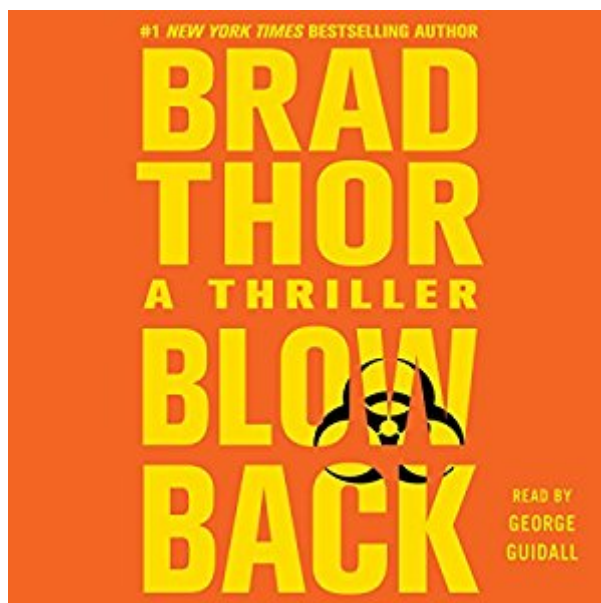


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# Blowback: Scot Harvath, Book 4



## Synopsis

When a mysterious new weapon tips the balance against American and allied forces throughout the Middle East, the only person the president can call for help is the man the administration has just fired: Navy SEAL turned covert Homeland Security operative, Scot Harvath. Caught live on Al Jazeera in an off-the-books operation, Harvath is forced to go to ground, as a senator with presidential aspirations turns her sights on the White House and forces President Jack Rutledge to publicly end the career of America's number-one counter-terrorism operative. But when the tide in the war against terror suddenly turns against the West, the president has no choice but to bring Harvath back inside. Ducking a congressional subpoena, Harvath travels to Cyprus where he learns about a weapon called The Sword of Allah, which terrorists intend to use to rid all Muslim lands of Western infidels. As the layers of truth unfold, Harvath is witness to realities more menacing than he ever could have imagined and must rely solely on his instincts to confront a new evil closing in on the United States. With his characteristic precision in describing military technology, high-voltage action, and sweeping international sensibility, Brad Thor has created another supercharged novel that is sure to thrill.

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## Customer Reviews

Having read 2 other Brad Thor books featuring the Scot Horvath character and thoroughly enjoying them I was looking forward to Blowback. I must say I was greatly disappointed. The plot could have been interesting, but got far too bogged down and complicated, and sometimes lost in the author's

attempt to educate readers on the real life history behind the plot. Add to that the constant "Mission Impossible" escapes from certain death by the protagonist that would have left Clive Cussler shaking his head, I found myself anxious for the book to end. I will give Brad Thor another try I am sure, but can't recommend this as a must read to anyone. 5/9/16- I have continued to read Brad Thor books, and have to say I have not been disappointed with anything else he has written. In fact, I buy his new books as soon as they are released and they are always page turners. Have even re-read a couple of them because they are so entertaining. I am thinking maybe I need to try to re-read Blow Back again. Perhaps I was a bit harsh in my review.

Very entertaining. I'm working my way through Thor's books...each get's better than the last. One indication that I like these books is that I dread getting to the end...I tend to slow my reading down so they'll last longer! Getting to know the characters and see them develop...sometimes a character is killed that I expected would remain. Thus the surprises. If you enjoy adventure, international intrigue and suspense...you'll enjoy this book. (I'd love to be part of Thor's "site" team...his description of the various international locations is precise.)

I decided to read Brad Thor's books when Hidden Orders was touted. Not having read any of his books (and missing Vince Flynn terribly), I started with his first Scot Harvath book and Blowback is the fourth. It does not disappoint, with one impossible to get out of predicament after another. Harvath was not as inappropriately joking as in the first three books, and got right down to business. I sure hope we have American operatives like him, and I also wish we had a President like Jack Rutledge. The mysterious illness comes dangerously close to coming to fruition in the US, we get treated to a history lesson about Hannibal and other military leaders, the tactics used by those people, a new (to me) forensic scientific study and the satisfaction of seeing the bad guys actually get what is coming to them. If I give you more, you won't read the book. It's older, but well worth your time.

BLOWBACK by Brad Thor stars Thor's legendary hero, Scott Harvath. This is a book you must stay alert while reading or you will miss its many half-hidden nuances. As with all of Thor's books, Blowback is extremely well researched. Protagonist, Scot Harvath, is a former Navy SEAL who also worked in the White House as a Secret Service agent and is now employed by the Office of International Investigative Assistance under DHS. More specifically he does off-the-record jobs for the president. Harvath's major nemesis is the

nefarious bin Laden protégé and Muslim assassin, Khalid Alomari. Harvath has been chasing Alomari around the world for months. Harvath is dispatched by Republican President Rutledge to ferret out the source and find a cure for a disease which could cause a pandemic in the non-Muslim world and which has roots going back to Hannibal's crossing of the Alps hundreds of years ago. To provide technical assistance in this undertaking Harvath teams with a beautiful and very intelligent molecular biologist, Jillian Alcott, Ph.D. In my opinion Thor could have expanded Alcott's role. Jillian is a charming character who Thor appears to reel in for a scene then bench her for several chapters. Along with the prime scenario, a political side issue plays out with an ambitious and deceitful Democrat Senator, Helen Carmichael, who is determined to unseat President Rutledge using Scot Harvath's covert activities as her vehicle to turn people against the president. She desperately wants to become vice president in a Democrat administration. Brad Thor has written a thrilling novel encompassing science, the evil behavior of the Muslim terrorist world, and with dramatic and suspenseful events to match even the great Vince Flynn's writings. Blowback is not only a thriller but a novel we can all learn from. I give the book a strong 5-star rating.

Like all of Brad Thor's books, but this one seemed forced and more of a heavy slog. Long build up to a quick end, but still a good book. I have not read any of his books in order so it is also nice that can jump around and follow the story and characters. Funny how this story mimicked this year's elections to a degree.

The plot of this book is amazing. The detailed terrorist plot is masterfully woven and seems completely credible in today's environment. The history that is also integrated into the plot makes it even more interesting and credible. Strongly recommend to anyone who likes spy thrillers!

This is my fourth book by Brad Thor and they just keep getting better and better. He has the thrills down pat. The Ancient History was outstanding and I learned how it affects our lives today. The dust on my furniture tells me I must stop reading for a while and get busy around the house, but I must admit Thor's books are hard to put down. I highly recommend this book.

I love this series because it is always action-packed, intriguing, and suspenseful. However, this particular book has not been as enjoyable for me. It seems as though he is adding a new character in each chapter which makes the story plot confusing and frustrating. He focuses a lot on the back

story and the history of each particular person, idea, and decision. This takes away from the excitement that drew me to this series. I found myself becoming bored as I made my way through the book. However, I am a Brad Thor fan and I will continue with this series...this book was just disappointing.

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