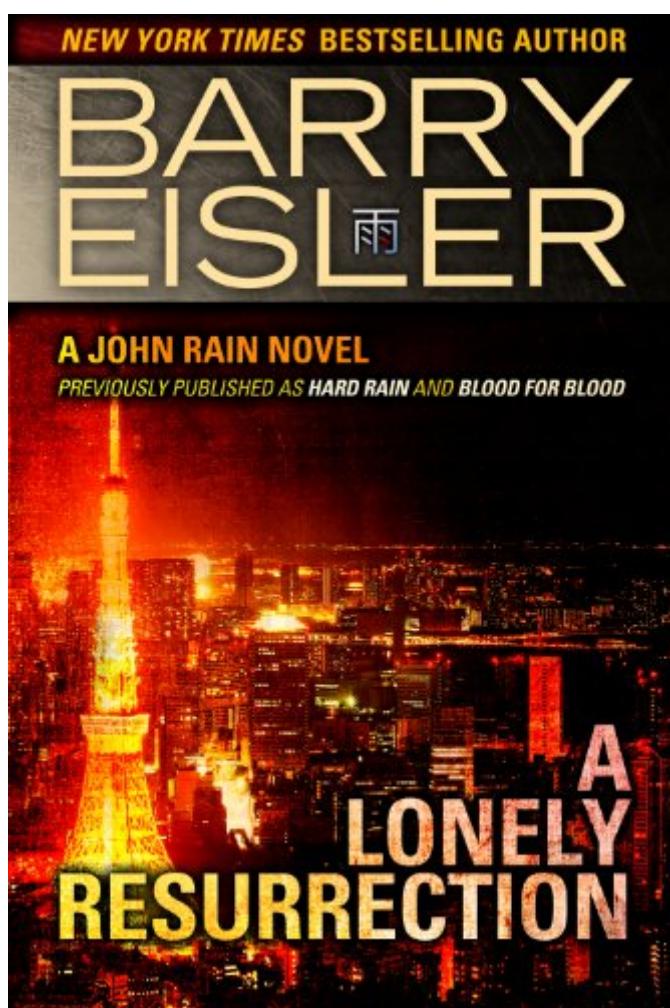


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Synopsis

Previously published as Hard Rain and Blood from Blood All John Rain wants is to get out of the killing business. But with his discretion, his reliability, and his unique talent for death by "natural causes," no one is willing to let him just retire. So when an old nemesis from the Japanese national police force comes to him with a new job—eliminate Murakami, a killer even more fearsome than Rain himself—he can't refuse. Aided by an achingly desirable half Brazilian, half Japanese exotic dancer he knows he shouldn't trust, Rain pursues his quarry through underground no-holds-barred fight clubs, mobbed-up hostess bars, and finally into the heart of a shadow war between the CIA and the yakuza. It's a war Rain can't win, but also one he can't afford to lose—a war where the distinctions between friend and foe and truth and deceit are as murky as the rain-slicked streets of Tokyo. A Lonely Resurrection was previously published as Hard Rain in the US and Blood From Blood in the UK, the second in the bestselling John Rain assassin series.

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Customer Reviews

This is a really great read. I highly recommend it. If you haven't read the first John Rain thriller, "A Clean Kill In Tokyo," I advise you to open that up first. It gives a lot of background as to who Rain is, who Harry is, and who Midori is. This book picks up where the first leaves off. John Rain is an a former Vietnam War commando who grew up in both Japan and in the states. He is also a deadly assassin. The book details his life underground and the links from his past that lead him out into dangerous waters. There is spy stuff, political intrigue, judo, mixed martial arts, hostess clubs, and blackmail. It's John rain against the whole Tokyo underworld. As with the first Rain book, this one takes the reader on a journey into the depths of Tokyo, a place that I for the first time find fascinating.

