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8 Seconds to Midnight takes the reader on a non-stop thrill-ride that begins with the clandestine transfer of nuclear material from a secure Pakistani military installation thirty miles north of Islamabad to a group of radical Islamists bent on the destruction of the West. It culminates in the streets of New York -- minutes before the impending detonation of a fifteen kiloton nuclear bomb.

The city's survival hinges on one man, Commander John Hart, and his ability to ferret out the perpetrators, discern where the weapon is hidden, and disable it before midnight on December 31. Hart must rely on equal measures of brawn, brain, and prayer to stop the cadre of jihadists whose plan has been in the making for sixteen years.

Should he fail, the job of healing America's potentially mortal wound will fall squarely on the shoulders of Dr. Elizabeth Wilkins. It is a job she did not ask for, and hopes never materializes.

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SUE says

good book--very tense through the entire book. Kept you alert.

Leah says

I received a copy of this book as part of a good reads giveaway.

I enjoyed this book. It pretty much followed the equation that most terrorist/spy/disaster stories follow, but that didn't make it any less entertaining.

The story follows a terrorist sleeper cell in the US who are set to explode a nuclear bomb in NY city, and the people in the government/FBI/CIA who try to find them and stop the attack. The hero of the story is Commander John Hart who is a Navy SEAL, doctor, works for the CIA, and personal anti-terrorist tool of the President (that was the first really hokey part of the book, so I just ignored it). The second hokey part was CDR Hart's girlfriend, also a doctor. She really had nothing to do with the story, except maybe try to make CDR Hart more human, but it was forced and awkward. She could have never made an appearance and nothing would have been lost in the story. One other thing that was sort of weird was that all the main characters, on both sides, kept referring to a previous attack that took place, almost like this was a sequel to another book.

If you enjoy Tom Clancy, I think you'll like this. Not as detailed or as long as Mr. Clancy's books, but the action keeps going. I would read more fiction by the author.

Margaret Yelton says

I received this book in a Goodreads giveaway. This was my first book by this author, although I believe it is part of a series, I enjoyed reading it without having read the first book of the series. The book was well-written and a fast paced read, things were constantly happening so I didn't get pulled down by a slow read, that tends to bring down the pleasure I get out of reading a book. I certainly would recommend it to others.

R J Mckay says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for a review.

A nuclear device is stolen half a world away and secretly makes its way to the United States. A sleeper cell, whose members are well placed to accomplish the task of building the housing for the bomb, join together in a plan to kill hundreds of thousands of people. Commander John Hart is called into the fray when it is determined that a nuke is headed toward New York City. It is Hart with the assistance of his fiancé Dr. Liz Wilkins, who is able to fit many pieces of the puzzle together.

Explosive, and all to believable, the plot brings together the best and brightest of America to fight an unimaginable foe whose only goal is to cause massive destruction.

Susan says

A page turner about a 20 year old sleeper cell of men in the US who work in different nuclear related jobs who are able to put together a nuclear weapon and an old enemy who wants to take out NYC on New Year's Eve. Commander John Hart is on the job and with the help of his fiance Dr. Liz Wilkins they try to avert a crisis. Failure isn't an option for either side.

This was a page turner. It was fast paced. As a native of Worcester I was also pleasantly surprised to see Worcester, MA figure in the book. I was disappointed by the portrayal of Liz. She started off feeling like she would be fleshed out but then flattened to be like a shadow of a person. Other characters started off with promise to be fleshed out but turned into cliches. Hart was the star of the book but at times he seemed to be a cardboard cut out of what some people think a super hero looks like, an unfeeling-unless it is passion or rage-get the job done. There are glimmers of life at times but it is inconsistent. We know he is a flawed hero because we hear his brother died in some accident that he was present. Because this is a second book - Terminal was the first in the John Hart series - maybe some of his earlier history is already known. Because of the hints of events in Terminal I can't wait to read this too.

It really is a page turner and I couldn't wait to see what would happen next. The beginning did a good job of setting the stage and making me believe that the scenario could really happen. At times the detail seemed to go on and on. The plot was great. The ending was very quick in comparison.

Thank you goodreads, Earhartpress, and John Leifer for the Kindle book in return for an unbiased review.

Glen says

I won this book in a goodreads drawing.

A bunch of terrorists hatch a plot to detonate a nuke in NYC, and Commander Hart and Company have to stop them. Fairly decent, although the excessive amount of exposition stalled the momentum of the story, in what should be a breakneck plot.

Jackie says

Solid

A good book overall but i especially liked the point of view from different characters. I havent read the first book(i will keep my eyes open for it)... but this one does just fine on it own. Giveaway win

Mary says

Kept my interest from the first page to the last
