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Retired Army Ranger Lt. Col. John Holliday is swept into an adventure as deadly as it is secretive when an archaeologist friend makes a bizarre find in Ethiopia. But when he follows a trail of clues through the chaotic and lawless horn of Africa, he finds himself hunted as he comes closer to a priceless treasure that can only be found by those who can solve a riddle from the past.

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Matt says

Having read all the books that Christopher Hyde has penned under the PAUL CHRISTOPHER banner, I was quite unimpressed with this, the latest in the Templar series. The Templat theme has been swept to the wayside, leaving us only with crumbs of its presence. We are left with another, perhaps more dramatic storyline, with small tidbits of Templar talk and ideeas, but nothing like the earlier stories.

Christopher introduces the theme of Templars with his intro and some early chapters. I find it funny that one of the characters, upon arrival in Africa, actually echoes the thought I had throughout the book, "I am here for the Templars, not this Africa stuff". Alas, Africa and ther portrait of ongoing corruption topo front stage, leaving those of us who like the Templars to suck at the few bones we are offered for some marrow.

The book did have a fast pace and a somewhat honest storyline, but I just expected something else. I wanted the thrill of uncovering new and forgotten truths (a la Dan Brown, I suppose) or some hidden excitement that pits past and present (a la Raymond Khoury). No worries, I do have those authors on my shelf, so I will not be without.

Nice to have some Canadian locales in pop fiction, helping to make the world see that we are not some head in the sand' peaceful folk who don't have anything going on in our syrup-loving households.

Not a 'bad' book, but surely not one of his best. Let's hope this series does not go the way of Finn Ryan; slow disintegration!

Bryan says

To my mind, this is the book where the series really hits its stride. The characters of Peggy and Rafi lead Doc into the heart of Africa in search of a Templar tomb. Along the way, a new character is introduced in the form of Eddie the Cuban ex-patriot boatman.

While searching for the tomb, Doc and his party are distracted (as is the story) by the background plot of African dictators, Western carpet- baggers, and vicious atrocities. Along the way, they encounter lost Vikings in a plot that reminded me very much of the Tarzan books I loved as a kid.

When its all said and done, this is the book where everything clicked for me. I finally had a grasp of the character of Doc, he finally had a worthy compatriot in the form of Eddie (every literary hero needs a sidekick), and the idea of tracking down Templar mysteries was firmly latched onto.

Donna says

On one hand I like this book very much, but...there were spots that were a bit slow and somewhat confusing. The premise is a good one, lost Templar treasures, a lost Viking raiding party and a secret burial chamber deep into the jungle on a small island. This was an enjoyable read, but as I said sometimes a bit confusing

and that made it a bit less enjoyable for me. I like Paul Christopher and have read other books and enjoyed them immensely. I would say to judge this one for yourself.

Melissa says

So conflicted on how to review this book. As part of the Templar series (#5) it lacked a lot that the others provide. But as a single book it is pretty good. A lot of unexpected plot twists. A lot of gore. I like the author's writing style, why I've read so many of his books and have some more to read.

Rudy says

As I have gotten further into this series (this is the 5th book); the historical Templar component is becoming less important as the series becomes more of a straight thriller. The history is what first brought me to the series, I hope it starts to become a bigger part of the story again. The action is fast paced and compelling, just looking for more history.

Monica says

So, it may have helped if I had read Templar #1-#4. I was confused for about the first half of this book. The character acquisition clearly was done before and there was a lot of characters. A LOT! and (I don't think this is a spoiler but continue at your own risk) many were killed off without contributing to the story all that much.

The premise? An archaeologist uncovers a tomb which gives him clues to riches unknown. Others also become aware of this and the fight is on.

A little Indiana Jones, a little DaVinci Code with a couple of gruesome killings mixed in. Not my bag but entertaining enough that I read it to the end.

Beryl Thompson says

Templar adventure s

Enjoyed it and found it very exciting especially towards the end. I did not understand all the military jargon but it did not take anything away from the plot

Speesh says

It won't win me many converts I'm thinking, and I'll no doubt be shunned at *The Discerning Blogger's Christmas Dinner and Dance*...but who cares? This was a really rather fine read. Perhaps the best of the

series so far. Speaking as a connoisseur of Paul Christopher's *Templar* series that is.

as with most of the others, this is enjoyable, readable hokum. This one is more enjoyable, the readability is at the top and the hokum is kept to a believable minimum. He's not had many facts to spread around in the previous few books, but makes up for it here. Not all Templar-related either. I'm not going to pass judgement on some of the connections, theories made or put forward here, which actually form the basis for the book. But let's face it, they're the stuff you really, down inside, hope, wish, were true. Did happen. Like all those Erich Von Däniken books you read in your youth (if you're as old as me), made real. And made sense. Which this story does. There is, admittedly, not a lot to do with the Templars, or legions of any sort. Neither does there seem to be anything about the '*priceless treasure*' and the '*riddle solving*' (see above) which do seem to have been left that out after the back cover blurb was written. Other than that, not a lot to complain about, a good solid very readable and enjoyable thriller. Can't complain about that.

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Debbie says

3.5 actually. I liked this book a lot. Thrilling and hilarious.

Stephen says

As always Paul Christopher creates a fun read. This is not exactly your typical chase novel because there is so much going on in the background with the bad guys. In fact it reads more of a confluence of multiple factions into a "How Will It Work Out?" ending. I enjoyed the history mystery and how it all came together. It's nice to believe that at least in fiction there are still lost worlds to discover.

I enjoyed this book and the continuing adventures of "Doc" Holliday. The Templars were more a sidenote to this story, but it sets up the next one rather interestingly and references things that took place earlier in the series. This book is not to be missed if you are a fan of this series.

Jeremy says

just what they found at the beginning of the book, gives it 5 stars

Larry says

Paul Christopher has another first class hit on his shelf.

Vikings and Roman Legions are all interspersed to make this an interesting book with some fascinating twists and turns that you don't see coming until the very final chapter. This book makes for a good and quick read.

Mavis Hewitt says

A bit more than an action/adventure story, as the 'baddie's' plot is complex. Switches between goodies & baddies approx. every chapter which slows the pace of both, (makes it easy to stop reading & go to sleep!). The 'wrap up' at the end lacked detail. First of these I've read, will still try another if it comes my way.

Heather Britsky says

This one was really disappointing compared to the others in the series. While it has the same main characters, it really has nothing to do with the Templars. They're pretty much just a side note. It seems the author wanted to write about the conflicts in Africa and how bad certain things are, but wanted to get the people already reading the series to read it. I read this series because of the historical facts and the Templars; the clues and the puzzles. This was strictly war and gore. And it's getting to a point where he adds extra information just so the reader knows how smart he is and how much research he's done. It was just too much. I finished it very quickly, and that was the best part.

Tim Shepard says

Of all the books in this series so far I found this to be a stretch for the author. It was as if he was trying to introduce new characters, remove old ones, and lead into the next book. While it is well written it felt rushed and missing as vital plot to hold it together.
