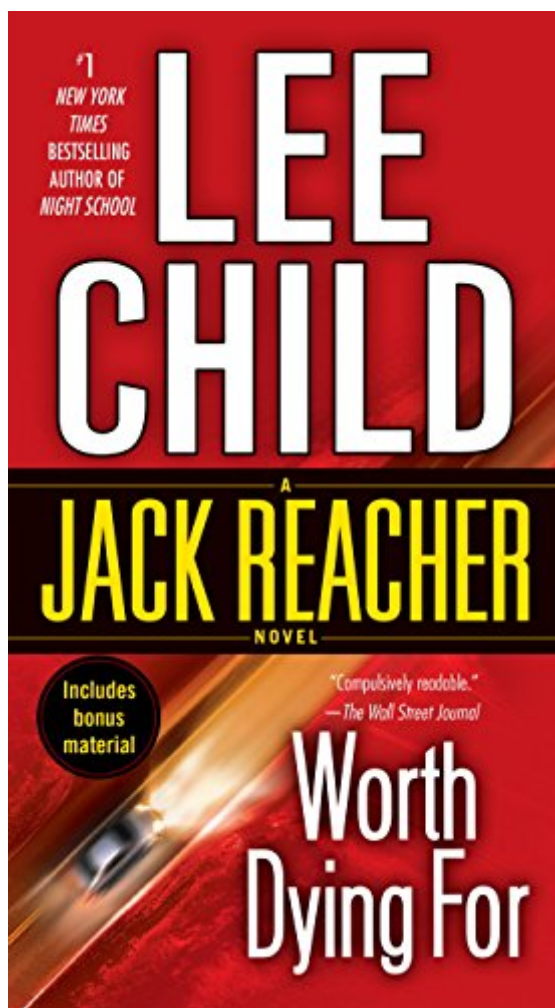


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# Worth Dying For (Jack Reacher, Book 15)



## Synopsis

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "Compulsively readable." "The Wall Street Journal"  
"Don't pick up [this] Jack Reacher novel if you don't have some time on your hands, because Worth Dying For is difficult to put down. . . . Child manages to get an amazing amount of suspense into the novel." "Associated Press" There's deadly trouble in the corn county of Nebraska . . . and Jack Reacher walks right into it. First he falls foul of the Duncans, a local clan that has terrified an entire county into submission. But it's the unsolved, decades-old case of a missing child that Reacher can't let go. "The Duncans want Reacher gone" and it's not just past secrets they're trying to hide. For as dangerous as the Duncans are, they're just the bottom of a criminal food chain stretching halfway around the world. For Reacher, it would have made much more sense to put some distance between himself and the hard-core trouble that's bearing down on him. For Reacher, that was also impossible. **BONUS:** This edition contains an excerpt from Lee Child's *The Affair*. "A model of suspenseful storytelling and an outstanding addition to a series that stands in the front rank of modern thrillers." "The Washington Post" "Still the thinking man's action hero, supreme butt-kicker and smartest guy in the room." "The Seattle Times" "This series is about as good as pop fiction gets." "The Miami Herald"

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## Customer Reviews

Here we find Jack's been dropped off at a crossroads in the middle of nowhere in the state of Nebraska. In this fast paced Reacher novel Jack finds himself confronting, and in the way of the Duncan brothers. The Duncan's being ruthless band who basically own and brutalize the county, farmers, and neighbors. Jack's not happy with this, along with some unwanted visits which come his way. What has Jack more intrigued is the unexplained disappearance of an eight year old girl who vanished 25 years earlier. The book also constantly touches on "Deliveries

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Can't get enough of Jack Reacher. Can't get enough of Lee Child. Child writes with short sentences, all that's needed, nothing that's not. Jack is on a trek to Virginia, hitching, of course. He is recently out of Nebraska, where he barely survives an explosion that leaves his arms and body sore. He is dropped off in front of a motel that looks like a flying saucer, and is aptly named the Apollo, built during the halcyon days of the space program. He befriends the local doctor, finding there are dark secrets and the farming community is being held hostage by a family that may or may not haul their crops if they do anything to upset the family. There is more going on than just the control of a community. It is of the most despicable nature.

A bloody, ghastly, story - perhaps the darkest of all the Reachers, and one you'd like to forget, except that it expands the paradigms of possible evil that Jack ultimately avenges. The Duncan family "owns" the farm country in the Dakotas in this Reacher novel - their terrible secret is that they

smuggle Thai girl children and women for the sex trade, keeping one for themselves. This one is dark and truly repulsive, as Jack discovers an old barn with the remains of about 60 children, used over many years by the nasty Duncans. Jack and Dorothy, mother of one of the dead children, run down and over the Duncan family in farm trucks, satisfyingly wreaking vengeance on punishment upon the unspeakable evils committed. The landscape is flat and revealing, cut only by highways and lonely homesteads, filled with cornfields. A drunken doctor redeems himself and a battered wife gets away. Jack doesn't get laid, but seeks to go to Virginia to meet a woman he met on the phone who helped him solve the mystery. Why I love these novels: suspense, closely worked details and specific information, strong mood/landscape metaphors, perfect American existential character creation, sardonic humour, and sadistic revenge fantasies get satisfied - Jack is truly The Grim Reaper. Tom Cruise is going to play Reacher in an upcoming film. This has got to be a ludicrous proposition on the face of it - JR is six-five and blonde, more like a Liam Neeson than the short, stumpy, cocky Tom Cruise we know and sort of still like because of Top Gun. JR is much more an early Clint Eastwood/Dirty Harry kind of guy - what Tom will do with this task? I hope to be surprised, but it seems laughable, except to Lee Child who'll make a lot of money for his careful years of deeply plotted suspenseful stories.

The more books I read written by Lee Childs the more I see him getting too wordy. It's like he is trying to fill the pages between action. I could care less what every foot of the road looks like for a 100-mile ride. John Sanford could give Lee Childs some writing lessons. Sanford's books mix humor and enough scene description to let your mind's eye understand what the folks in the book are seeing and up against. His books move at a good pace with a lot of action and violence that I enjoy. I just finished Lee Child's "A Wanted Man" and it is even wordier than Worth dying for. I think I am about done with Mr. Childs.

Reacher has checked into a \$30 per night motel & is sitting in the bar when a call comes in & the barkeep/owner hands the phone to the drunk at the bar. Reacher figures out that the drunk is the town doctor & that the caller is a woman who needs medical help. He browbeats the doctor into allowing Reacher to drive him to her house. She has a busted lip, the doctor treats her & then Reacher drives the doc home & then takes off to find the woman's husband. Reacher finds him & breaks his nose plus busts his lip. Reacher ultimately takes on the entire town's power structure. Not only is this a great read, but it is a great suspenseful tale.

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