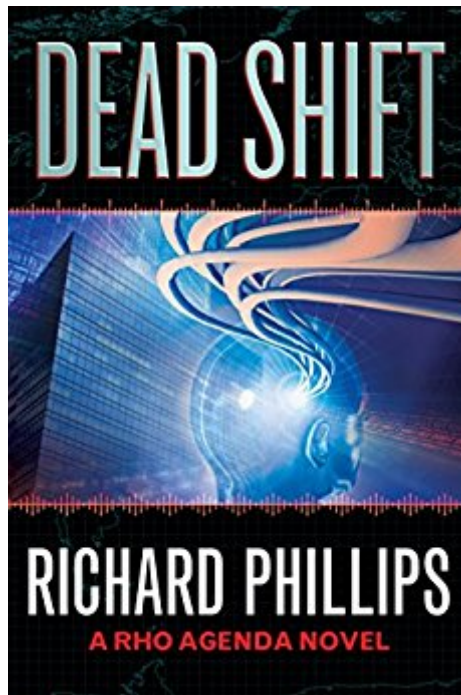




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With the final chapter of the Rho Agenda Inception, all secrets will be revealed. Who is the alien mind haunting Jack – “The Ripper” – Gregory? What is the purpose of the immensely powerful Sun Staff? And how will the culmination of these events set the stage for the Rho Agenda? In this page-turning sci-fi adventure, the NSA’s most brilliant hacker is abducted and the world stands on the brink of cyberwar. The Ripper and his ghost team commandos are called to action, battling a host of enemies ranging from a genius tech-billionaire and the Chinese government to an emerging superintelligence capable of bringing the world to its knees. With every threat in play, Jack must confront his alien passenger and regain some semblance of self-control. As the origins of the Rho Agenda come to light, Jack struggles to embrace his destiny. But how can even one such as he prevail against an existential threat to humanity?

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Customer Reviews

Another top-notch action thriller featuring main characters Jack & Janet. I have read all of Richard

Phillips books and consider this author to be one of the best of the 21st Century in the genre. This novel deals with some of the future possibilities, soon to become reality, regarding the merger of human intelligence and computer (AI) capabilities. As always from this author ... the action is gripping and non-stop. While this may mark the end of the RHO Agenda series, I hope it isn't the end of the Jack & Janet novels ... would like them to continue well into the future. I'm surprised we haven't seen any movie versions of this duo; as their novels would make great additions to the big screen. Marvel Comic movies were OK at first, but they are beginning to become tiresomely all the same, like "reruns" of each other. The movie industry needs a new blood infusion ... Phillip's books would make a good start

The six existing books in the Rho Agenda series are set in current time with a Sci Fi component. The action is very fast and brutally violent reminding of one of the very quick suspenseful spy novels with a Sci Fi twist. I found them exciting and engrossing. The author engages technology being worked on today - Nanites, Cold Fusion, Man brain-Machine interfaces, Super colliders, along with Sci Fi tech like Star Gate, all speculative at this time but tech news in our newspapers today, and gives them a reality in this series of books. Because of its level of brutality, suggested only for adults although 3 of the current books in print involve characters who are in their late teens. Does not have any significant sexual activity, but is brutally violent. A corking good story line, but in fact a little too violent for me. All that said I can't wait for the new book supposed to be available soon.

Richard Phillips just keeps getting better. "Dead Shift," his third in the spinoff series about Jack "the Ripper" Gregory, may be his most conventional yet, leaning more toward traditional government intrigue thriller than his past novels. But Phillips likes his twists. The book still has the alien who lives in Gregory's head and gives him a kind of supernatural power boost at odd times. But at this point, that's no big deal. Yeah, alien? Whatever. Gregory is back as a part of a special ops team. He's initially not on great terms with the rest. They have to figure out what happened to a kidnapped government computer specialist. He's been set up. It looks like he killed his girlfriend. But it's really the Chinese. They have plans. Real bizarre plans, it turns out. Like they want to copy Jamal Glover's personality and digitize it to weapons-grade artificial intelligence. Weird for sure. But Phillips makes it sound plausible. He's got the sci-fi chops. And we readers get to know more about Gregory's alien friend. He's got a really compelling back story. The book moves with nonstop fury. It's like Phillips was a big comic book fan. He doesn't like downtime. He gets the party started. And I love this stuff. Phillips says this was a trilogy. Right. He can't keep Gregory to himself. He's got to let

this guy loose.

These books keep getting better and I wouldn't have thought that possible. Jack has told Janet about the Rider, she has accepted the truth. Jack has faced the Rider who now knows who and what he is, a being from a distant planet whose body was kept in stasis while his soul was cast into space to never feel or experience again as punishment for attempting to overthrow the government. Jack is working with Janet for the Admiral. When the government needs something done, but needs deniability this small hand picked elite group is sent in. The best of the best. With terrible loss the Chinese spy and those working with him are destroyed. They came close to getting the newly developed artificial intelligence out of the country. The President orders the Admiral to destroy the AI immediately. Destroy the abomination! Hmmm! Can't wait to start the next book in the series.

This book is an exciting finale to the battle for control of Jack's mind and emotions. The author has answered all questions concerning the invasion of Jack's mind (Who, what & why). Both Jack and the mind worm have a workable agreement. I recommend this book just to follow the author's development of Jack's battle for control and, in particular, the author's answer to the "why?" question. More than the previous two books, the author has used science fiction elements to present a thriller. Like the previous two books, this book is R-rated (Extreme violence). The story is fast paced but the reader doesn't get lost between the story and Jack's battle with the mind worm. The author uses today's technology (Man brain-machine interfaces & artificial intelligence) along with sci-fi tech like some Star Trek stories (Space travel and alien encounters). The characters are all well developed with the story presented in a manner that makes it almost believable. With limited exceptions, the human characters (those still alive) in this story are all scarred by the war between the AI's (Jack & Janet at the low end; Jamal and Caroline at the high end). One big question is what becomes of the NSA's Jamal AI? It will be interesting to see how the author weaves the mind worm, Sun Staff, Jamal's AI and the two alien races presented in the Rho Agenda trilogy into a story or stories in future books.

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