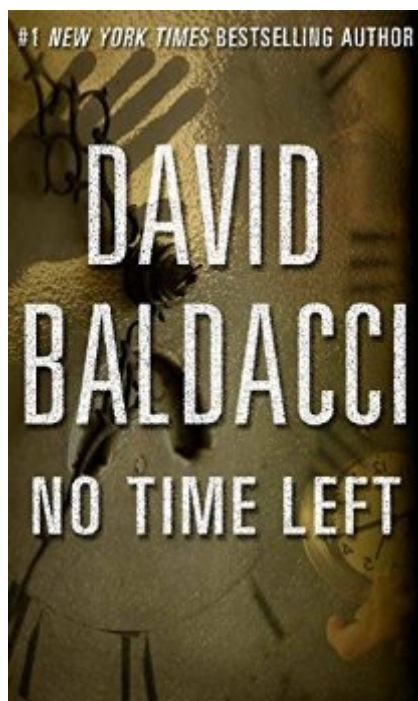


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## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I had pre-ordered this and forgot about it until it showed up on my Kindle this morning. It's a pretty good short story, but I do want to emphasize the short: it took me about five minutes to read it. You can usually get a pretty good gauge of how long a Kindle book is by the size (in kilobytes) on the book description page, and I thought this one would be longer at almost 200 KB - it must be the graphics at the end advertising other Baldacci books. The story has an interesting little plot, but not much character development or interaction due to the length of the short story. However, Baldacci does a good job of getting you interested in the character - this really could have been the outline of a full-length novel, and I think it would be a good diversion for Baldacci as I really haven't liked his last two novels which appear to have been primarily written by others. You do have a pretty good

idea of how the story concludes about 75% of the way through it. To summarize, this is a pretty good short story and Baldacci fans should like it. I did!

Before posting this review I read through the ten or so already listed to make sure that I am not the only one with the same opinion on this short story. To my surprise, most of the other readers have the same thoughts that I do. This is the weakest writing that I have ever read from Baldacci. As a matter of full disclosure, I am RABID fan of his novels and eagerly await each and every one of them since being turned on to his thrillers about three years ago. However, this first effort at a Kindle short story is predictable, implausible, and never links the character motivation that drives the ending. I thought maybe it was me, but upon reading it a second time I was still left confused at the ending and wondering why he had even written it. Read his novels and stay away from this weak story. His new book "The Sixth Man" is a much better and enjoyable read. Better luck next time.

Literature has always been about concise, good writing that draws the reader in quickly. Short stories have always been good reading material for everyone. They can be put into magazines, chronicled in anthologies and also used to train new students in how to write, how to think and how to make your story concise without losing detail. I had no idea what a Kindle Single was but thought I would try this one since I do love David Baldacci's writing. This very short story deals with the life of a paid assassin who does his job well. We have a quick look at his latest job and then follow him as he meets a new client for an "challenging" job. But what could be so challenging about what appears to be a very straight forward killing. He sees nothing challenging about it. But that is where Baldacci catches us. The man does his job quickly and well, but as soon as he has dispatched the victim he realizes that he has made a grave mistake. This story will take you about ten minutes to read and will leave you with the desire to read more. Maybe will package these Kindle Singles into an anthology so that we have a larger gathering of short stories in one volume. Enjoy!

I was very disappointed in how short this single was, It took less than 10 minutes to read. This is my first single and if this is any indication of the length of a single, then no more. The story line was good, but you were left wanting for more.

As a long time fan of David Baldacci's, I was left 'wanting' when the story ended in such a short time. I don't believe I will be likely to purchase any more of these Kindle Single books. It seemed rushed to establish the characters, the plot and the ending.

As a fan of David Baldacci, I pre-ordered the single for \$.99 and was excited to read it. Having done so, I can say that even if I had paid nothing for it- I would have felt ripped off. Such a disappointment. I wish I hadn't wasted my time.

At a dollar this was way overpriced. Mr. Baldacci must have had a bill that needed paying to put this one up for sale. Short story isn't an adequate description. It took all of ten minutes to read and the ending was easily foreseeable.

I do not often read short stories because they're just that "SHORT!!" That said this one is great and I thoroughly enjoyed it so I'm highly recommending it for those who may, "understand the resolution of the paradox created when a wolf is hunted by a fox". Read it you'll like it.

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