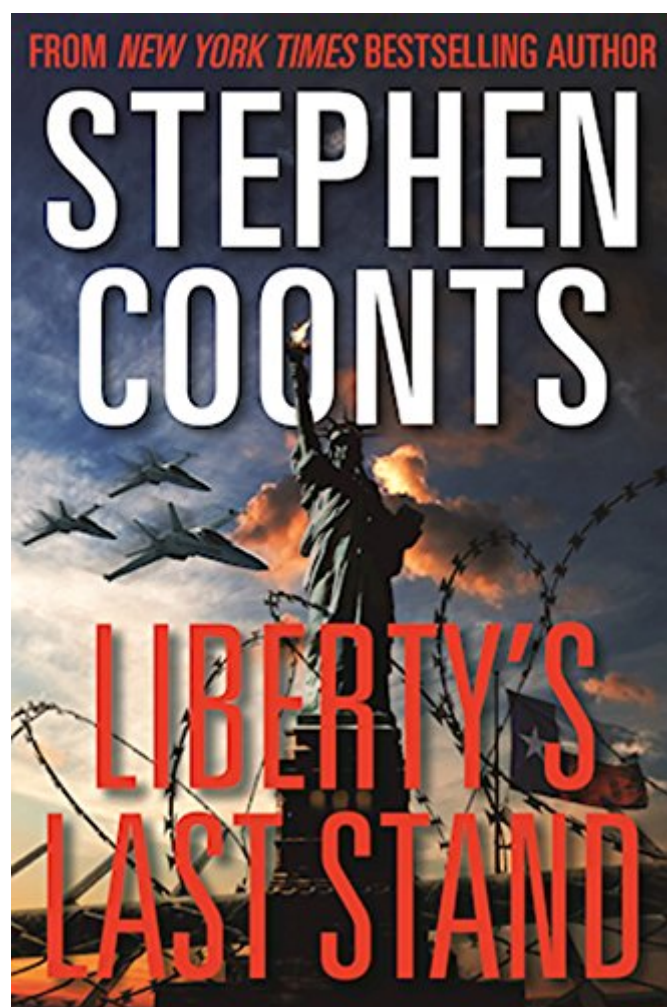


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Liberty's Last Stand



Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author Stephen Coonts delivers another nail-biting thriller starring CIA Director Jake Grafton and his right-hand man, Tommy Carmellini. The president of the United States stands on an outdoor stage, flanked by powerful members of his administration and party. Television crews are preparing for broadcast. High above the stage, on a nearby rooftop, a decorated sniper adjusts the scope on his rifle. Afterwards, America will never be the same. Jake Grafton and Tommy Carmellini suddenly find themselves on the wrong side of the law when a public act of violence throws the country into chaos just before a presidential election. After martial law is declared and rioting begins, Grafton and Carmellini must risk everything to unravel a massive conspiracy and help a new resistance movement rise up against an unimaginable enemy.

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Customer Reviews

In the movie version of Tom Clancy's classic *The Hunt for Red October*, Admiral Joshua Painter (Fred Dalton Thompson) says, "This business will get out of control. It will get out of control and we'll be lucky to live through it." He could have been speaking in Steve Coonts' compelling new novel, *Liberty's Last Stand*. In it, Coonts fans will find a thriller master on top of his game.

Intricately plotted with a wealth of credible characters, this excellent "what if" novel is deeply layered, addressing political, cultural, military, and legal aspects with equal facility. Coonts' enduring protagonist Jake Grafton is head of the CIA facing a chilling threat. President Barry Soetero uses terrorist actions to declare martial law, dismiss Congress, squash dissent, and imprison political opponents. One detainee is Grafton, tortured to confess plotting against the regime. Grafton's invaluable asset is agent Tommy Carmellini, hero of five novels himself. But before Carmellini can attempt a rescue, events spin out of control. Texas secedes; the U.S. military is divided; rebels hijack a nuclear submarine—and that's for starters. History students know that each revolution is unique, never to be duplicated. And throughout the book, Coonts honors the Universal Law of Unintended Consequences. But at the end we do not know the outcome of the spreading secession movement. Coonts the masterful story-teller leaves us to wonder: What becomes of the United States of America?

Whether or not the reader agrees with the author's side of the current political controversy, this is an interesting book on many levels. Those who believe in government conspiracies will cheer every page. On the other hand, those who deny that the federal government would engage in such activities as eavesdropping on phone conversations and incarcerating individuals without due process whom it sees as threats will loudly decry the story as extreme. Really, no one should be surprised that in the book, Texas seceded because a petition with hundreds of thousands of Texans' signatures supporting secession has been and still is in the Texas legislature now. The story has many characters, but each is described distinctly. The author is concerned why people would choose to rebel or why they would choose to accept extreme government measures and takes the time to explain why the characters made the choice they did. Jake Grafton & Tommy Carmellini, the two recurring characters in Coonts's novels, are central to this story too.

Bought it Saturday, 2 days before the official release and read it straight through. I'm still smiling today! If you've paid attention to the news headlines over the last decade...the last year in particular... and read this book, you'll wonder where Mr. Coonts hid his crystal ball. If you're worried about the elections this fall, you'll want to read this book. And it takes off from there...believable, technically and doctrinally accurate. Thought provoking, and a level-headed treatment of many of the "what if?" questions patriotic Americans have been asking for most of a decade. If you've read his previous books, you'll know the characters. If you served in the military, you will probably identify with some of the characters in their moral quandaries. Understand, this is not a gentle, politically

correct book. That it was published as written will surprise many. I suspect the author had to battle with the publisher to do so. I'm glad he did. In fact, I'm waiting for the media fireworks when more folks read the book and the reviews start coming in. Ten bucks says this incredible work makes it on Drudge Report. I don't want to spoil it, so I'm not giving much detail on the plot. But rest assured, it's Coonts' best work ever. Buy it. This is one nobody's going to loan you because it's a keeper you can read again and again when you feel like smiling at rats getting their just desserts.

"...and the period of debate is closed. Arms as the last resource decide the contest; the appeal was the choice of the King, and the Continent has accepted the challenge." - Common Sense by Thomas Paine. Liberty's Last Stand will become a classic among freedom-loving patriots, the three percent prepared to refresh America's tree of liberty with their life-blood, if necessary. History may knight Stephen Coonts as the early 21st Century Thomas Paine. He has given voice to truths that millions of U.S. citizens hold in their hearts today, but are reluctant to express. Political correctness, regressives' intolerance, willful blindness, and the cudgel of inflammatory labels such as "racist" have brought angry, frustrated Americans to the precipice of armed revolt, because the "King's" arrogance leaves no alternative. Liberty's Last Stand is a loud-and-clear caution for Washington's elites, particularly those bent on shredding the Constitution: Overreach at your peril. Uber-arrogant, isolated elected officials and their mindless minions in the White House, Congress, the media, IRS, EPA, Justice Department, etc. absolutely must read and heed Liberty's unambiguous warning shot across the bow. There will not be a second. I received an advance reader copy of this book.

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