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The ninth step of all twelve step programs requires addicts to make amends to the people they've hurt. John Milton's been trying to do that for months, but it's not a simple matter for him. Milton used to be an assassin, and most of the people that he hurt are dead.

Milton is keeping a low profile in London. He is at his usual meeting when a man confesses the reason for his alcoholism: he was abused as a child. Milton offers to help, but when the man is found dead in circumstances that Milton considers to be suspicious, events take a turn that no-one could have anticipated.

Milton's attempted good deed becomes a quest to unveil corruption at the highest levels of government and murder at the dark heart of the criminal underworld.

Prepare yourself for another hair-raising, heart-pounding adventure from the new master of the thriller. With over one million downloads and thousands of five star reviews, if you haven't read Mark Dawson yet, what are you waiting for?

The Ninth Step Details

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Glen says

Something of a Jack Reacher knock-off, or based on a fake trailer in the Quentin Tarantino movie, Grindhouse, call it a 'Hobo With A Shotgun' novel.

John Milton, the guy who used to train British special forces, now walks the earth righting wrongs.

In this case, a group of mercs, who along with killing and robbing drug dealers and other miscreants, also protect government officials who are child molesters. A new member of the group starts to get cold feet. Meanwhile, working in a cab shelter, Milton meets a cabbie with a whole lot of problems. The guy is an alcoholic on the Ninth Step of the twelve step program of AA. The cabbie also just happens to be the adopted son of a family of hiesters.

Milton tries to help both people, and kills a whole lot of people to do it.

Pretty exciting, even though you might learn far more than you wish to about AA.

Gail says

Another great John Milton book!

Mark Dawson knows how to write action that is edge of your seat exciting, fast-paced, action-packed, characters that are believable, and plots with suspense and twists to keep your interest so you do not want to put down the book. This book is the focus of the ninth step in AA which is where John and Eddie meet. This book is a definite must read. This series just keeps getting better and better. I am looking forward to the next book!

Darlene says

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Mark Dawson is an awesome weaver of tales. Sometimes you think you know what's coming but it doesn't work that way. This was another great episode in the John Milton Series. Trying to redeem himself by doing good for people, Milton still finds himself plenty of action. A great read.

Theodore Knight says

Another page turner.

A great read and thoroughly enjoyable. The best part is when I finish another in the series there is one or more to follow. Many twists and turns to the story which keep it interesting and really believable characters are created.

Fred says

Mark Dawson writes really good books, the type you just can't put down. This one was no exception. The story is gripping right from the start and the ending is especially exciting. The John Milton character is so real, the reader feels like he knows him. Dangerous and yet with a conscience, I couldn't help rooting for him. Mark Dawson's books always leave you wanting to read yet another. They are truly addictive. I love them!

Jim Kratzok says

While I have liked all of the John Milton series so far, I think this one was the best of the bunch. If I could give more than 5 stars, I would have. It seems as if John has gotten a handle on his need to help people who are in a jam and to find justice for them. He's working smarter, less reactive. Of course it helps that he's no longer being pursued by a mad ex-Mossad assassin. That was resolved in the last book. It's always nice to have a bit of breathing room. I'm curious to see where the story line goes next.

Norma says

Format: Kindle Edition

"You are an interesting man, Mr. Smith"

First, the confession - I am a Mark Dawson fan. And of all of his creations, John Milton is my favourite. Little surprise, then, that I heartily recommend this latest book to anyone who enjoys novels of the Reacher adventure style. But Milton is better than Reacher in that the action feels real, that it could actually happen. Milton is a reformed alcoholic, one time assassin, now just trying to live a quiet life and make amends as best he can for past deeds, an impossible task when those to whom he wishes to apologise are all dead. But he does his best and along the way makes occasional recompense by helping out others. This can, and does, lead to trouble...

As well as an excellent story line and interesting protagonists, the strength of Dawson's writing lies in his masterful conveyance of atmosphere. With a paucity of description, he is able to paint the place as well as the tensions bringing it all vividly to life. This book is no exception. Well worth reading

Carolyn Injoy says

The Ninth Step by Mark Dawson has a fast start with a clean hook. I gave it four stars.

