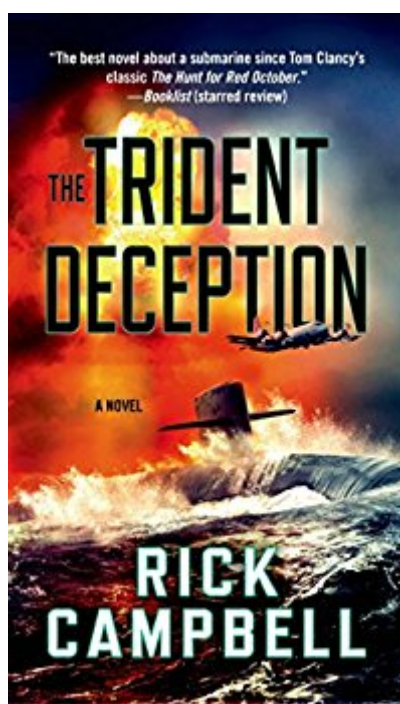


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# The Trident Deception



## Synopsis

"The best submarine novel since Tom Clancy's *The Hunt for Red October*." —Booklist (starred review)  
The USS Kentucky is a Trident ballistic missile submarine carrying a full complement of 192 nuclear warheads. It is about to go on a routine patrol. Not long after it reaches the open sea, however, the Kentucky receives a launch order. After receiving that launch order, it is cut off from all counter-orders and disappears into the Pacific while it makes the eight-day transit to the launch site. What the Kentucky's crew doesn't know is that those launch orders haven't actually come from the U.S. government. Rogue elements within the Mossad have learned that Iran has developed its first nuclear weapon and, in ten days, will detonate it and the target is Israel. The suspected weapon complex is too far underground for conventional weapons to harm it, and the only choice is a pre-emptive nuclear strike. With limited time, this rogue group initiates a long-planned operation called the Trident Deception. They'll transmit false orders and use a U.S. nuclear submarine to launch the attack. In this thriller from Rick Campbell, with only 8 days before the Kentucky is in launch range and with the submarine cut off from any outside communication, one senior officer, the father of one of the officers aboard the submarine, must assemble and lead a team of attack submarines to find, intercept and neutralize the Kentucky before it can unknowingly unleash a devastating nuclear attack.

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## Customer Reviews

I whizzed through THE TRIDENT DECEPTION in just a few days, even dispensing with TV in favor of this book for one evening! It was entertaining, exciting, realistic and entirely plausible. Well-written with believable and reasonably well developed characters. Likable protagonists as well as some ancillary characters who struggled with personal beliefs of right and wrong. Even the bad guys generated, if not a tiny shred of sympathy, at least an understanding of what pushed them over the edge from reasonable response to utter madness. Without going into plot details, the author paints an easy to imagine story which plays out like a movie in your brain. A very hard to put down book with enough twists, turns and mystery to keep you guessing. While, like most books of this sort, you know the basic inevitable outcome, there's still enough variation from the norm to make for both an enjoyable read and a satisfying ending. As a plus, not a single profanity was uttered by any of the characters, proving that the English language is indeed capable of conveying the entire spectrum of human emotion without having to resort to vulgarities! I'd give a hearty FIVE STARS to THE TRIDENT DECEPTION. Realistic characters; exciting, realistic naval action; well-written dialogue; numerous plot twists; and a satisfying ending make for excellent entertainment value!

I started reading this book on a recent flight. It grabbed me from the first few pages. The first several chapters sets the story line up for the roller coaster ride I hadn't expected! I sat in my hotel room each night picking the book up wanting to hurry up and finish it. As a Tom Clancy fan, I really wanted to see if previous reviewers were accurate in comparing it to "The Hunt For Red October". It does NOT disappoint! On my flight back, as I sat on the darkened plane headed home, I sat engrossed as I turned page after page stopping briefly to take the occasional sip of my wine. As we neared our destination, a gentleman sitting across from me who'd been reading on his Kindle, politely said, "Excuse me, I couldn't help but notice the book cover, but at the risk of sounding sexist, what's a girl like you doing reading a book like that? It's not exactly the kind of book you would see a female reading." "Because it's THAT good!", was my answer! This book kept me turning page after page. It's engaging from the beginning and it doesn't stop, it only gets better and better. The technical references are easily explained and easy to understand. It has plot twists and turns that leave you wanting more. I got home from the airport at 1:30 a.m., grabbed my book and continued reading until I finished it!! No need to go into plot details as you can see them on previous

reviews. Don't want to give any juicy details away. I will say this, Rick Campbell has executed a must read, can't put it down, novel that grips you from beginning to end! Makes you think, "Scary, could this be plausible?" I can't wait for the next book!!!! Kudos to Rick for finally writing a novel that lives up to what so many other authors have aspired to do, and writing a story that earns the respect and recognition of being compared to Tom Clancy's classic, written so many years ago! Well done!!!!

OK, this isn't Tom Clancy but it's something Tom Clancy fans should enjoy. I've been a Clancy fan since the mid-1980s. My favorite Clancy books are *The Hunt for Red October*, *Red Storm Rising*, *Debt of Honor*, and *Executive Orders*. If you like Clancy-style books that are based on geopolitics with global military implications - in this case consequences of Iran producing its first nuclear weapon - then you'll like this book. OK, while this book is a fun read, includes enough military techno-speak to keep most people happy, the story is not quite as rich as most of Clancy's. Even so, I've been looking and looking for other authors to move into Clancy's well-defined niche, and have largely come up short. Rick Campbell, however, does an admirable job, tells a good tale, has interesting characters and plot twists, and kept the pages turning for me. For the military techno-purists out there though, there are some events for which you will have to suspend reality in order to enjoy the read. I won't give any spoilers, but just be aware that a few such situations are in there. The book is clearly an escapist action adventure, plot driven, but fun through and through. I also greatly appreciate the fact that Campbell didn't feel compelled to use profanity to carry the characters or the story. There is some light profanity here and there, but is extremely light compared to many of today's action adventure authors' work. I look forward to more tales from Rick Campbell. He's earned a solid spot on my "to watch for" list. 5 stars.

I have a very short list of authors that I buy their book as soon as it comes out....based on a recommendation I bought this one and I'm glad I did...I will be adding Rick Campbell to my list....I have read some of Tom Clancy but never genuflected at that altar because it was too much techno-speak for my taste....this has enough for me because I'm not interested in learning how to navigate a sub and I didn't get bogged down in technical details...I don't think the holes were quite as big as some painted them because most of it was explained plausibly....some may notice technical details that are not accurate but could that be because they're classified?....it's fiction and excellent fiction at that...just when I thought I had things figured and knew where the story was headed...BAM! plot twist!...I haven't had a book cause me to lose so much sleep in a very long time!

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