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Greenwich, Connecticut socialite Jaspar Moran has it all-a magnificent estate, two beautiful children and a loving husband, Trevor, serving as the Secretary of the Treasury. Protected, admired and living in the lap of luxury, Jaspar is reeling from the news that his government jet has crashed just as her children vanish without a trace. An ominous message warns her to keep silent about her husband's role in the President's economic plan. Or else. Determined to save her children, she'll go to hell and back, form alliances with assassins, traitors and Mafioso, and commit unspeakable acts-if that's what it takes. With alarms sounding around the world, hunted from all sides, and unsure of who to trust, she finds herself depending on a mysterious figure without an identity. Jaspar journeys from the Australian outback to the palazzos of Rome, the Monte Carlo Grand Prix, and to the magnificence of the Vatican, in her quest. Can she rescue her children before the plot to crash the global economy is unleashed?

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Debbie says

I received this book free in exchange for an honest review from Net Galley.

What a ride this book was, one that I truly did not want to end!!

I had a little trouble getting into it at the beginning as it seemed to give too many details that weren't actually necessary. However, once the story got going it did not stop. In one day, Jaspar's husband, the Secretary of the Treasury is killed in a plane crash and her children are kidnapped from a highly secure fortress in which they live.

In a plot line that resonates from the TV series, Crisis, as to "What would you do in order to save your children", the story takes off and the ride is a thrilling one which will keep your heart beating and your pulse racing. There are elements involved that may be a little far fetched, but it's fiction.

You could definitely tell this was a debut novel, but one that I would definitely recommend. I anxiously await more from this author!!!

Dianne says

Is the glamor of power and social status worth the lives of your family? When Jaspar learns that her husband's plane has crashed and he is nowhere to be found, she thought her world had turned upside down. When her children disappear without a trace and contacting the authorities is out of the question, the widow of the Secretary of the Treasury refuses to standby in agony waiting to learn the fate of her children. Jaspar throws caution, morals and the safety of her comfort zone to the wind as she recreates the woman she is into a cold-hearted killing machine who will stop at nothing to find her children. Aided by connections to some of the most lethal creatures to hide in the shadows of the underbelly of life, Jaspar trains to become a deadly weapon herself as she starts a global race against the clock, to save her children. As it is revealed that the connection is her husband's position, she discovers she may also be saving the global economy. With a quiet and secretive mercenary/assassin by her side every bloody step of the way, tension and emotion runs full throttle. Will it be too little, too late? The clock is ticking in this brutally savage game of cat and mouse.

Very dark, very edgy, and truly full of grit, **Jaspar's War** by Cym Lowell is a bold thriller, mystery that stands out for its creative plot, intriguing characters and frighteningly realistic scenes of torture. These cringe worthy scenes are not for the weak of stomach, because the depth Mr. Lowell goes to portray the graphic action puts the reader front and center and almost pins one's mental eyes open in disbelief. Very well written, able to wring every emotion dry, Cym Lowell's **Jaspar's War** reveals a nightmare in print, especially for high profile power players. Frightening to think this all revolves around the lust for money and the desire for power, with human life as the pawn.

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Patricia says

After a socialite Jaspar Moran's husband, the Secretary of the Treasury, goes down in a plane crash, and her children are kidnapped, Jaspar is warned to keep silent. Jaspar disappears and undergoes some serious combat training; she comes back a warrior. An interesting read as Jaspar takes her war from Australia to Italy. If you like non stop action with a female hero, this is the book for you!

Mary Picken says

Jaspar's War is a story of a socialite mother and political wife whose disappears in an air crash and who then finds herself in an extraordinary chase to save her kidnapped children. She is put in touch with Nulandi, a trained assassin and Alice, his faithful trained guard dog. Jaspar learns the ways of an assassin and on her journey, suffused with Christian overtones, she has to learn to cross all her moral boundaries in order to save her children. All this takes place across several continents in order to foil a plot designed to bring the western world to its financial knees.

I didn't find the characters believable nor well drawn, and the plot, though interesting in synopsis, never really delivers on its promise.

Schuyler Wallace says

Cym Lowell's outlandish novel "Jasper's War" is close to being foolish in its concept. The actions of the protagonists are so unrealistic in their depiction that I was tempted many times to close the book, throw it on my discard pile, and move along to something more believable. But I didn't, staying the course to the end.

