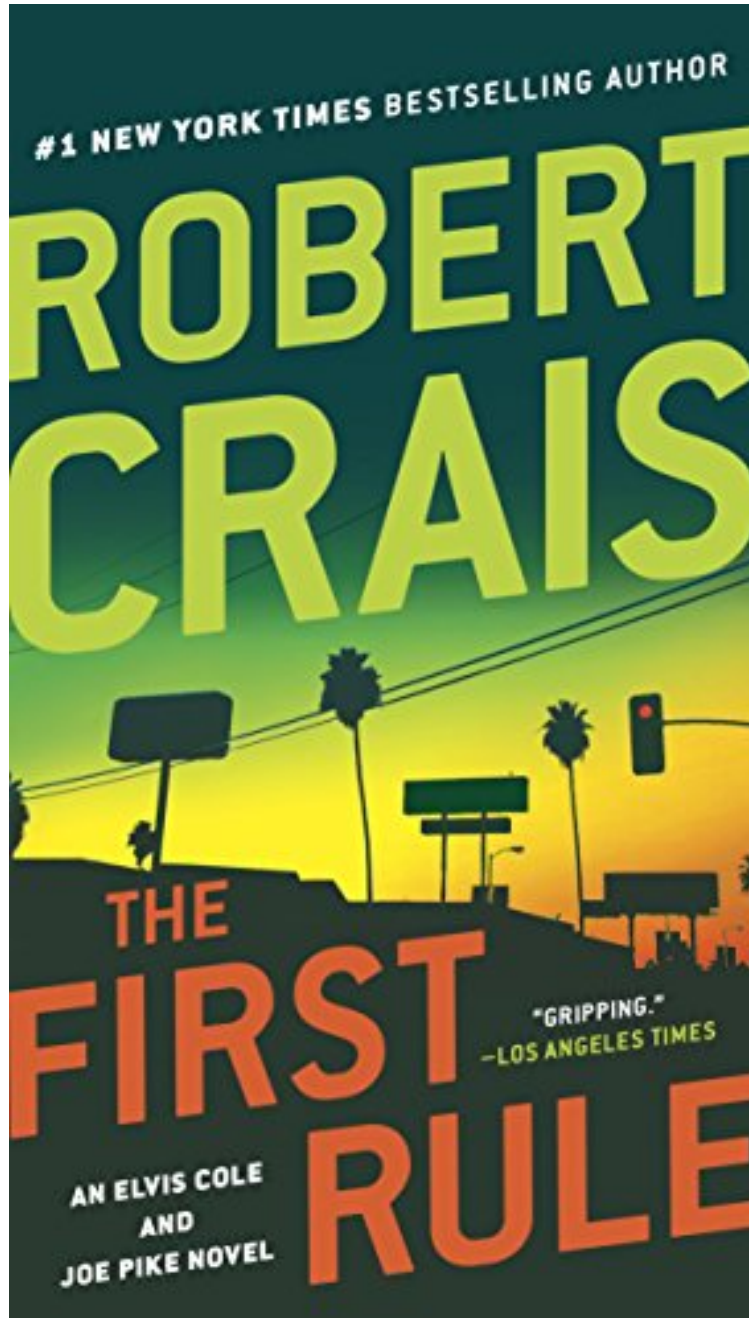


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Von Robert Crais : The First Rule (Joe Pike) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The First Rule (Joe Pike):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. absolut spannendVon Anne Mohr nicht nur spannend sondern auch wirklich gut geschrieben. Man legt das Buch nicht gerne aus der Hand so fesselnd ist die Geschichte dargestellt.3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Joe Pike as an Avenger with a Softer SideVon Donald Mitchell"The avenger of blood himself shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death." -- Numbers 35:19Let's face it, when a character's appeal is as a strong, silent type, it can be hard to build an appealing story around him. Since the witty dialogue opportunities are limited with Joe Pike as the detective, Robert Crais wisely chooses to let Pike's actions develop the story and his character. This decision opens up two rather interesting possibilities that are well developed: lots of action where Pike is on his own and detailed development of interactions with even very minor characters. Through those nuances of Pike's actions and reactions, we see him muddily through the reflected mirror of what others do and say . . . and the impact of Pike's decisions on them (especially children).If Joe Pike isn't one of your favorite characters in detective fiction, I suggest you skip this book. Its appeal is mostly to the Pike aficionado rather than to the main-line fan of action detection. The plot, dialogue, and character development are there to illuminate Joe Pike rather than to provide a great detective story.Before Joe Pike was Elvis Cole's partner, he was a highly regarded mercenary in the world's most troubled hot spots who looked after his men much in the way that Marines have always looked after their own. One of those men had been Frank Meyer. Pike had dropped out of Meyer's life after Meyer's pregnant girl friend (and later wife) issued an ultimatum to leave the mercenary life and his mercenary comrades behind.As the book opens, Meyer's home is invaded by career criminals looking for a large score . . . the same group that has been ripping off other criminals at home in prior weeks. Meyer resists and a bloodbath ensues. The police immediately link Meyer to Pike, who vows to find out why Meyer's home was attacked and to exact revenge. Pike becomes a one-man tracking and wrecking force aided on occasion by old friends and former colleagues.It quickly becomes apparent that something very strange must be going on, and Pike determines to find out. In the process, he doesn't much care who gets in his way . . . unless it is an innocent (and yes, there are a few).The plot is built around how you would track career criminals who normally remain well hidden. There's an Eastern European mob connection to add color to the story. The search unfolds in pretty predictable ways so don't expect to feel much suspense.The book is