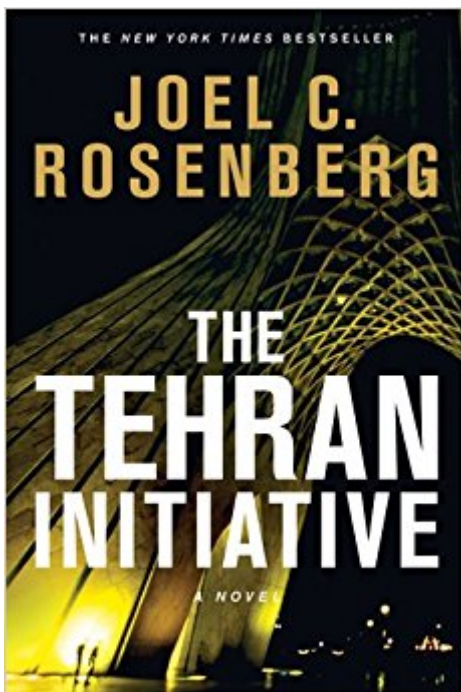


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# The Tehran Initiative



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I really like Joel Rosenberg's books (not surprising, given the 5-star rating). The writing style is fairly light and I find his books don't take a great deal of thought trying to figure out where the next twist is coming from, and I think a large part of the reason I like them is that they don't need sustained deep thought. This series is set in the world as we know it and makes reference to countries and organisations that we will all recognise, although characters like the US President and leader of Mossad are fictitious.I've rated the writing "good" because sometimes the author comes across as if he is trying to slip more Bible verses into the narrative than is entirely appropriate. I'm a practicing Christian so am not averse to Bible verses in principle, but others who are less religiously inclined than I am may find it intrusive. Since the fundamental plotlines include foiling terror attacks it's inevitable that there is a degree of violence mentioned but it certainly doesn't read like a horror story.Overall I enjoyed the book, although it does ideally want to be read in conjunction with its predecessor (The Twelfth Imam).

This is an exciting and timely story about future events that may be taking shape in the not too distant future. Events on the scale described in this book are always difficult to imagine as most of

us in the United States have never experienced devastating events that would change our lives and our world forever. The book is based on prophecies from the Bible and provides a fictionalized story based on these prophecies. The hero, a young American/Iranian named David Shirazi, has joined the CIA and is working as a field agent in Iran. This is a continuation of the story first presented in an earlier Rosenberg book, "The Twelfth Imam." This book advances the story but does not end the story; it is evident a sequel is in the works; things are really beginning to heat up when the book is over. I'm sure all of Joel Rosenberg's fans are looking forward to the next installment. As is usual with the writer, the book sets a fast pace and never slows down; I would classify it as a page-turner and feel sure fans of Joel Rosenberg will not be disappointed with this one.

The Tehran initiative is the 2nd book in a series of 3 books written by Joel Rosenberg that deals with a current strand of Muslim theology in some Islamic circles of the belief that a Muslim Messiah called the 12th Imam will appear to help destroy America & Israel and bring a lot of bloodshed. The book is written with a focus on the main character who is a CIA operative inside Iran trying to find Iran's Nuclear weapons before they are unleashed to destroy many people. The book is fast action, well written, hard to put down and creatively blends ideas from the Bible and current geo-political events.

I have read all of Joel Rosenberg's books having just finished "The Tehran Initiative" on Kindle. If you haven't read "The Twelfth Imam," you probably should read it first or you will miss the richness of the character development of David Shirazi, the hero of this story. "The Twelfth Imam," the first book in this series, begins with the Iranian revolution in 1979 and then moves rapidly to this very day, the times we are now living. It is really our story as both books are really set in our current history and there is a literal sense that this is all real, very real indeed. There is a secret Iranian nuclear program (it's really not all that secret) in Iran to develop the Islamic Bomb to destabilize the region, build the Caliphate, (Muslim state), and destroy the little and big Satan, Israel and the U.S. Does any of this sound familiar? David Shirazi is an undercover operative for the CIA sent into Iran to build human intelligence and penetrate Iran's communication system. He is Persian by birth and speaks the language Farsi like a native. This book is largely a tale of his adventures along with a romantic interlude with his childhood sweet heart. Asher Naphtali is Israel's Prime Minister. He is a realist and has a clear vision of the dire circumstances unfolding for his country. Israel is surrounded by enemies who say to anyone who listens that they want to destroy every living Jew. His character is well-developed and he reminds me very much of Benjamin Netanyahu. Naphtali seeks intervention

from U.S. President William Jackson. As portrayed in this book, Jackson is arrogant, indecisive and weak all at the same time. He is up for re-election in a year and very willing to throw Israel & Naphtali under the bus; He wants peace in the Middle East at any cost, even Israel being nuked by an Islamic bomb. In this book his secret service code name is renegade. This is currently the Secret Service Code name for President Obama. A Coincidence? I think not. There is also an element of the supernatural as the 12th Imam returns to set up his Islamic Caliphate. He is the Shia Muslim Messiah who will, according to Islamic eschatology, return to bring peace, justice and harmony to the Earth. The 12 Imam, or Mahdi, can work miracles. This is a brief summary of the story. If you want to know how it all works out, well, read the book. It is a real page turner.

I finished the first book in this series yesterday and couldn't wait to read book two. It was well worth the time. Both the primary plot and the secondary plots are intriguing and interesting. The religious and political themes add to the well-written style and draw the reader into the novel. Highly recommended!

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