First, let's discuss the people created by Lowell. There's Jaspar, a lovely woman raised in genteel surroundings, engaged in an idyllic lifestyle with beautiful children and a successful husband. Her despair at the death of her husband and the kidnapping of her children transforms her into an instant warrior, capable of committing violent murder and mayhem, willing to engage in frenetic lovemaking with despicable men, and subject to explosive rages or sobbing breakdowns, depending on the time of day.

Her guiding angel, an enigmatic man of superhuman strength and mysterious talents, who can subdue a constant parade of trained gunmen with a flick of his wrist, jump off a cliff with the woman, a dog, and a massive armory of heavy weapons in a sack hanging on him as he maneuvers a piece of canvas like a sail plane, and torture with indifference as he stabs kidneys, cuts throats, and breaks limbs. His periodic breakdowns into a blubbing and clinging wimp are so out of character it tempts one to laugh.

The remaining characters we encounter are stereotypes of slick and brilliant criminals who are ruthless, self indulgent, and willing to commit any act that will protect their interests. And then there's the dog, a wondrous creature that thinks and acts like a robot, can anticipate danger of any kind that threatens his master, and even knows to walk in water and on surfaces that will leave no tracks to evade detection. This dog, believe it or not, is astute enough to tear into a bag of money and scatter the bills around to create a diversion. And there is an Indian chief bestowed with more mystical aura and sagaciousness than all you've ever known—combined

Why, you ask, did I waste my time finishing a book I so disliked? Well, the thing is I didn't dislike it. I considered it to be a farce, a comic book, that was so full of action and unbelievable happenings that I had to know where the author was going with his nonsense. I was riveted to his outlandish imagination. And the writing was good, solid adventure stuff. So, while I can't give the book high ratings, I'll give it enough of a thumbs up to salute Cym Lowell's audacity in bringing his vision to light.

Frank Errington says

Review Copy

Jaspar Moran, the wife of the U. S. Treasury Secretary, is thrust into a desperate attempt to save her two children, kidnapped, after the apparent murder of her husband.

Someone is manipulating the world's financial markets, taking advantage of the President's economic stimulus plans for their personal gain. One more push and they'll reach their goal and plummet the world into financial chaos.

Jaspar is promised she'll be reunited with her children, Theo and Chrissy, providing she remains quiet about anything she might know, instead she is united with the definition of an anti-hero in Nulandi, an assassin who trains Jaspar in his killing ways. Together they set off on an international hunt for those responsible for the disappearance of her young children.

As much as I love the concept of Jaspar's War, I felt the overall piece was just too unbelievable. Harsh criticism from someone who enjoys a good zombie story. But that's just it, with a well executed zombie story, you only need to suspend your disbelief for the zombies. For example, on The Walking Dead, once you get past the zombies, everything else is totally believable. In Jaspar's War, I found the premise to be believable, but most everything else, not so much.

As exciting as the climax was from a story perspective, I found its execution to be contrived and to easily accomplished. Plus, the surprise ending seemed to pander to the reader and wasn't really necessary.

Overall, Jaspar's War was OK, but not something I'd readily recommend.

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Angela Amman says

My chest tightened as I read about the disappearance of Jaspar's children in Jaspar's War. For the rest of Cym Lowell's novel, my thoughts were that of a mother molding herself into someone who would find her kidnapped kids.

For readers looking for action and adventure, Jaspar's War has that bursting from its seams, but I found myself focusing on the lengths to which Jas would go to save her children. Seeing an intelligent, fit mother turn into a human weapon works for an action story, but I was more interested in the mental transformation she undergoes.

I would have loved to see Lowell explore the link between her Catholic faith, her innate morality and her desperate desire to bring her children back to her. Those themes are touched upon throughout the book, but they get a little lost in the game surrounding world finances, political maneuvering and copious amounts of bullets.

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Peggy Roberson says

There are no words to describe this amazing read!! Mr. Lowell did a wonderful job on this book!! You are going to be hooked on this book from the very beginning, and not want to put it down until you finish it!! There is quite a story put in between the covers, and the ride takes you places you won't believe!! I loved the book, and am passing my copy on to close friends to read. To others I plan on telling them to read it!! Don't miss your chance!! I'm thrilled to have had the chance to win my copy from Goodreads, and it had no bearing on my review!! I don't pass out 5 stars unless I mean it!!

