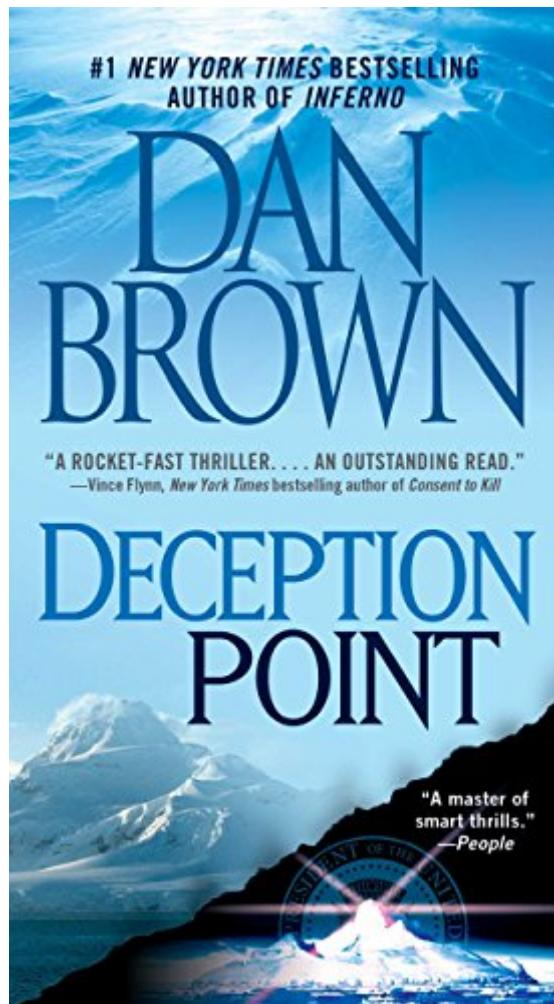


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Deception Point



Synopsis

Heralded for masterfully intermingling science, history, and politics in his critically acclaimed thrillers *The Da Vinci Code* and *Angels & Demons*, New York Times bestselling author Dan Brown has crafted another pulse-pounding novel in which nothing is as it seems -- and behind every corner is a stunning surprise. A shocking scientific discovery. A conspiracy of staggering brilliance. A thriller unlike any you've ever read.... When a NASA satellite discovers an astonishingly rare object buried deep in the Arctic ice, the floundering space agency proclaims a much-needed victory -- a victory with profound implications for NASA policy and the impending presidential election. To verify the authenticity of the find, the White House calls upon the skills of intelligence analyst Rachel Sexton. Accompanied by a team of experts, including the charismatic scholar Michael Tolland, Rachel travels to the Arctic and uncovers the unthinkable: evidence of scientific trickery -- a bold deception that threatens to plunge the world into controversy. But before she can warn the President, Rachel and Michael are ambushed by a deadly team of assassins. Fleeing for their lives across a desolate and lethal landscape, their only hope for survival is to discover who is behind this masterful plot. The truth, they will learn, is the most shocking deception of all.

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Customer Reviews

I just love Dan Brown's style of writing, the immaculate way that he describes a scene. He is one of my favorite authors and I don't miss reading any of his books. In fact I have already pre ordered his new one coming in early October. This book (Deception point), is touches a different topic...a bit away from his normal but interesting reading. His in depth study of the actual scenario is incredible and knowledgeable to the reader. This book has a strong political angle combined with extensive knowledge of what goes on the white house, the protocol, the significance of each room, staff duties etc. etc, you end up knowing a lot of stuff which you possibly could not imagine. For Dan Brown fans, this book is a must.

Dan Brown did not disappoint with Deception Point! His knowledge is vast and impressive. This book is not as "symbolic" as Angels and Demons or The Da Vinchi Code, rather Brown intrigues us with his knowledge of scientific innovation. Deception Point is based on the (fictional) political scandal of the century! The Presidential hopeful uses NASA's failures to launch his campaign while the current President firmly stands behind NASA regardless of their past failures. Then NASA reveals the biggest news in the history of science, but did they make a mistake? The presidential hopeful's daughter, who already works for the President of the USA gets caught up in the scandal of all scandals and finds herself fighting for her life with no clue who she can trust with a cover-up of this magnitude in process. I loved it and couldn't stop reading late into the night...sometimes early into the morning! Let me know what you thought!

I read other reviews before buying this and had some doubts as to whether I would enjoy it. I agree there are quite few technical weaknesses in the story line despite the introduction justifying that much of what it is based on is fact. Just one of many examples. A key incident that does not make any sense until near the end is that a transmission is made on a frequency that no one can pick up. Not actually true both in the story line and in real life, but it is not a frequency the scientist that is made to make the call would actually be able to use. Why would anyone make a transmitter including a frequency that cannot be received by any normal receiver, and then take it to the Arctic as it would be much more heavy and bulky. There are also many coincidences that stretch the limits

of reason. Provided you are prepared to accept that this is a work of fiction and can put these technical deficiencies behind you then it is one of those stories that you start to read and then get engrossed. I really enjoyed wanting to know where the story line would go as there are many different options all the way through that would be possible, even though I was totally floored by the identity of the controller. I read it far too late into the night. Reading this makes me wonder if I would enjoy some of the other Dan Brown books that have not received really good reviews.

Dan Brown is obviously a great author. In *Deception Point*, Brown creates a very interesting premise and sets in motion a thrilling mystery story. However, in this case, I found that some of the more suspenseful segments seemed to go on and on. I actually caught myself putting the book down for awhile to go do something else. Building the suspense is a great talent but, when that suspense is held for page after page after page, you tend to get somewhat fatigued by it. In the end, it was a great read well worth my time. If you like adventure thrillers, this is definitely a book worth reading.

Dan Brown has become one of my favorite authors. "Da Vinci Code" was my first, then "Angels and Demons," and I was hooked. He is a very "visual" writer and definitely has a gift for developing characters, multi-faceted plots, and "painting" vivid scenes. "Deception Point" was my fourth Dan Brown book, and I've just started my fifth, "Inferno". Although several readers did not give "Digital Fortress" very good reviews, it is next on my list because I like this writer's style. "Deception Point" was the first of Brown's books I've read without Robert Langdon as the main character, and I was a bit concerned I wouldn't like it as well - I was wrong! "Deception Point" is a great read with Brown's usual bit of a surprising twist at the end - I really didn't see that one coming!

As with all of the other Dan Brown novels, this was excellent. It was one that I hated to put down, but hated to keep reading, knowing that it would end. I very much recommend that you read this book, and all of his other stories. You won't be sorry.

Deception Point is part political thriller, part science/military adventure set in the (broadly) current day. I would say some of the twists are a little predictable - there's one point in particular where the identity of a mystery person is being revealed, and it's obvious it's not who you're supposed to think it is, but that reveal drags out for so long it's kind of boring. Also, some of the situations the protagonists find themselves in, and somehow manage to survive, stretch the limits of my disbelief.

But if you can put that aside and just go with it, it's fun and entertaining.

The book arrived on time as promised in great condition, just as described. It's definitely not as good as his later works, even a little naive, but I would still recommend.

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