



*The Third Option* by Vince Flynn  
Reviewed by Zachary



Yes it is part of the Mitch Rapp series. Two books come before it that are practically must read material *Term Limits* and *Transfer of Power*. The book does briefly explain the events of those books but just save yourself the confusion and read them.

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

After Mitch Rapp goes on a mission in Germany to assassinate a government official, something goes terribly wrong, he is shot by one of his partners. At the same time, Irene Kennedy and the U.S. government are dealing with a conspiracy from the inside. Someone wants the CIA taken down and it's a race to stop them before secrets are revealed.

### **What drew you to this book?**

I think the very chaotic story led me to enjoy it. Many of the characters are given more depth in this one compared to the two previous. As well, compared to the high octane action of the first two this one is much slower with its action. There is a lot more going on in this one, the first 2/3 do feel almost messy with how much happens. But the last third helps tie it all together.

### **Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?**

Similar to the previous book *Transfer of Power*, the book reminds me of other political spy thrillers. This one does not have the same action as I believe the last one did, to good and bad effect. Lean a lot more into the intrigue and political backstabbing which I thought was similar to things like the marvel movie *The Winter Soldier*, or the *Metal Gear Solid* video games.

### **To whom would you recommend this book?**

I'd recommend the book to anyone that enjoyed the previous two. The dialed back action might lead someone astray that enjoyed the first two for their well written tenseness. I think however this one overall is slightly more interesting. There's a lot going on and sometimes it becomes almost overwhelming, so I would recommend if you get easily lost by many different characters to just keep a little chart of who's who.

### **Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?**

I think I would recommend it to others. Especially anyone that liked the first two. The first 2/3 were as mentioned though kind of confusing to me, lots of different POVS, Flynn changes if he's using first or last names quite frequently, and there's just more of

the different POVS. Where term limits and transfer of power had alternating povs, this one surely ups the ante.

**Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?**

Like the previous two, my uncle recommended this book when I was there during Christmas. I think the cover is kind of boring compared to the first two, but since it's the third one I don't believe it matters as much to have a really enticing cover. Did not find it at the library given to me by my uncle.