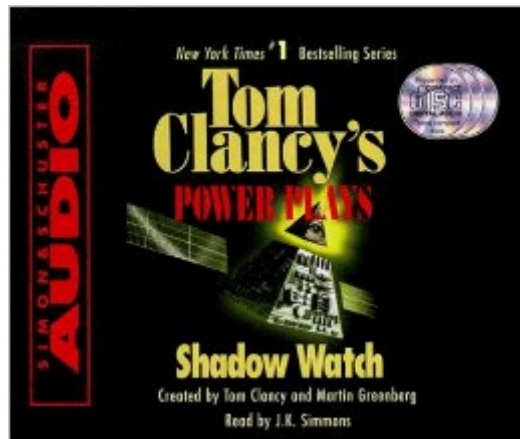


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# Tom Clancy'S Power Plays: Shadow Watch



## Synopsis

The year is 2001, and American businessman Roger Gordian has extended his reach into space. His company has become the principal contractor in the design and manufacture of Orion, a multinational space station. But the launch of a shuttle carrying parts for the station is sabotaged. Mysterious guerrilla attacks occur at the manufacturing facilities in Brazil and Kazakhstan. And Gordian's deepest fears are confirmed... The Orion project has been targeted by an international terrorist whose criminal enterprises thrive on violence and political instability. Harlan DeVane's goal is to cripple Gordian's intelligence and security team, while stowing a high-powered electromagnetic pulse generator aboard Orion -- a state-of-the-art weapon with the capacity to throw every major American city into chaos...

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## Customer Reviews

I have to wonder if some of the other customer reviewers read the same book I did. For example, Chase Cole from Melbourne, Fla, states that we never really learn how or why the shuttle explosion in Chapter 1 occurs. Yet both questions are answered quite explicitly in the story, and more than once at that. He nitpicks about a single engine Beech Bonanza being unable to transport a significant amount of illicit narcotics, presumably unaware that the Beech can ordinarily carry close to one thousand pounds of cargo and be optimized for even greater loads. He also complains that the dream sequences serve no purpose and suggests they ought to be skipped. Well, by my reading they a) provide defining insights into the psychological motivations of Annie Caulfield, a

major character who is clearly to become a member of the regular series "cast", b) reveal crucial information about her history and the internal and external obstacles she must overcome over the course of the novel, and most importantly c) develop the plot by setting up the very climactic scenes in which we, through Annie, discover "how and why" the shuttle exploded. But hold on, the page-skipping Mr. Cole isn't yet finished! He also complains about the villains "walking", seemingly being too obtuse (or pretending to be anyway) to grasp what should be obvious to anyone. Namely: we're being set up for a sequel, folks! This is a smart, crackling thriller. Don't let the nasties and kvetches steer you wrong.

Another thrilling novel by Tom Clancy, but after reading several of his novels, I realized that - while the ultimate evil deed was thwarted, the ultimate villains just kind of dry up and blow away. Disappointing. Maybe Mr. Clancy could put a little less effort into concocting distracting scientific jargon and more into resolution of the characters. We already know that the really good guys will be okay. But I'd like to know the disposition of the really bad guys too. In *Shadow Watch: Power Plays* 03, the #2 bad guy vanishes, and super villain #1 flies off into the sunset. Not inclined to read Tom Clancy further. Still, if you haven't read any of his novels, you should read a few.

Clancy is Clancy...I just can't get enough of his books. I love the action, the technology, and the people, the warfighters extraordinaire and their significant others. I am so sorry to know that he is gone...and so early an age!!! He will be missed by his many fans...especially me!!!

Terrible. Having read (and thoroughly enjoyed) the likes of *Patriot Games* and *Hunt for Red October* I feel bitterly disappointed by this spectacularly unsuccessful collaboration. It seems to me that dedicated Clancy readers are being exploited and cheated by being duped into buying this utter rubbish that is clearly not his work. It is the work of an amateur. If this book did not have Clancy's name on the front of it than it would surely not have been published. I had to force myself to finish it. I really couldn't care less what happened to anyone in the story as the characters were so badly drawn and deadly boring. I am very glad that I kept the receipt. Line your hamster cage with it, use it to start your fire, even make little aeroplanes out of it, but PLEASE DON'T READ IT!

Being a dedicated Clancy fan, I feel cheated by this book. So much of it is irrelevant and the book seems totally out of joint. The author, whoever that is, spends many pages on sequences that have little to do with the plot. Others have noted that dream sequence, I feel the long sequence in Maine

was rather unnecessary though it was interesting. The characters are superficial and seem cartoonish. I found the book irritating to read and had to force myself to finish. Please, Tom, write your own books.

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Shadow Watch (ISBN 0-425-17188-4) by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg is a descent book, but needs more development. This is the only book in the Power Plays series that I have read, but I have read other Tom Clancy books. I found the story hard to start, but once I got past the opening paragraphs the story was okay. The characters, particularly Annie Caulfield, need a little more fleshing out. The overall plot is plausible, but there are some holes that are not typical of Tom Clancy's style. Overall a good book for reading, if there is nothing else available.

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