Corporal Alex Hicks is stationed on the roof of a jeweler's building. He was soaked to the skin and freezing cold. The forecast indicated that the weather would be like this for a week. However, when the time came, he got the job done. It was a successful operation.

The general called his unit "the Feather Men, on account of their light touch during operations and the fact that they never left evidence that might later betray them."

After the job their habit took them to a pub. "Hicks would not normally have chosen that kind of pub for a

social event, but this was not social, and the proprietor was an old friend of the general from the Regiment who guaranteed them privacy and discretion in return for a very small shaving of their profits.

Although the men were all over forty, there was a certain element of juvenile humor and hazing of the new guy.

I received a complimentary copy from the author. That did not change my opinion for this review.

Link to purchase: <http://www.amazon.com/Ninth-Step-John...>

Tracy Swindale says

John Milton is better than Reacher

I've just read the latest Reacher, The Midnight Line, and was totally underwhelmed. Thankfully, discovered John Milton late last year and have devoured everything since! Including the Beatrix and Isabella Rose series. Great characters and stories. Highly recommended if you're a disappointed die-hard Reacher fan!

Yasen Zhekov says

Not a bad story and few clever twists made this good read.

Elizabeth Ducie says

John Milton does it again! Fighting and defeating his internal demons while taking on a whole raft of bad guys: abused children, blackmail, kidnapping, extortion, murder. Is there no wrong that Milton will not work to put right? The hard man gets harder every time.

And if Milton does it again, then so does Mark Dawson. This is a story which starts slowly but builds to a breath-taking, page-turning climax. I couldn't put it down.

mark earls says

Milton is the English Reacher

I have followed Mark Dawson's John Milton ever since I received a copy of the Cleaner. Each story is fraught with intrigue, violence and the overall sense that Milton is doing good despite his he feels. This one is yet another excellent example. Give John Milton a try and read this book. While each story is pretty much self contained, I recommend getting them all and starting at the beginning.

Jim A says

Mark Dawson has done it again. Another John Milton novel that was different enough from the earlier Milton books to be very entertaining.

Milton sets out to avenge the death of a fellow AA member and in so doing he takes on a major English crime family. He also is working against a group of mercenaries whose main interest is blackmail and similar crimes. At the risk of being a spoiler, when he sets the two against each other, it's classic.

All in all a very good book and worth the read (very quick read).

Don't let my Four Star rating put you off this book. I very seldom give out Five Stars anymore.

Sandy Wallace says

Mafia, Military and Milton -- Oh, My!

This eighth outing in Dawson's John Milton series, to me, is his most personal. Retired assassin John Milton has returned to London, still working on his self-imposed redemption for his bloody past. He is continuing to work through the 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and, at one of the meetings, meets a fellow alcoholic, Eddie Fabian. Eddie is the adopted son of a British Mafia family and had an intensely troubled childhood before his adoption. He confides in Milton that he is working on the 9th of the 12 Steps, making amends, and asks Milton for support.

When Eddie is found dead, Milton doubts that it was a suicide and begins a personal investigation. He is immediately drawn into two deadly conspiracies -- one involving a group of renegade ex-military men, the other involving Eddie's criminal family. Determined to finish Eddie's quest and finish making his amends for him, Milton devises a diabolically clever plan for justice.

What follows is a wonderfully plotted, twisted tale that takes us further into to mind of John Milton than ever before. Each Milton novel exposes more of his inner core and humanity. He IS slowly climbing out of his pit of self-loathing, but each step comes at a cost. When will it be too much?

If you have not read a John Milton novel yet, you are missing out on a great literary treat. Mark Dawson somehow manages to imbue his novels with briskly-drawn-but-believable characters in settings so evocatively described you feel you are there. Please, do yourself a favor and become one of John Milton's growing army of fans.

Hallie says

[Especially as he asked himself if the victim would have WANTED murder done on his behalf, and knew he wouldn't. (hide spoiler)]
