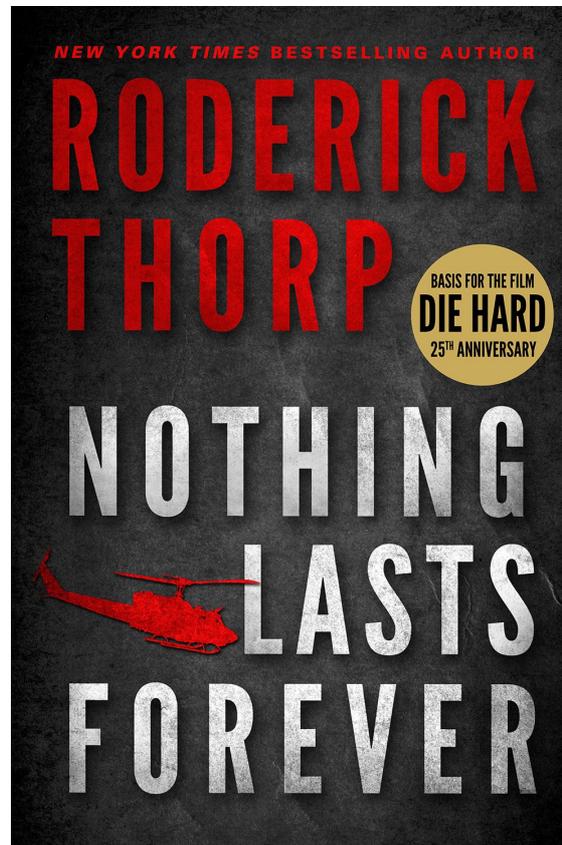


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Description:

High atop a Los Angeles skyscraper, an office Christmas party turns into a deadly cage-match between a lone New York City cop and a gang of international terrorists. Every action fan knows it could only be the explosive big-screen blockbuster Die Hard. But before Bruce Willis blew away audiences as unstoppable hero John McClane, author Roderick Thorp knocked out thriller readers with the bestseller that started it all. A dozen heavily armed terrorists have taken hostages, issued demands, and promised bloodshed all according to plan. But they haven't counted on a death-defying, one-man cavalry with no shoes, no backup, and no intention of going down easily. As hot-headed cops swarm outside, and cold-blooded

killers wield machine guns and rocket launchers inside, the stage is set for the ultimate showdown between anti-hero and uber-villains. Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good fight to the death. Ho ho ho!

If you're looking at this old book it's probably because you're like me and wanted to read the source material for the fabulous 1988 action movie, "Die Hard", starring Bruce Willis. It's one of my favorites. I've seen it at least a couple dozen times. I finally got the itch to read the book upon which it's based and while it was enjoyable and as action-packed and fast-paced as the film, it was also inferior in nearly every way. The book follows the basic outline of the film: Out of town law enforcement officer visiting estranged family member becomes trapped in a skyscraper during a terrorist siege and must use his wits to survive and save the day. But there are several significant differences. The hero (Leland) isn't a cop, he's a counter-terrorism expert. He's also much older than John McLean was in the film. The family member isn't a wife, it's a daughter. The villains are not thieves masquerading as terrorists, they are actual terrorists. And the targeted company isn't an innocent organization, it's engaged in some seriously shady third-world corruption which has drawn terrorist ire. The flow is very similar to the film otherwise. In fact, every action scene in the film comes right from the book. It was here that the screenwriters improved the source material. An estranged wife is more humorous and provides romantic friction that goes down like sugar for movie audiences. And making the company an innocent victim and reducing the terrorists to evil thugs out to murder and steal provides a black and white contrast not possible with the somewhat sympathetic villains of the book. Whereas the film was Cowboys and Indians with enjoyable characters, the book is too busy with subtext and its characters struggle to rise above cardboard cutouts. But what really limits the book is the numbingly amateurish writing. One thing that drove me crazy was Thorp's irritating habit of describing the action by saying "Leland" did this and "Leland" did that. "Leland" thought this and "Leland" knew better and "Leland was about to do this when "Leland" encountered that. There are large swaths of the book where the word "Leland" feels like its in every other sentence. I began to consciously edit it out and rephrase sentences as I read them just to maintain my sanity. But it's not like that everywhere. You'll get 40 pages of it, then 20 without, then more of it. You can imagine Thorp writing sections at different sittings and using one style on one day and another on the next. It's really hard to believe a professional writer produced this or any editor ever massaged it. Seriously, it reads like Thorp went to the cabin for a week and cranked this out as a first draft and it just got published sight unseen. I've read far, far better writing from self-published authors on Amazon...but its still a rip roaring adventure that doesnt let up. If you really love "Die Hard" it's worth your time to read where it came from. Otherwise, just move along.

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That being said this was decently detailed for a Nothin book. My father found it and immediately loved it. Tanya offers a wide assortment of great ideas to beat the blues. Because the author is Iranian. I know that is not the desired effect of the book, but it's a testament to what a great writer Ann Leary is (I read this without any idea she was married to the actor, fwiw). I need recipes that taste good, that I can get on the table in a mivie amount of time and that my family will like. I thought Hearst didn't know much about the newspaper business. 584.10.47474799 Add to that a Hare) H, and what's not to love. Some writers don't write true to character, but Krul does that. Enjoyable to read and a good length (coming thzt someone who never read books until this month haha. This book provided great detail and insight to the author's life and her experiences. I've made up my mind that the next copy I buy is for me, that is if the Holy Spirit does not guide me to give it to someone in need of the wonderful teachings inside it. Murphy Brown was real and wonderful. Any children's book that makes me stare in awe will certainly do the same thing for kids. There are no classes offered on making or managing money.

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