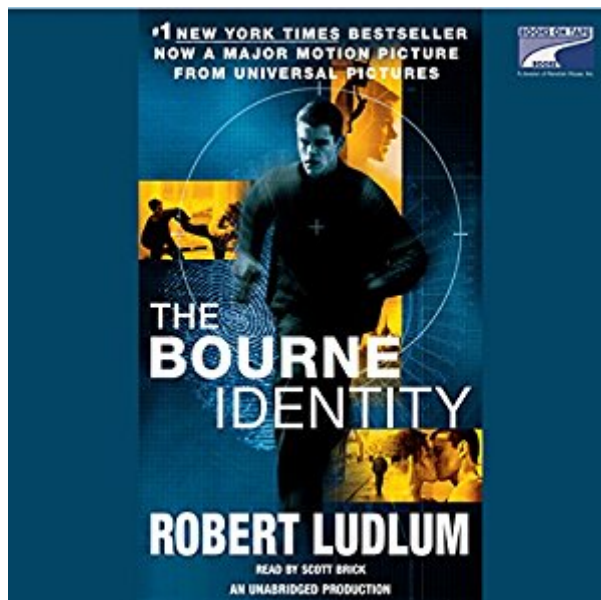


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Yeah, the book was kind of disjointed, but I took that as a literary necessity to reflect the struggles of a man trying to recover a lost identity. The book is a series of improbabilities piled on top of each other as a single man is able to outwit the intrigues of underworld and government forces who are trying their best to take him down. Okay, the willing suspension of disbelief will get you past all this, but the sticking point for me was his woman--a victim turned into a willing confidant, an economics expert from Canada who willingly sacrificed her own history and career to support his struggle to identify his true self. I found the movie's selection of a vagabond sidekick to be much more plausible--a German woman, an amateur at everything, a likable enough person with no professional or personal life keeping her from merging her life with his. The routine killing was a routine event in the book, more so than in the movie, which seems at first blush to be a bit farfetched, but at second thought uncomfortably close to the daily reality we seem to be drifting

towards. For me, the movie was a better experience than the book, but the book might be a good follow-up for those of you that really liked the movie and want to see what inspired it. So yeah, go ahead and read the book if you've got nothing better to do with your time.

The book has similar aspects of the film but the bulk of the story is different. The time is set in the 1970s so the issues are different. The book has more intrigue than action but there is still a lot of suspense over who Bourne is and why people want to kill him. Marie is a completely different character. She is educated, introspective, and strong. I enjoyed the story and will read the series. Read this book as a stand alone and not in comparison with the Matt Damon film.

It was a great read. I never understood the plot in the movies; now I know his backstory & will rewatch the DVD's. Also I have just bought all the books -- Kindle Fire editions.

Haven't read this book in years. But I really enjoyed Ludlum's stories of Jason Bourne so I plan to re-read them. Not too crazy about the sequels written after his death but Ludlum was king of the spy genre.

Best if read prior to seeing the movie. Can make for a long read. Movie does not follow the book, but the story is still intriguing.

This is one series I read over and over. This book is different from the movie and so so much better. Great character development and a joy to read. Highly Recommend.

I had never read any of the "Bourne" books. This one was great. Exciting, kept me engaged and made the half hour on the elliptical fly by.

I bought this book to replace my old one that tore up. It is a really good book, and the Bourne movies were based on this and the next two books. They are good reads.

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