on a mission to discover the American who may be

selling out his country for a hundred million dollars. Who is this traitor? What is he selling? Reacher and his two new friends must find the answers to these questions before it's too late.

Reacher enlists the help of Sergeant Frances Neagley, the best soldier he has ever worked with. Their mission heats up in more ways than one and if they don't keep their eyes on the job and get their man, the world will suffer an epic act of terrorism.

The Midnight Line (2017) - Book Series #22

On taking a stroll through a small Wisconsin town Reacher sees a class ring in a pawn shop window: West Point 2005. The ring is small, the size to fit a woman, and it has her initials engraved on the inside. Reacher wonders what unlucky circumstance made her give up something so hard won. He decides to locate the woman and find out what happened.

The Christmas Scorpion (2018) #22.5

This is a 20-page short read that includes the first three chapters of Past Tense.

Past Tense (2018) – Book Series #23

On a country road deep in the New England woods, he sees a sign to a place he has never been - the town where his father was born. He takes the detour and the next Reacher goes to the city clerk's office and asks about the old family home. He's told no one named Reacher ever lived in that town. Now he wonders, was he ever there in the first place?

Best Reading Order
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(You can use the highlight feature on your E-Reader to check off the books as you read them.)

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The Midnight Line Jack Reacher Series (2017) #22

Past Tense Jack Reacher (2018) Series #23

The Christmas Scorpion (2018) Short Story Collection

Final Message

Thank you for purchasing this book in the Best Reading Order series. Feel free to write to me with any comments or suggestions and reviews are always appreciated.

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