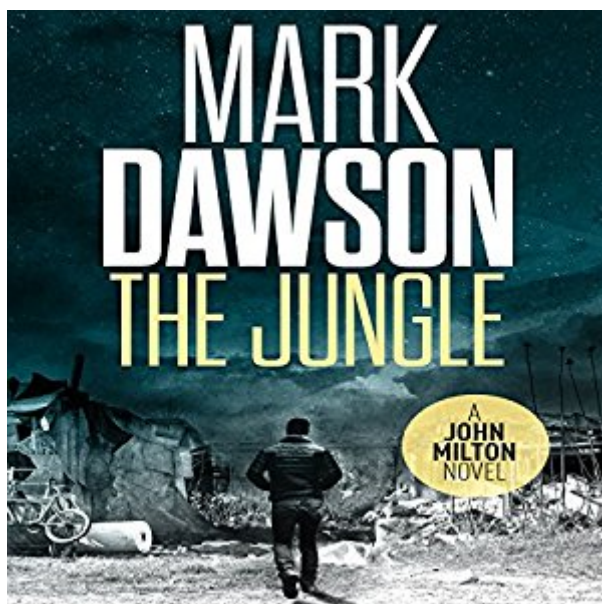


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The Jungle: John Milton, Book 9



Synopsis

An assassin haunted by his past. Two young refugees out of their depth and in need of his special talents. John Milton is no stranger to the world's seedy underbelly. But when the former British secret service agent comes up against a ruthless human trafficking ring, he'll have to fight harder than ever to conquer the evil in his path. After Milton meets a refugee who lost a sister to people smugglers, he travels through war-torn Libya and the murkiest parts of Italy and France to get the girl back. As enemies watch his every move, Milton confronts a group of Albanian pimps and smugglers so dangerous, they could easily make this mission his last.

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Customer Reviews

This ninth outing for former government operative John Milton continues his quest for atonement by helping others. In this case, a simple favor turns into so much more. Transporting cargo from Calais, France to London, Milton meets a Young Middle Eastern refugee named Samir who is trying to sneak into England to rescue his sister, Nadia, from smugglers selling girls to brothels all over England. After promising Samir he will get Nadia back and help them both find asylum in England, Milton sets off on his quest and the story amps up from there. Milton being Milton, nothing is easy. He finds the brothel but Nadia was taken away the night before and Milton ends up killing one of the guards, who happens to be the son of Konstantin Pasko, the head of the Albanian mob in London. He also takes one of the other girls who wants to escape the brothel to his apartment until he can get her help (she refuses to go to the police out of fear). Milton enlists the aid of Alex Hicks, a former

soldier and fairly new friend (he worked with Milton in the previous book, *The Ninth Step*) and continues his search for Nadia. His quest takes him along the slave trade route from Libya through Italy and France back to London and a few more rounds with Pasko. As Milton makes his journey, the reader is given an up-close look at refugees plight as they run from the terror of their homeland to an uncertain future in an unknown land that will hopefully accept them. As usual, Mark Dawson's deep research and vivid prose make these scenes come alive. And the character of Milton continues to deepen with each new book. It was a nice surprise to see Alex Hicks return. Perhaps Milton can settle in London for a while and begin to build relationships with a few trusted friends. After all, isn't that part of the 12 steps he is taking? Milton's redemption won't be easy and taking the road with him is more than just reading a damn good book. That's why I'm committed to traveling with him anywhere. Mark Dawson has made me care about this flawed, but innately honorable character.

John Milton. Who would have thought that in such a quick time John Smith could have taken the action readers world by storm? Like the best present in the bunch I held off till yesterday to open the newest installment of the Milton series. As I flipped the last page on my phone today I said, "Nice Job Dawson". The *Jungle* does not disappoint. When my lawyer and friend Wayne Novick said "Dan, I think you will like this author". I said "I'll give him a try. I waited a month. But when he mentioned him again I bought my first copy. My friend and I have been friends for years and both of us are vivacious readers. So I trusted this was going to be at least readable. lol So I added this new Guy, Mark Dawson, to my Gym reading list. New authors go this list as it is a one hour a day at the gym reading time while I am on the elliptical. Mostly because I am also listening to music and watching something on the many TV's there. That way if the new book turns out to be a bust and boring or slow I have a bunch of other things going on to fill the void. After the first hour this series moved up to the top of the reading list. I have read, now all the books Dawson has written and have not been disappointed yet. Simply not a page without something happening. All the books are great!! The books! You Will love them if you love action, as well as a personal connection with the players in the book. In addition, this guy, the author, is a regular guy. A book nerd like most of us and loves to just hang out with his readers. This is a great train to jump on!! If you have not started, get started. If you have then hurry and pick up this new one you will thank me!

The *Jungle* is one of the most compelling reads ever in this genre. Lee Childs and Tim Ellis are

going to have to step it up several notches to keep pace with Mark Dawson and John Milton. Milton's character is not only a kick ass bad dude but believably vulnerable as well. The Jungle ploughs headlong into the tough political issue of immigration and gives insight few of us possess. Clear your calendar because once you begin you can not put it down

Mark Dawson has another great book here, with John Milton. Bringing back Hicks was a nice touch and added to the plot, which was starting to thin at that point. I do wish there had been more to the book, depth and length, but any Milton book is worth reading. And, when will we see more of Isabella Rose?

Milton's ninth outing takes him from home in London to Egypt, Libya, France, Italy and Sicily. It's a fast read, well plotted and the action starts quickly and continues throughout the book. If you're a Reacher fan, Milton might interest you. Reacher's seemingly invulnerable while Milton takes his share of knocks, bumps and bruises (although I'll be the first to say I'm not really an expert on the proper amount of injuries an assassin should expect over the course of a few weeks). In any case, if you're familiar with the definition of noir - "a flawed hero searches for some measure of justice in an unjust world" - The Jungle will check all the boxes on your reading necessities list.

John Milton is trying to balance his ledger. Even up all the bad things he has done with good deeds. In this book he comes across some human traffickers who don't care how many are killed or injured to line their pockets. How Milton goes about adding to the positive side of his ledger is quite inventive. Another great read that you have come to expect from Mark Dawson!

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