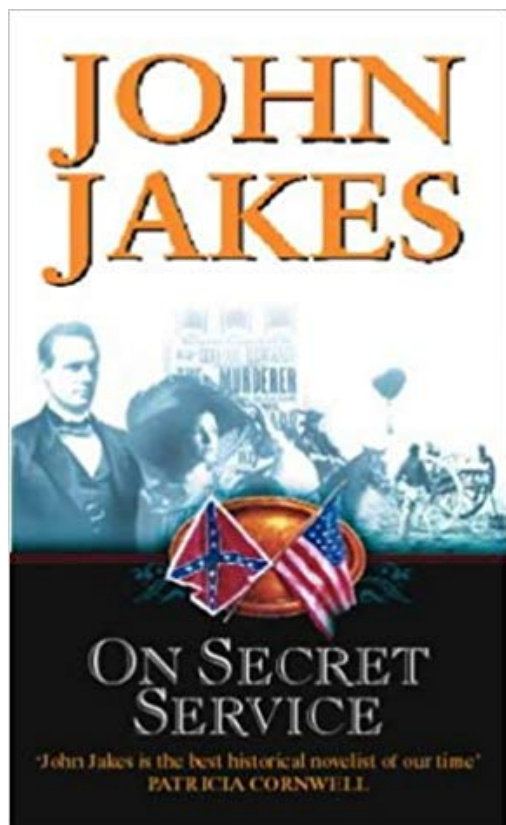


On Secret Service *by* John Jakes



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A novel based around the exploits of various spies during the American Civil War. Lon supports the north, works for the War Department and is offered a job in the National Detective Police force. Margaret supports the south and works for her father until her outspokenness lands her in prison.



Reviews of the *On Secret Service* *by* John Jakes

Yanthyr

As with all of Mr. Jakes books, I enjoyed the read. There were some glaring editing issues, at least in the kindle version. About every 3rd or 4th chapter, the previous chapter was repeated. At first I thought I was just confused and somehow hit something on the reader incorrectly. Nope, it keep happening. This was unfortunate because it took away from the reading experience.

I do believe that, although the time frame is different, this book probably shows us the progression of disillusion that happens to many of our initially dedicated FBI and CIA agents. A book that caused more than one thoughtful moment in relation to this day and time.

Kanal

I usually love John Jakes works, but this one doesn't grab my attention like the others have. Characters seem to be a bit underdeveloped and not real believable. Historical background is great, as in all his works.

Yar

Even so, the book held my interest throughout, and as always, I was able to pick up some historical facts I hadn't previously known. I just felt that the story line was rather formulaic not as cohesive as most of Jakes' work.

My main purpose in submitting a review is a bit of a caution about the Kindle version. My download included four chapters which were repeated in their entirety. Chapter numbers were not repeated and all chapter numbers were sequential with no skips. Since the book skipped around between sub-plots, I don't know if the repeated chapters were just added clutter or if they caused me to lose other chapters. I'm new to Kindle, so I don't know if there was simply a "hiccup" in the download, a problem with the device itself, or an error in the master file (probably not, or complaints would be numerous).

Wrathshaper

The author takes the reader back to a time period when our country was formed and gives a insight into the people and how they lived and were able to cope with the hardship imposed upon them.

DarK-LiGht

This is the 4th Jakes book I have read and I am giving up on them. I love the novels and Jakes is a good writer. The stories are fascinating and enlightening. But this is the 3rd book I have read that has had repeat chapters in them. I don't know if it is the fault of the publisher or the translator into Kindle but it is REALLY annoying. In fact, this book has ---TWO--- repeat chapters in it!! It destroys the pace of the book. Anyway, I have had enough. I am done reading John Jakes' books.

Kardana

I have read all if not all most of John Jakes books but this one did not seem to be at the level of his previous books. I read it to the end hoping it would get better, it didn't. I did learn more about the Civil War and its smaller battles.

Drelajurus

Enjoyed this book as I do all of John Jakes' books think I read them all you learn history as well as reading a good storyline anyone interested in the civil war will enjoy

Enjoyed reading John Jakes again after many years. I always loved the way he blended facts with a fictional story line keeping me engaged and interested through out the book

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