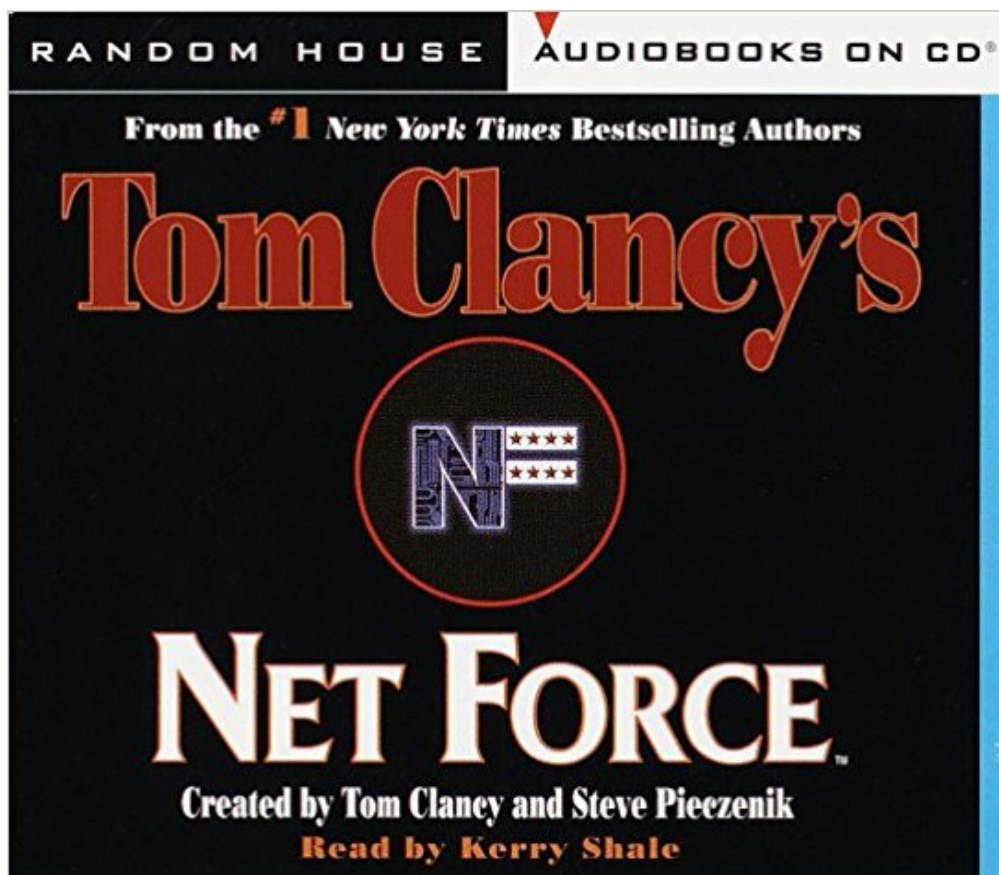




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Synopsis

In the year 2010, computers are the new superpower. Those who control them control the world. To enforce the New Laws, Congress creates the ultimate computer security agency with the FBI: the New Force. Instructions on how to make a bomb...a list of every U.S. spy in the Euro-Asian theater...Someone with access to classified information is posting it on the Internet-and it's costing lives. Net Force Commander Alex Michaels is in the hot seat. Now, before a hostile Senate committee, he must justify the very existence of the Net Force. Meanwhile, a virus is unleashed that throws the federal financial systems into chaos. And the Net Force operatives must hunt the wily hacker through the twists and turns of cyberspace-down a path that leads them dangerously close to home...

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Customer Reviews

Clancy's newest collaboration takes us to 2010, when the virtual Web looks like a stock-car race and gadgets and gizmos abound. Net Force, a computer security agency created by Congress, patrols the technological etherworld and those who hook into it. When the agency's director is assassinated, Deputy Director Alex Michaels suddenly finds himself in command. Diverted by the Chechen mastermind in Russia, Michaels and his forces are soon battling the New Mafia and an Irish assassin named "The Selkie." Out in the field, the Special Forces carry advanced armor and weapons systems while joshing around in cartoonlike jargon. The computer jocks drive their virtual Vipers to investigate "roadblocks" and "pileups." The equipment is interesting, but the action doesn't

bear up under the ponderous exposition and flatter-than-a-floppy-disk characters. (Feb.) FYI: Net Force is soon to be an ABC mini-series. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The creators of Tom Clancy's Op-Center series strike again, launching what apparently will be a series about a near-future branch of the FBI charged with policing the global Net. It opens with a bang, literally. Agents of Russian computer expert Vladimir Plekhanov--who plans to buy, with the profits of global Net crime, Chechnya, then the Ukraine, then who knows what--assassinate the head of Net Force. New chief Alexander Michaels and his staff find themselves up against not only Plekhanov but also the Mafia and an engaging female assassin known as the Selkie. They need all their computer expertise and special-ops assets, a good deal of luck, and a couple of teenagers in the right place at the right time to defeat Plekhanov. Sf hand Steve Perry, prominent in the acknowledgments, seems to have had something to do with getting the yarn on paper, but however credit may be divided up (this is another of Clancy's "created by" products), kudos are due. This is a highly successful start-at-a-dead-run thriller with a hard-edged tone, vividly depicted hardware, and touches of humor and romance. Let us hope that the "fx" in the forthcoming Net Force TV miniseries do justice to all the action. Roland Green --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I am a huge Op Center and Splinter Cell fan and having read all of them I decided to try one of these. Boy am I sorry, it will be the one and only Net Force I read. I can't say I didn't enjoy parts of the story but involving this stupid back and forth from the real world to VR was silly. Then add the stupid kids who helped and the book was dumb. Hopefully they will create a few more Splinter Cell and Op Center books to read

Not a very exciting plot. Too many characters for little action.

This was a great read, well done. Looking forward to reading the othe books

Parts of this book are good. Other parts, not so much. The VR stuff that is interspersed throughout as the way folks surf the net in this somewhere down the line time horizon isn't a strong point of the story at all, and neither is all the net slang used in the dialog. Actually, it's kind of a strange situation where the action part of this action book is actually somewhat weaker than the chartacter

development. I don't know if that means I'll read another Net Force book, though.

The first part of the book I thought was slow and boring. It did start to pick up a bit towards the middle through to the end. I struggled with being truly interested, but am an avid reader so I kept going. It wasn't a memorable book. I have defiantly read better written books.

Different, but good. More realistic than I'd like to think,

Too much fantasy

I believe this series, based in the web is not what I would expect from a great writer

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