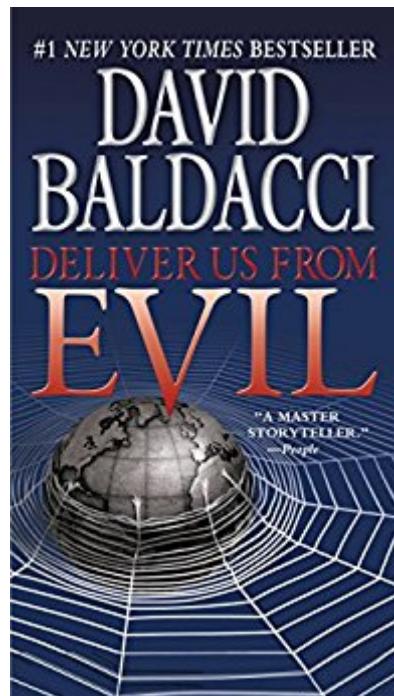


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Deliver Us From Evil (A. Shaw Book 2)



Synopsis

David Baldacci-the #1 bestselling author of *The Whole Truth* and *First Family*-returns with his most surprising, heart-stopping, and timely thriller to date...*DELIVER US FROM EVIL* Evan Waller is a monster. He has built a fortune from his willingness to buy and sell anything... and anyone. In search of new opportunities, Waller has just begun a new business venture: one that could lead to millions of deaths all over the globe. On Waller's trail is Shaw, the mysterious operative from *The Whole Truth*, who must prevent Waller from closing his latest deal. Shaw's one chance to bring him down will come in the most unlikely of places: a serene, bucolic village in Provence. But Waller's depravity and ruthlessness go deeper than Shaw knows. And now, there is someone else pursuing Waller in Provence-Reggie Campion, an agent for a secret vigilante group headquartered in a musty old English estate-and she has an agenda of her own. Hunting the same man and unaware of each other's mission, Shaw and Reggie will be caught in a deadly duel of nerve and wits. Hitchcockian in its intimate buildup of suspense and filled with the remarkable characters, breathtaking plot turns, and blockbuster finale that are David Baldacci's hallmarks, *DELIVER US FROM EVIL* will be one of the most gripping thrillers of the year. This eBook includes:- Written commentary by David Baldacci- Links to a special web page for: Video & Audio, commentary, Character Travel Maps, and the TV spot produced for the book- Extra Photos- Research notes- Hand edited manuscript pages- Alternate title page- Original Ending- Links to Goya websites for paintings referenced in the text

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Customer Reviews

Our hero, A. Shaw, is on the trail of the evil sadistic megalomaniac Nicholas Creel - no, wait, it's Evan Waller this time. Waller/Creel is a hugely successful businessman in his 60's with a contempt for weak people and thinks that the strong should rule the world, but still sees a place for going to church. His one weakness is younger women, whom he'll enjoy for a while and then kill, or at least try to. He is assisted by his loyal but weak aide, Dick Pender - no, no, that's Alan Rice - who fails him once too often and is murdered as a result. Waller arranges the murder of Shaw's current love interest, Anna - whoops, that's Katie this time, and while she nearly dies, this time she survives. Her parents thank him in the end for avenging her death/saving her life. As Shaw pursues the bad guy, he finds an attractive woman, Katie James - sorry, I mean Reggie Campion - working at cross purposes, but they eventually team up and become more than casual friends, and it could lead to a more lasting relationship if not for Shaw's baggage from the previous relationship. So in the end Shaw waltzes off into the sunset leaving a heartbroken Katie/Reggie behind. This is the last we'll see of Shaw, operative for a mysterious off-the-books government agency, until he is reincarnated as Will Robie. Fortunately, I only read Baldacci when I want to give my brain a rest, and he never lets me down.

The bad guy in this story is quite horrid. So much so that I had to set this one aside several times. I found the sadistic torture episodes completely disturbing. However, the story is pretty compelling, and I needed to see Justice prevail. So I finished reading. I'm an animal lover (especially dogs and cats), and I must say that some scenes depicted in this book are all the more disgusting for their involvement of certain animals. If you enjoy thrillers and can get past the graphically described torture and death scenes, you might love this read.

I felt like I was in a rollercoaster while reading this book. My heart was racing, I couldn't turn the pages fast enough. Shaw's character is so well written that I want to choke him for being so stubborn, kick him for being such a knucklehead, and hug him because I love him so much! I cannot wait for the next adventure of A Shaw. The rollercoaster ride will go on! Thank you so much Mr. Baldacci for being such an amazing writer.

For an avid Baldacci fan too, this book must be a disappointment as there is nothing anywhere that is remotely different from the fare in the most standard of plots. The super human protagonists are above law with hardly anything beyond their powers except of course the villain who appears omnipotent, super rational and completely needlessly devil. The devil survived for some six decades and enjoyed life and for some reason is now being targeted by our good guys. Not only there are no nuances to the characters in this book but the plots, encounters and interpersonal relationships are as trite as one can ever imagine.

I have read 25 books by David Baldacci. This book is #26 and the last book I plan to read by him. When I started I loved books like Total Control and Zero Day. I found the Camel Club series enjoyable. Lately the books have crazy plots. I won't say too much about this book as I don't want to give anything away to someone who is considering the book. I have read 190 pages of this book and I have decided to just quit. I can't stay engaged because the plot is so artificial with supposed sexual tension which is very weak. Sorry David. I am giving up on you.

I found the plot to be compelling, with the notion that war criminals from long ago have been replaced by those from more recent conflicts. As with other material from this author there is a good amount of repetition which is used to re-enforce particular characteristics or facts about a character or two in the book. I stopped short of really caring about any of the characters because they have been made a little too fantastical, way beyond the realms of reality. Nonetheless it's a good read if you're looking for something to take your mind off other things.

Each character had great depth. Multiple plots that merged. The details were impeccable. I couldn't stop reading but did stop, so the storyline wouldn't end too quickly. Needless to say that after reading many of this author's books, this was the best!!!

I knew this book would be good as soon as I read the premise, and it did not disappoint! The plot moves swiftly along with enough twists and clues to keep the reader thinking. The character development is better than in most of Baldacci's other books, as he uses the "slow parts" of the plot to delve into the character's pasts and explore their motivation for their work. However, to fully appreciate the story I recommend first reading the prequel, *The Whole Truth*.

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