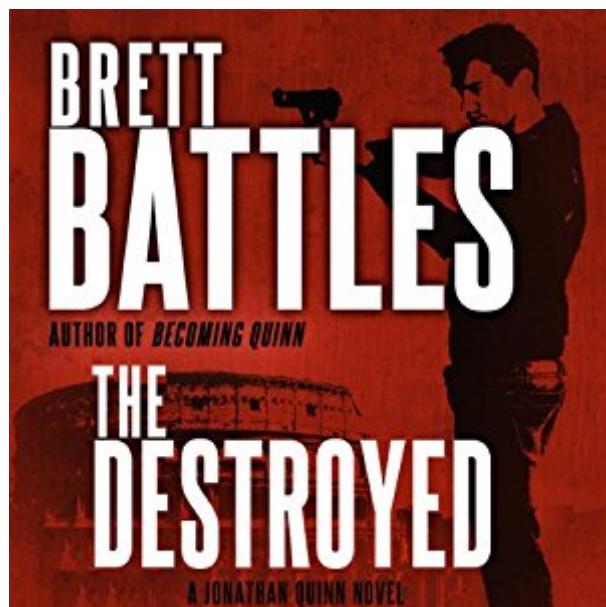


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Synopsis

Mila Voss is dead. That's what the team hired to terminate her had reported, and that's how her file had been marked. Dead. Six years now. So why did she suddenly show up on a hotel's security camera in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania? Those who'd paid for her elimination are more than a little curious. One person should know what happened-Jonathan Quinn, one of the best cleaners in the business, the man who'd been tasked with the disposal of her body. Only Quinn isn't exactly easy to get ahold of these days, and he may not be willing to share the answer.

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Customer Reviews

Battles is very gifted at constructing clever and compelling plot lines. But they have to be supported by believable characters, and hopefully expressed in prose that at the very least does not get in the way of the read. I loved the first books in the Quinn series -- The Cleaner and The Deceived -- but I sure did not love this one. Quinn comes out of moral-crisis retirement to join Nate in finding Mila Voss, a courier who was near and dear to a friend who died helping Quinn. So the task is to find Mila and save her. Yet she doesn't trust anyone and doesn't want to be saved; she has her own quest to fulfill. Unfortunately, this did not make her likable, or even someone I identified with or felt sympathy for: an essential element in this sort of story. I wish he'd gotten into her head a bit more to bolster her motivation and make us care more about her and her goals. But my biggest problem with this novel was the writing itself. It was so sloppy that it left me shaking my head every few minutes. Word substitutions of the kind found in auto-guess spellcheckers were rampant. (I did read it on a Kindle, so they may not all have been the author's fault. Or perhaps he dictated the book using

transcription software.) But the bad writing goes much further than sloppy sentence construction. Rather than giving us the insider details about how to pull off an op, we get lines like this, from Ch. 38: "The first thing they did was jam the maintenance closet door closed in a way only they would know how to easily open again." Okay, and how exactly did they manage that? I'd like to know. It's not like slapping a new password on a computer, or a padlock on a door. It's just plain laziness or lack of imagination.

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