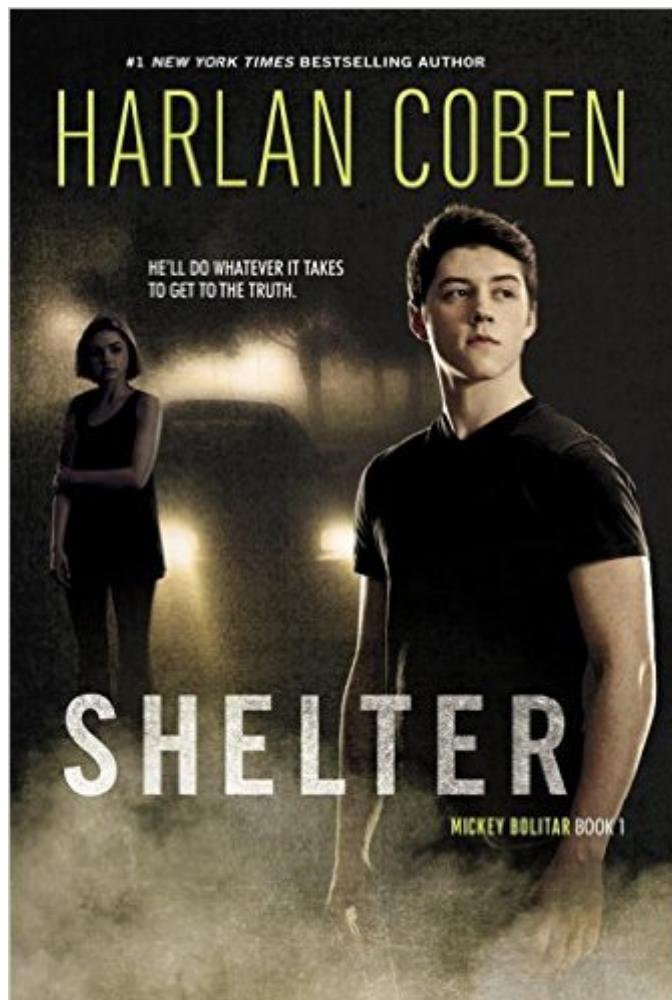


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Synopsis

The stunning young adult debut from international bestseller Harlan Coben is now in paperback! Mickey Bolitar's year can't get much worse. After witnessing his father's death and sending his mom to rehab, he's forced to live with his estranged uncle Myron and switch high schools. Fortunately, he's met a great girl, Ashley, and it seems like things might finally be improving. But then Ashley vanishes. Mickey follows Ashley's trail into a seedy underworld that reveals that Ashley isn't who she claimed to be. And neither was Mickey's father. Soon Mickey learns about a conspiracy so shocking that it leaves him questioning everything about the life he thought he knew. First introduced to readers in Harlan Coben's novel *Live Wire* Mickey Bolitar is as quick-witted and clever as his uncle Myron, and eager to go to any length to save the people he cares about. Follow Mickey Bolitar on his next adventure in *Seconds Away*, coming out in Fall 2012!

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Customer Reviews

I went into this understanding the target market, but I'm a Coben addict and needed a fix. Besides, I was a huge fan of the Hardy Boys, Rick Brant, et al. The book opens with some new-kid-in-school clichés, with a few characters of similar stripe, but skillfully sets the stage with suspense. At this point, the plot flirts with improbability, but this is a work of fiction. If it had maintained that course, all

would've turned out well. Unfortunately, the only line followed was wallowing in the banal stereotyping, while the plot veers off the road into a ditch of the inane. Mickey's worldly upbringing might explain some of his reasoning. But the rest is much more like a 41 year old instead of 14. As for his cohorts, you have two callow social outcasts, one embittered with the world, and a rich queen bee. Their concerns are going to extend beyond iPods and American Eagle to reach risking life and limb for a girl they hardly know? Not bloody likely. They're chomping at the bit to bust into a strip bar in the heart of Newark to take on a gang of professional thugs? I grew up in the area and ran with a reckless crew. And yet, extrapolating forward in time, we wouldn't have even driven through Newark at 90 mph in an armored Hummer with close air support to get backstage passes to a Lady Gaga concert. But these weenies are going to go commando against armed professional criminals to rescue a cypher. Right. The man in the black car, county law enforcement officer, etc. act with the same dearth of logic. Logistics don't even fit. As example, Mickey leaves Rachel's house for Newark with Myron in hot pursuit and aided by a tracker. And yet, Myron doesn't arrive until well after the action has concluded.

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