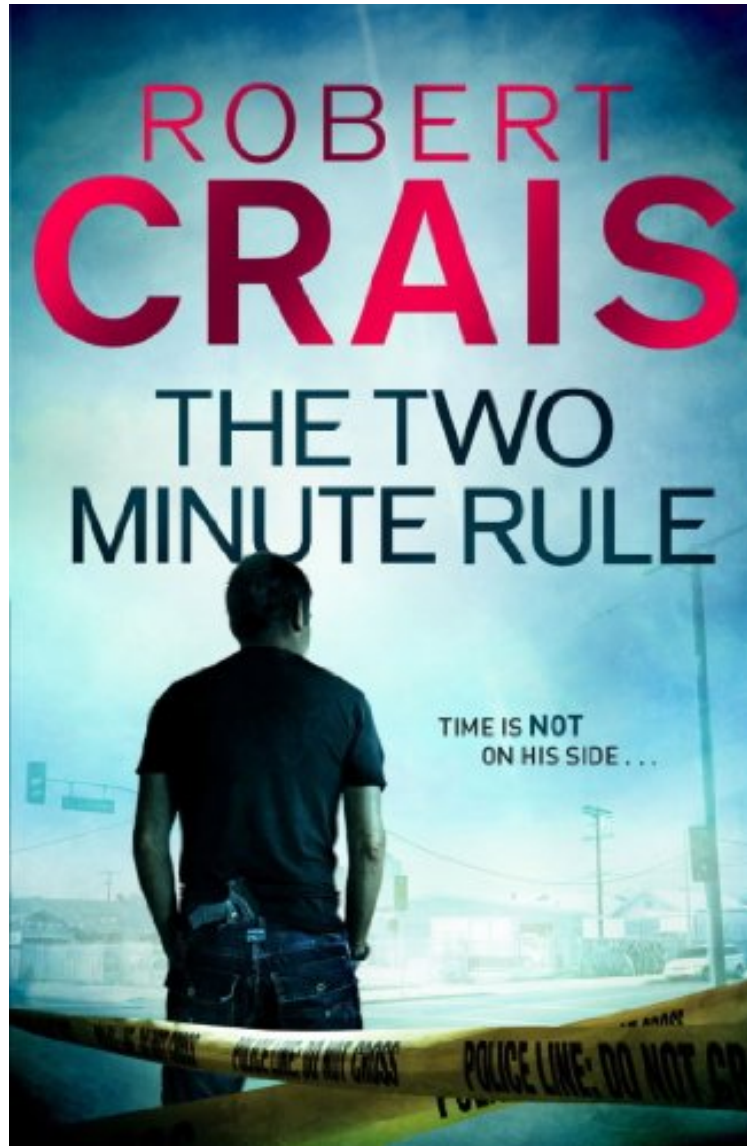


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Von Robert Crais : The Two Minute Rule (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Two Minute Rule (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fascinating tale of murder, intrigue, and betrayalVon Ein KundeA fascinating tale of murder, intrigue, and betrayal.Ten years ago Max Holman was caught robbing the Studio City Pacific West Bank. He was convicted and went to prison, but today he is being released. All Max wants to do is see his son Ritchie who he has not seen since the