Don Gorman says

1 1/2 stars. This one was pretty weak. The story is convoluted and almost totally off the wall. The author has a good knowledge of some foreign cities where he describes interesting attacks upon our leading lady and her indestructible assassin sidekick. We do have a wonderful dog and the richest, wisest Indian chief on the planet for comic relief. Lowell cannot decide if he wants this to be a Christian based book or not and it is annoying. I hope his second effort is a little stronger.

Barbara Woodford says

This is one of my free books from Goodreads. It was exciting all the way through. Since I am not a technical person I tended to get lost in all the goings on in the financial realm. It realistically showed the love of a mother and all she was willing to do to get her children back.

Shelagh says

Action-packed from the beginning this intriguing thriller kept me guessing throughout. This is a complex story involving high finance, government, mafia links and at its heart a mother's quest to recover her kidnapped children. I think author Cym Lowell did a good job of juggling the various threads to lead readers to the eventual conclusion. The further I read the more engrossed I became, eventually reaching the point where I couldn't stop reading until I had finished the book. I thoroughly enjoyed this story.

Bree Hodges says

This book is a thriller, mystery, and a ..mess. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed reading it, but once I finished it I felt it was like any other thriller I've read. I will reread this next year to see if I feel any different...

John Purvis says

“Jaspar’s War” published in 2014 was written by Cym Lowell (<http://www.cymlowell.com>). This is Cym’s second novel.

Socialite Jaspar Moran is suddenly thrust into a different world when the plane carrying her husband Trevor, the Secretary of the Treasury, is lost over the North Atlantic. Only minutes after being informed about her husband, she discovers that both of her children are missing. Then she receives a strange call telling her to keep silent about her husband’s involvement in the President’s economic stimulus plan if she ever wants to see her children again.

She is helped to disappear by close friends in the Catholic church, and escorted to Australia by Nul, an Aborigine assassin. Jaspar is trained by Nul, then they go on the offensive in an attempt to rescue Jaspar’s children.

Before she had left the US, Jaspar found a thumb drive with documents and notes her husband Trevor had been gathering on the pending financial recovery plan. She was able to sneak it to long time friend and financial wizard Chief Bearstrike. After he analyzes the data, his fear that an unknown group is carefully attacking the financial system of the US is substantiated.

As days tick by those responsible for kidnapping the Moran children are confronted by Jaspar and Nul, and they respond with lethal force. With Nul supporting her, Jaspar is willing to do anything to find her children. Simultaneously, Chief Bearstrike attempts to thwart the attack on the financial system through the US government.

I felt that this was an engaging, well written story, though at times it felt rough and unpolished in places. I enjoyed reading it and would recommend it.

John Morrison says

What more of a thriller could you want? It is awesomely detailed and very gripping. I won this book through the giveaways.

Brenda says

Jaspar Moran and her two children, Theo and Chrissy were having a wonderful time with friends and neighbours – the laughter and delight of the children was especially poignant. Jaspar had been feeling a little uneasy when her husband Trevor, Secretary of the Treasury, had left for his latest overseas trip – his assurance that they would discuss it when he returned home had kept her worries slightly at bay. But when she was notified that afternoon that her husband's government jet had plunged into the sea in a highly inaccessible area, she was devastated. Then when trying to find her children, the sudden realization that they had vanished, seemingly without trace created unimaginable panic in her – her life had changed irrevocably in an instant. With a threatening message to keep silent about her husband's role in the latest plan of the President, then her discovery of the memory stick with Chief Bearstrike's name attached, her plans gradually began to formulate.

With the help of Father Michael, Jaspar escaped to outback Australia where she was persuaded to train with the mysterious and enigmatic Nul and his faithful companion Alice. The three of them would become a team to find her children, but also keep one step ahead of those searching for her. Her death was assured if she was found, and other than Nul she had no idea who she could trust.

From Australia to Rome, her quest was a race against time. With Nul and Alice, their battle was against corruption within the government, the Mafia and much more – the collapse of the global economy was on the agenda by the terrorists – the lives of Jaspar, her children and Nul were unimportant. With Jaspar's determination to save her children at all costs, she found her heart hardened against those who would kill her and her children.

This thriller started and continued at a rocketing pace – full on action all the way. But somewhere toward the middle of the book my enjoyment began to sour; I also began to find many events completely stretched the imagination. It's fiction – I get that! But I found Jaspar's actions completely unbelievable – I don't want to say more because of spoilers. This could have been a brilliant thriller – it certainly started off that way – but I was disappointed in certain parts of the novel. It also needs the services of a good editor with a number of spelling and other issues.

With thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for my copy to read and review.