a quick and easy read, taking about a third less time than most detective novels. When you come to minor characters, slow down to notice the extra care that Robert Crais places on giving you a sense of their attitudes, values, and habits. It's one of the slickest jobs I've ever seen done with the most minor characters in a book of detection.Put in your shooter's earplugs and get ready to race to the end.3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Secondbest Pike NovelVon Frank353First Rule starts furiously. Actually one of the best beginnings I ever read. Hence it slows down a bit. Sometimes it feels more like a script for a movie than a full scale novel. Definitely a must read for Pike fans (like me) but Crais can do better.

KurzbeschreibungJoe Pike and his partner Elvis Cole must solve the murder of an old friend and his entire family in this gripping thriller from #1 New York Times bestselling author Robert Crais.When Frank Meyer and his family are executed during a home invasion, the police begin investigating the secret life they're sure Meyer had. Joe Pike's on a hunt of his own: to clear his friend's name, and to punish the people who murdered him. What starts out as a simple trail gets twisted fast by old grudges, double crosses, blood vengeance, and a crime so terrible even Pike and his partner Elvis Cole have no way to measure it.PressestimmenIs it possible for a crime novel to be both ultra-violent and elegant? If so, thenThe First Rule is a prime example. The mayhem is graphic and unflinching, but the prose and story line are as sleek and efficient as a beautifully crafted piece of machinery.The Seattle Times[The First Rule] will satisfy longtime fans and make new ones...well-written action sequences and snappy dialogue.Los Angeles TimesCrais follows a straightforward, no-nonsense tradition that marks him as a direct descendant of Raymond Chandler.Pittsburg Tribune- A devastatingly effective thriller.The Providence JournalAdrenaline-fueled...Pike emerges as an enigmatically appealing hero, whose lethal skills never overshadow his unflappable sense of morality.Publishers WeeklyCrais plants each twist carefully and detonates it expertly...Righteous vengeance, a reckless pace, astratospheric body count, and just enough surprises to keep you turning the pages.Kirkus sPressestimmen'With slambam action from glamorous Hollywood to the LA ghettos, some surprising twists, and superbly drawn characters this thriller shows Crais is rightly up there with the American crime writing elite, including Michael Connelly and Dennis Lehane.' -- Alex Gordon PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH 'This is heroic fiction with high voltage action scenes as carefully choreographed as anything on the Broadway stage. Once again Robert Crais delivers. What can I say? I'm a fan. Read this and you will be too.' CRIMESQUAD 'Crais knows how to keep a plot on the boil, and Pike's many followers will lap up his latest adventure with enthusiasm.' YORKSHIRE EVENING POST