kids twelfth birthday. While Max was a guest of the state of California, Ritchie became a cop. However, on this day when he should be rejoicing in his freedom, Max learns ironically that his son and three other cops were killed in Los Angeles. P The LAPD accused gang leader Alejandro Juarez. Stunned and needing to avenge his loss, Max begins his own inquiries and quickly concludes that Juarez may be scum, but neither he nor his associates and employees killed Ritchie or the other cops. Unable to let go, Max digs deeper and begins to uncover police corruption that could easily cost him his life or at a minimum his freedom, but he refuses to back down as he has to do this for Ritchie. P Though the romance with an FBI Agent seems more obligatory than plot needed, action thriller fans will appreciate this terrific tale of revenge. Holman knows he failed his son in life so he fixates on bringing justice to the real killer. Thus Max's obsession and his criminal past make him a dangerous adversary, but against who is his problem as the Juarezs gang and the cops want him dead. A final plausible twist will shake readers as much as it does Max as Robert Crais hooks readers with THE TWO MINUTE RULE between life and death. I also recommend - The Quest - by Giorgio Kostantinos. A great five-star thriller!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another great story by Robert Crais Von Helen Hancox I've loved Robert Crais' recent books (Demolition Angel, Hostage, LA Requiem etc) and so picked up this book with great anticipation - and was not disappointed. Max Holman is just about to be released from prison after a 10 year sentence for bank robbery. He's looking forward to getting to know his son who is a policeman, but on the night before his release his son Richard is killed in a shooting with three other policemen. Max is released and immediately starts to try to find out more about Richard's death - why was he killed, how did it happen, who was responsible. He ends up teaming up with Special Agent Pollard, formerly of the FBI, who was actually the person who caught him in his last bank robbery. The two of them get deeper and deeper into their investigation, discovering that the cops are not all honest and that people involved with a series of recent bank robberies are being murdered. What's really interesting about this book is the vignettes on life that a freshly-released long-term prisoner might experience. Max is unfamiliar with the use of mobile phones, his general knowledge about life in LA is ten years out of date and he experiences all the fears and strangeness of the newly freed man. He also has to deal with the fact he has few skills and no knowledge except for that of a criminal and is crippled with the fear that his son has turned out bad, like him. Agent Pollard, too, looks back on her time with the FBI as the highlight of her life which has now gone downhill; is she getting too involved with Holman and who can she trust? If you have liked any of Robert Crais' other books then you're bound to enjoy this one. It's not an Elvis Cole/Joe Pike book but it's still a great read with interesting characters and a fascinating new view - not that of a policeman but of an ex-criminal. Enjoy!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Con with a Heart of Gold Von Donald Mitchell One of the most appealing characters in adult fiction is the sinner who has decided to toe the line. Mr. Crais has created a unique and interesting version of that classic role in The Two Minute Rule. Building from that strong foundation, Mr. Crais has succeeded in creating a memorable and appealing story of redemption. Max Holman is just finishing up a long sentence for bank robbery when the book opens. Max has a job lined up, a place to live and a strong desire to make peace with his estranged girl friend and their son, both of whom have written Max off. That plan is quickly derailed when Max's son, Richie, is killed along with three other police officers in an unexpected place and in a very suspicious way. Max can simply go on with his life, or he can try to make peace with the loss of his son. With few resources, Max has to find a way into the inside of law enforcement. But who will listen? As the story develops, Max creates an unlikely and intriguing connection to former special agent Katherine Pollard of the FBI. The two explore Richie's death and find hidden depths that will draw you into the story in ways you don't expect. Unlike many detective stories, this one uses the book's title as an intriguing theme. It seems that modern technology is such that anytime a branch bank hold-up lasts longer than two minutes, the police will probably be outside the front door waiting for the robbers. Smart thieves learn to clear the money out of the vault, leave the dye packets behind and skip the bravado in the process . . . all in the interests of time. When more time is spent, the consequences can be unexpected . . . and revealing. If you like Elvis Cole, you probably also like Spenser. If you know Spenser, you probably also know Jesse Stone. Holman will remind you a lot of Stone with his flaws, except Holman comes from the wrong side of the law. There's an element of the vigilante seeking to do the right thing here that will fascinate all those who love old westerns. The plot develops nicely, interestingly and not too predictably. Like the best fiction, the plot and dialogue add a lot to the character development. If I liked the book so much, why did I grade it as four stars rather than five? The plot stretches implausibly thin in places, employing unlikely action that wasn't essential to telling a good story. As a result, the book reads more like a fable than action detection in several places. While that's fun, it takes away from the amount that you can imagine yourself as Holman or Pollard. That flaw costs the book a lot of its potential power and immediacy.

Kurzbeschreibung A superb standalone thriller from the bestselling author of THE SENTRY. Two minutes can be a lifetime. But break the two minute rule and it's a lifetime in jail. Ask anyone on the wrong side of the law about the two minute rule and they'll tell you that's as long as you can hope for at a robbery before the cops show up. But not everyone plays by the rules. When an aging ex-con finally gets out of jail, freedom doesn't taste too sweet. His son is

gunned down in a drive-by shooting. It seems like a random crime, but when the victim is a cop - especially a cop with a con for a father - the motives are never simple. When the hit is exposed as a revenge killing, and the question of police corruption is raised, it becomes a father's last duty to clear his son's name and catch the killer. From Publishers Weekly Two minutes, in and out, that's the rule for robbing banks in this page-turning action ride around L.A. from bestseller Crais (Hostage). Break that rule, and you can end up like Marchenko and Parsons, dying in a violent shootout on the streets, the fortune from their string of heists deeply hidden. Max Holman certainly knows the time limit better than most. Dubbed the "hero bandit" by the press, he got caught during a robbery after he stopped to perform CPR on a bank customer who had a heart attack. About to leave prison on parole, the 48-year-old Max hopes he can establish contact with the son he never really knew, now a cop. When Max's son is murdered, suspected of being in a ring of dirty cops seeking the Marchenko and Parsons loot, Max needs to know the truth. The only person he figures can help him is Katherine Pollard, the fed who nabbed him, who's now ex-FBI and a struggling single mom. The perfect odd couple, they keep this novel personal and real as it builds to an exciting twist on the bank-robbing rule. 200,000 first printing; 15-city author tour. (Mar.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Max Holman is a career criminal. At least he was until he violated the two-minute rule, bank robbery's inviolable maxim. When he stayed in the bank four minutes, he was arrested by FBI agent Katherine Pollard. The intervening decade hasn't been kind to either of them. Holman spent it in jail; Pollard quit the FBI to raise her kids and then lost her husband to his secretary and death, in that order. The day Holman is paroled from prison he learns that his son, Richie, an LAPD officer, was gunned down. The investigating officers assure Holman that Richie's killer acted alone and then committed suicide. Something doesn't feel right, and Holman turns to Pollard, the only cop he ever trusted. She is suffocating in a cash-poor widow's hell and reluctantly begins to help Holman investigate. The unlikely allies butt up against a seemingly impenetrable wall of corruption and soon find many of their theories discredited. In general, Crais' Elvis Cole novels are superior to his stand-alone thrillers, but this is his best effort yet in the latter category. Pollard and Holman are carefully drawn, flawed, but empathetic characters. One of Crais' previous thrillers, Hostage (2001), resurfaced as a movie starring Bruce Willis. This might work for Willis, too, possibly with Sandra Bullock as Pollard. Wes Lukowsky Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved