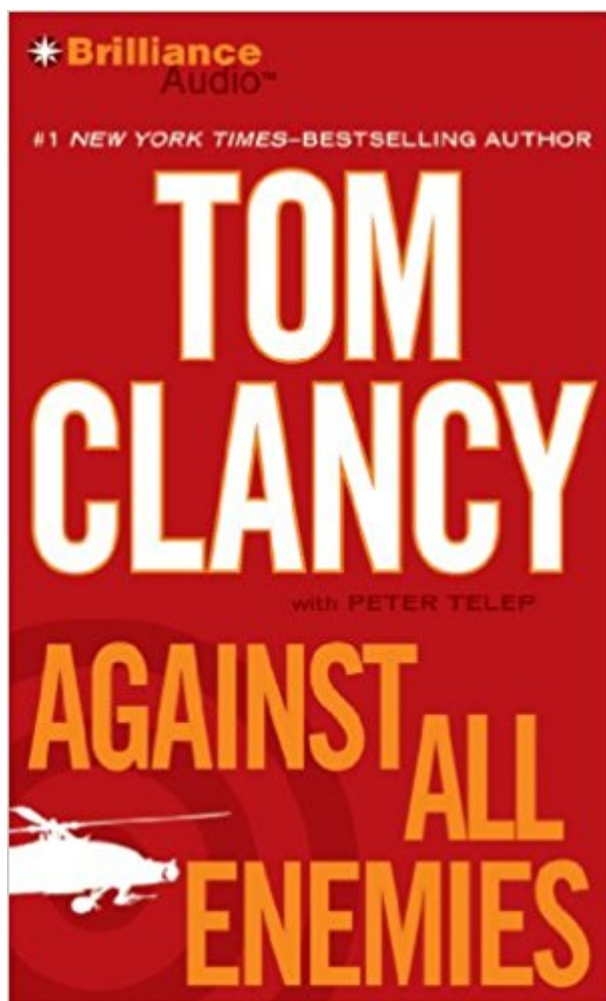




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Synopsis

For years, ex-Navy SEAL Maxwell Moore has worked across the Middle East and behind the scenes for the Special Activities Division of the CIA, making connections, extracting valuable intelligence, and facing off against America's enemies at every turn. And then news of a potentially devastating coalition: What if two of the greatest threats to the security of the United States were to form an unholy alliance? The Taliban is trying to exploit a Mexican drug cartel to which they supply opium as a means to bring the fire of jihad to the hearts of the infidels. It is up to Moore, and his team, to infiltrate and dismantle the drug cartel, even as they hunt for those who would bring the ultimate terror and destruction to the streets of America. In a story that races from the remote, war-scarred landscapes of the Middle East to the blood-soaked chaos of the U.S.-Mexico border, Tom Clancy once again delivers a heart-stopping thriller that is frighteningly close to reality.

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Customer Reviews

Tom Clancy is America's, and the world's, favorite international thriller author. Starting with *The Hunt for Red October*, all thirteen of his previous books have hit #1 on the New York Times bestseller list. His books, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Patriot Games*, *Clear and Present Danger*, and *The Sum of All Fears* have been made into major motion pictures. He lives in Maryland where he is a co-owner of the Baltimore Orioles.

Initially the reviews I read caused me to not to be very interested in "Against all Enemies." But after

reading all the currently available Jack Ryan/Jack Jr./John Clark/Campus books I was hungry enough for some more Clancy world to read it. I actually liked it more than I expected. The brief tie in with Dominic Caruso at the very end was intriguing. After all isn't the Campus in need of some additional personnel at this point? Liked the HUMAN aspects: guilt, regret, lust, etc. that are too often missing from the Campus series. Anything Navy SEAL-related always interests me. Liked the Mexico aspects, especially considering the current charged political issues with the border. To me this is classic Tom Clancy to work a story around real-world dangers and possibilities.

If you are looking for a Jack Ryan action thriller, this isn't it. However, it is very entertaining and you don't want to put it down. It is somewhat disjointed until all the characters are introduced and developed. It was a good thriller especially when the action centered on the Mexican drug cartels. Seeing how the different government agencies could work together to bring down the cartels if they put their egos aside, and regular people acting like Americans for a change, made the ending exciting and fun to read. I read it twice and was able to put all the characters in perspective. So much activity and so many characters so the second reading made in that much more enjoyable.

I don't normally review books. I'm far from a literary critic. But there were a few things I didn't like about this book. Tom Clancy introduces a new protagonist for this novel but his character isn't as believable as others like Jack Ryan or John Clark. The narrative makes it sound less like he has a troubled past and more like he just really needs therapy for his PTSD. The narrative also doesn't read like Clancy's normal style of writing. It didn't flow as well and the sentence structure was often awkward and forced. I often had to reread paragraphs to discern what the author was trying to convey.

Unlike many of the other reviewers. I already knew that this was only a Clancy novel by name. The author is actually on the cover. The book itself is still good. As with many other Clancy books they start out a little slow while introducing you to the characters and their back stories at it slowly advances through the main story. Once you hit the climax you just want to keep reading. The action is very well described and keeps the pages turning.

Even though I enjoyed reading this book, I never would have bought it if I had known that it wasn't really a campus book. I don't like being lied to. I will be much more careful with my purchases when it comes to these so called Campus or related books.

Another great Clancy book

This is not your average Clancy book and it was obvious from the start it was not written by Clancy. He may have contributed his name to it, but it did not in any way read like a Tom Clancy written novel. That being said, it was a good story, I like the new main character. But now that Clancy has passed on, I'm through reading the books written by his co-authors under the "Clancy" banner.

I usually like Tom Clancy's books, but usually when he writes them entirely by himself. When he co-authors his fiction it usually doesn't have the same flair or "sit on the edge of your chair" suspense. *Against All Enemies* is somewhat plodding, and it doesn't hold my interest. Maybe its just the fact that the book contains many characters with Arabic names and references to parts of countries I'm not that familiar with. I'm not being prejudiced with my previous statement, but unless you are really interested in the politics and customs of Afganistan and the intricacies of drug lords and activities of the Mexican and Columbian cartels you may find this book easy to put down.

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