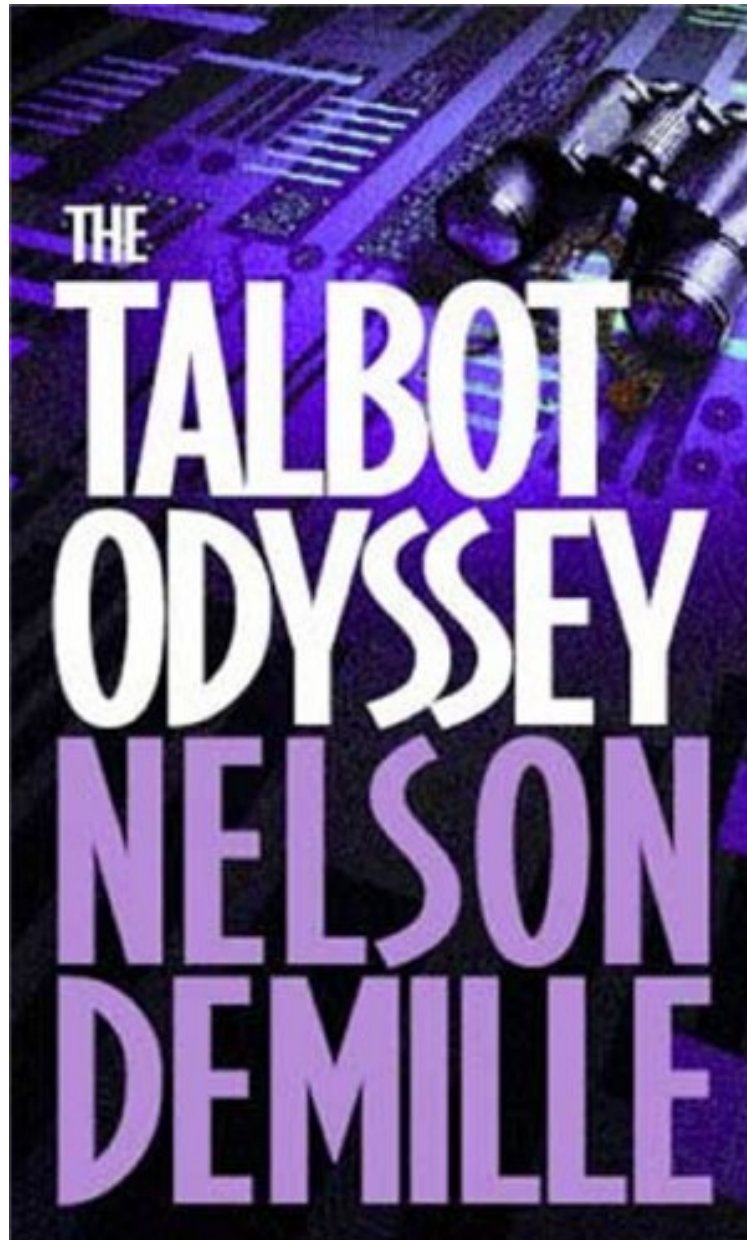


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Von Nelson DeMille : The Talbot Odyssey (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Talbot Odyssey (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It could

happen again... Von Ein Kunde The fact is that what DeMille (my favorite author) writes about in this novel could indeed happen again... just add the newest technology and you have a possible match. There will unfortunately always be those who would attempt to destroy what Americans have worked so long and so hard to establish. Few other authors can gain my attention as Nelson DeMille can in most all of his books (except *Mayday*.. which was written with another friend). If you want to escape into a world which existed only a few years ago (and could easily come around again) told to you in a way only DeMille can do, then try *The Talbot Odyssey*. If you missed this one and liked his others this will not disappoint!

