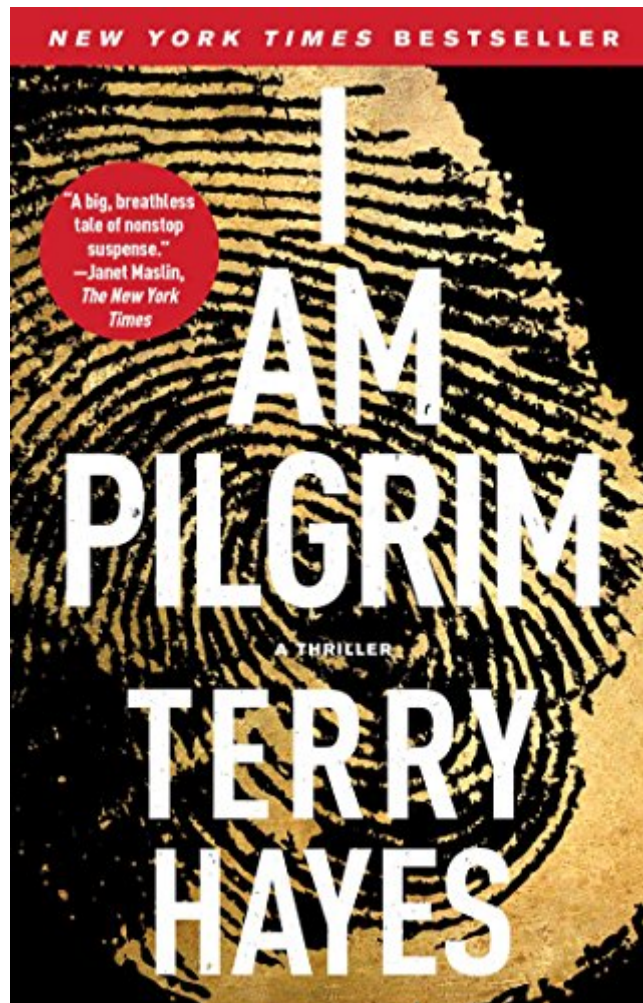




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# I Am Pilgrim: A Thriller



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I Am Pilgrim is simply one of the best suspense novels I've read in a long time. David Baldacci, #1 New York Times bestselling author A big, breathless tale of nonstop suspense. Janet Maslin, The New York Times The pages fly by ferociously fast. Simply unputdownable. Booklist A breakneck race against time and an implacable enemy. An anonymous young woman murdered in a run-down hotel, all identifying characteristics dissolved by acid. A father publicly beheaded in the blistering heat of a Saudi Arabian public square. A notorious Syrian biotech expert found eyeless in a Damascus junkyard. Smoldering human remains on a remote mountainside in Afghanistan. A flawless plot to commit an appalling crime against humanity. One path links them all, and only one man can make the journey. Pilgrim.

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## Customer Reviews

I do not touch the thriller genre. The craziness wrought by Dan Brown really destroyed it for me. I do not know how I came to be reading I Am Pilgrim; probably it was one of the Kindle Daily Deals. From the outset the writing captivated me. I once read that we are not captivated by a book's subject matter; we are captivated by the way it is written. Terry Hayes is a masterful writer. Every

word, every sentence, every paragraph exquisitely crafted. He could have been writing about ANYTHING and I would have been captivated. The story is complex and nuanced, shifting from first person to third, present to flashback; the plot is dangerously complex, but Hayes manages to pull all of the threads together into a beautifully woven, textured fabric (when was the last time you heard anyone describe a thriller like THAT). Some have criticized Hayes for this, no doubt longing for the point A-to-B plot, annoying sentence structure and over-the-top special effects that populate Dan Brown's novels and made reading them so tedious. Hayes's characters are well-defined and dimensional; even the antagonist, the Saracen, was so finely crafted that I found myself sympathizing, empathizing and hoping that he would realize his revenge. In other words, Hayes creates characters the reader can care about even if they are doing evil, hateful things. Far from being distracting (some readers and reviewers here clearly have short attention spans and a limited capacity for abstract thinking) the flashbacks and digressions greatly enriched the journey -- some of them would provide ample material for novels of their own!! I am looking forward to Hayes's next novel (do I really have to wait until 2018???) and, in the meantime, I heartily recommend this read. Even if you do not like the subject matter, even if you do not like the genre, you will be captivated by craftsmanship of a master wordsmith.

This book blew my mind. Brilliant writing. Taut plot. The author weaves separate strands into one gigantic glittering web of a book. And then ties every loose end together. Action-packed, full of twists. Keeps you on the edge of your seat. I'm looking for more by this author already because it was addictive.

A fun read. This is not cerebral literature but rather enjoyable entertainment that is well written and simple fun. The writing is good the plot contemporary and if there is a message and an answer to what is going on in our world, it's no more accessible in the book than it is in the real life.

Loved this book!! Imagine a protagonist that's a combination of Jason Bourne and James Bond. Swept up immediately in the story and didn't want the book to end. Gave it to my sister and she completely agreed. Anyone who likes a gripping thriller will also adore this book.

Simply a wonderful book. It's filled with details, sometimes horrific, sometimes somewhat sympathetic to even the most evil characters, while still not excusing their horrible aims and behavior. The chief protagonist is quite odd, but his character is filled out very, very well. You know

and understand his eccentric nature and amorally ambiguous behavior, but with the understanding that such behavior is in service of a good that, overall, gives him his society's permission, if not that of his own good conscience, to do bad things to even worse people to save the lives of innocents. This is the stuff of today's and tomorrow's headlines, as well as the subject of thousands of years of moral philosophy. The chief villain is a wonderfully drawn, personally motivated and Islamic Jihad inspired maniac. He also is treated with some sympathy and understanding, due to his formative tragedies, and much "credit" is given to his intelligence and resourcefulness. This book is almost alone in recent non-formulaic middlebrow literature in allowing the "bad" guy to be a follower of Islam, political correctness be damned. Since this much more reflects the current state of the world, it is refreshing indeed to see the author not too scared to portray it that way. The plot is well paced, nail-biting and exciting. Most of the characters, even minor ones, are very well drawn. The MacGuffin is horrific but plausible, and how it comes to be is a tale of excruciatingly difficult and evil labor and desire. The ending might be just a little too neat, but it was too small an issue to spoil my overall admiration for the author's work.. In short, the best thriller, and one of the best books in general, that I've read in 2014. I give it a definite "A."

I Am Pilgrim is a consistent spy book, where many small stories are tangled around the same person. The orphanage, relationship with step parents, horrible crime, muslim world, terrorism, exotic places, female cop, Dawn syndrom, spy qualities, undercover activities, survival are just a part of the themes of the book. This book is nice to read, even if the characters are not fully credible. I did not like that in this book the weather is not mentioned: it does not rain, the sun is never too bright the night never comes

If you are a mystery/spy reader, this book is worth reading. Great story!! Thanks for the great read!!!

I really enjoyed this book -- probably, too much. It kept me up until the wee hours of the morning finishing it. It was very well written, the story line engaging and took off in a multitude of directions I was not expecting. I was sad when it was over.

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