Barry's main character John Rain is my kind of guy. A straight malt scotch lover. Besides all the action in this book, you will learn about some straight malt scotches that may be new to you. Rain is an extremely well developed character as is Tatsu, the Japanese FBI counter point to Rain but not an assassin. The story is a excellent mix of action and intrigue mixed with some love scenes. There are 3 major protagonists, the CIA, a Japanese power broker and a yakuza tough guy. Rain is not usually afraid of anyone but this guy scares even him. In the end Rain dispatches him in a wonderful fight scene. Will Rain actually leave Japan and retire or not. You will have to read any sequels to find out. The scenes in Japan are described in enough detail so you know the author had actually been there. One of the other things I liked was the lack of glaring grammatical and spelling errors. Once you are in the story, it is easy to stay there. I definitely recommend this a must read.

Like book one of the series Rain Fall, Hard Rain is an exceptionally well-written, gritty, and realistic thriller. The setting is accurate, the martial techniques are legitimate, the characters believable, and the aftereffects of violence hauntingly real. The action is even more intense than the first one, the plot more intricate. Eisler offers intriguing insight into how men of violence live apart from every day folks. His characters, dialog, and plot are fabulously fun and very exciting. His martial arts experience and time spent in Japan really bring this novel to life. All the major players from the first book are back: Tatsu (the crusading policeman), Yamaoto (the shadowy powerbroker), Harry (the computer hacker), and Midori (the beautiful jazz musician). To save himself and his friends Rain must delve deep into the underworld where exotic dancers seduce secrets from unwary business and government leaders and yakuza hit men face each other in mortal combat at underground fight clubs. Murakami the assassin is a dangerous and elusive adversary, Rain's toughest opponent

yet! This is a great read. Once I picked it up, I had a very hard time putting it down. Read all 362 pages thing in three days. Highly recommended!

I just really like this character and all his flaws. I watched the Rainfall movie with Gary Oldman and liked it enough that when I saw it was based on a book I went to my local library and took out every single book he had written to that point (And every book and essay since). The movie was alright but it was nothing compared to the book. Watchable but kind of forgettable once you have read the book.

This was my second book of Eisler's series, and I thoroughly enjoyed them both. My husband is reading and loving the same two books. I will read more of Eisler's books again, but not right away!

Not as enjoyable as the first, slower start. The sex descriptions were unnecessary and unappreciated. Otherwise I still look forward to reading the next in the series. Reviewed by Jane (Bill's wife)

A very good read. Really enjoyed it. John Rain is doing a job of his pal Tatsu. Tatsu is head of the Japanese FBI. To do the job Rain has to get close to the guy. He's an iron freak named Ishihara who worked out every day at a gym he owned. Rain started going to the gym and one thing leads to another and he "gets" his man. Rain meets with Harry, his nerd computer guru. Harry has a girlfriend. Harry with a girlfriend?? That just doesn't compute as far as Rain is concerned. Rain decides to check this "girlfriend" out. She works at the Damask Rose a social club where pole dancing and lap dances and other things are the norm. Rain gets a good look at the girl. Yukiko is way, way, way out of Harry's league. Suspicion abounds for Rain. He starts watching Harry to see if anyone is following him. Yes indeed. He ambushes Kanezaki and his companion. Seems Kanezaki, an American Japanese, has been tasked with finding Rain. He works for the CIA. He wasn't supposed to contact Rain, just find him. He tailed Harry to find Rain. Of course Rain found him. Kanezaki tells Rain about a program, Crepuscular. A program that's supposed to remove impediments to reform. Reform that would help the Japanese economy. The CIA wants Rain's assistance. Assistance to "remove" impediments. Tatsu also has another favor he wants Rain to do. This one involves a MMA killer. This guy is also a dog fighter and a murderer. Oh boy. So begins another really good read where Rain loses a friend, and ends up going head to head with a murderer. Five Stars and then some.

I just love all John Rain thrillers! Unfortunately, I did not read them in a sequence, because I bought the first one at random, but after I read it, I wanted to continue, so I bought them all! And now I am sorry that there are no more, but I am hoping that - maybe - an other John Rain thriller will be published. It could be an ending to his career, because he is getting older and needs to end this "assassin business" and retire. You find everything in these books - a thrilling story, suspense, sex, violence, even a likeable assassin - so it is hard to put the book down before the story is finished.

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