5 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Traitors! Commies! Heros! - a 543 page comic book Von Randolph Marcus I have read every DeMille novel and enjoyed them for their entertainment value. Unfortunately, "*The Talbot Odyssey*," while certainly not boring, was totally implausible from start to finish. How is it that as the USSR prepares to destroy the US (and no reason is really given for this), only a group of retired fogey OSS types, a former NYPD cop, some shadowy British commandos, and a mid-level NSA analyst save the day? Neither the US intelligence agencies nor the armed forces make an appearance in this ludicrous plot. And the characterization is so hackneyed, it is virtual comic book writing. The Russians are pure evil, the US traitors are so traitorous, except it's not clear what these 70-year old geezers did between their defection to the Soviets at the end of WWII and the 1980s to earn their filthy rubles. Moreover, the identity of the so-called third Talbot is so obvious as to be a ho-hummer. DeMille has written some superb novels, "*The Gold Coast*" and "*Word of Honor*." In contrast, his cold warrior stuff such as *Talbot* and *Charm School* suffer from a cliched and stereotypical mindset about the Soviet Union. Another reason to be thankful the cold war is over.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not to be believed Von Al McChristy As a DeMille fan, even I thought this a real stretch. I'm not sure how contracts work, but this had to be the last of a multi-book deal. I thought "*General's Daughter*" was hard to imagine, that was plausible compared to "*Talbot's...*" DeMille does not know how to write poorly - that would probably be like asking a good speller to make some mistakes, just to write faster. On the other hand the setting, circumstances, the private nature of a bunch of elderly, retired OSS types mounting an assault on a Russian country home in New Jersey - and having the CIA, NSA and lord knows how many more initials allow and even participate is odd in the extreme. The notion of EMP, or Electronic Pulse bringing down the USA is not new, I guess the first time I read it in popular fiction was in "*View to Kill*" - a James Bond thriller sometime in the 80's - I think they even made a movie of it. But if you like implausible plots, circumstance, and a body count to rival any Terminator movie - this is for you. By unofficial count, before the book even got to the assault stage, not less than 17 or so folks met their just deserts - these were the 'more or less' good guys. You have folks being shot, thrown off buildings, pushed out of planes, whacked on the head with rubber mallets and then the fellow's plane being put on auto pilot, stabbed in the head with an ice pick (bartender), strangled, eating a tuft of his own hair that had cyanide on it, not to mention the mundane machine guns and pistols - all silenced. The sound of all the dead bodies falling must have been deafening. I was struck by the number of 'groin' shots - at least two were shot, one was bayoneted and while not killed, at least one woman was kicked there. During the assault, one lost count. At one point, it appeared that some 200 people had been poisoned because they were at a noisy party, and over 100 Russian dependents were gassed - sleeping gas. Whew! Even so! , the book kept you busy, just trying to remember who was dead, who was thought to be dead, but really not, etc. At some point or another, there seemed to be only two people who were not double or triple agents, our hero the cop/lawyer and a dead guy. Then the dead guy comes back to life and is the ultimate enemy. If I had it to do over, I would have preferred to have borrowed this book from someone or picked it up at the library. I certainly hope that this was just an 'early' novel - it was published in 1993, and not indicative of future direction - though I have read other reviews of more recent books that sound the same - "*Mayday*". I sure hope DeMille has enough money and can now take the time to get a little closer to reality in the future - but that's why they call this form of writing a 'novel' - it sure was that.

Kurzbeschreibung For forty years Western intelligence agents have known a terrible secret: the Russians have a mole - code-named Talbot - inside the CIA. At first Talbot is suspected of killing European agents. Then a street-smart ex-cop uncovers a storm of espionage and murder on the streets of New York, while in a Long Island suburb a civic demonstration against the Russian mission masks a desperate duel of nerves and wits. Engineered by Talbot, a shadow world of suspicion and deceit is spilling onto the streets - leading to a new Soviet weapon and a first-strike war plan threatening the foundations of American government. For the U.S., time is running out. For Talbot, the time is now... Pressestimmen 'Intricately plotted ... highly entertaining.' *New York Times*. 'Ripping good spy thriller.' *Publishers Weekly*. 'Hard to put down ... loaded with spies, sex, suspense.' *NewsDay* Werbetext *International No 1 bestselling novelist's compulsive thriller - a simple spy hunt becomes a desperate battle to serve the West.