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IT BEGAN WITH SIX STONES . . .

From the deserts of Israel to the tsunami-lashed coasts of Japan, from the steppes of Mongolia to the most mysterious island on Earth—this is what we have come to expect from Matthew Reilly: stupendous action, white-knuckle suspense, heroes to cheer for, and an adventure beyond imagination. Strap yourself in and hold on tight as he unleashes his biggest and fastest adventure yet, *The 5 Greatest Warriors*.

When we last left Jack West Jr., he was plummeting into a fathomless abyss and his quest to save the world from impending Armageddon appeared doomed.

But all hope is not lost.

After an astonishing escape, Jack regroups with his trusty team. Racing to rebuild the final pieces of the fabled “Machine,” they discover an ancient inscription containing a rhyme about five mysterious unnamed warriors—great historical figures whose knowledge will be vital to unlocking the secrets of the Machine and its long-lost “pillars.” But the ancients have hidden their secrets well, and with each pillar bestowing an incredible power upon its holder, their pursuit has attracted the attention of other forces from around the world—some who want to rule it and others who want to see it destroyed.

With enemies coming at him from every side and the countdown to doomsday rapidly approaching, Jack and his team had better move fast. Because they are about to find out what the end of the world looks like . . .

The 5 Greatest Warriors Details

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Paul Pessolano says

So continues the adventures of Jack West, probably the greatest adventure hero since Indiana Jones. If you been following Jack's adventures in the first book, "The Seven Deadly Wonders", and the second book, "The 6 Sacred Stones", you know Jack and his crew are out to save the world and are quickly running out of time.

As in his previous adventures Jack and his crew are up against, what seems to be, insurmountable odds. They are being pursued and harassed by a force from the United States that is led by Jack's father and brother. Agents from Britain, Japan, and Ireland are also doing their best to beat Jack to the ultimate goal, In fact, Japan is working to see that the world does come to an end.

An ancient inscription is found that tells about five unnamed warriors. The first shall be the noblest, the second a natural leader of men, the third shall be the greatest warlord known to history, the fourth is the great obsessor, and the fifth shall face the greatest test and decide if all shall live or die.

Jack and his people come to the conclusion that the first warrior would be Moses, the second warrior Jesus Christ, the third warrior Genghis Khan, and the fourth warrior Napoleon, and the fifth warrior remains to be seen.

"The 5 Greatest Warriors" has just about everything you could want in a book. There is enough adventure to satisfy anyone who likes a good fight, fast action, and impossible situations. It will satisfy the romantic because there is an underlying love story with some entanglement. The mystery buff will find there are enough clues to be solved to fill several books.

However, one must be forewarned that these books must be read in order and that if you read one you will find yourself absolutely, positively, having to read the next two.

Heidi Mutton says

This book was brilliant from the moment you picked it up. Full of action and adventure and a race to save the human race from extinction.

This is the third book in the trilogy. A must read if you like this sort of novel. In the trilogy

1. Seven Ancient Wonders.
2. Six Sacred Stones.
3. The Five Greatest Warriors.

Matthew Reilly is a brilliant writer...the text flows beautifully, and this character of Captain Jack West JR is fantastic.

Great series to interest your teenage boys in especially if you want to get them to start reading.

Rob says

Matthew Reilly's books are the literary equivalent of deep fried mars bars. You know you shouldn't, you

might even regret it, but they're fun while they last.

I feel embarrassed even admitting I read his books: they are often quite badly written and he has an excruciating habit of writing things in italics if he thinks something's really exciting. But I've read a few and, despite inwardly wincing, have enjoyed them. This is essentially because they unleash your inner 14 year old who just wants lots of explosions and a really cool hero.

Five Greatest Warriors is a direct sequel to his last book and the plot makes no sense, so I won't go into it. Suffice to say that it's more of the same, and fun as far as it goes, though you can't help feeling that he's attempting to crowbar Dan Brown into his already daft mix. Which is a shame as he doesn't really need to; frankly no one, not even Mrs Brown, needs more of that in the world.

Jenny says

The Five Greatest Warriors is book three in the Jack West Jr series by Matthew Reilly. When Jack West Jr escape from the abyss that he fell in The Six Sacred Stones started the race of Jack's and his team to find the answers to unlock the secrets of the machine. The readers of The Five Greatest Warriors will go on a rollercoaster ride with Jack West Jr and his team to see if they find the answers.

I love reading books in the Jack West Jr series they are fast moving, and you do not know what going to happen next, and The Five Greatest Warriors followed in the steps of the other books in this series. I like Matthew Reilly portrayal of his characters and the way he describes his settings. The Five Greatest Warriors is well written and researched by Matthew Reilly.

I love that Matthew Reilly adds pictures throughout The Five Greatest Warriors to help his readers to understand the plot. The Readers of The Five Greatest Warriors will go on a trip around the world setting in their lounge rooms.

I recommend this book.

Mark says

Another cracking good read from Matthew Reilly - as usual, he puts his heroes in unbelievable, impossible situations from which they always manage to escape. If this stuff was filmed it would be more of an adrenaline rush than most action films these days. If that's what you're looking for in a fast-paced, action-packed book then look no further

Nameeta says

Matthew Reilly paperbacks are perfect for weekends when I want to read something fast and light. And as the blurb says *"Readers should leave their thinking caps behind"* . I dint stress out too much on the plots and loop holes.

So in this book we continue our journey with Jack West Jr. and the team racing to place the remaining three sacred stones at the vertices. We get to see more of Jack West Sr. in this book and the difference between the two as a person and as a father is stark. On this quest fraught with danger and betrayal, the team must solve the mystery of the five greatest warriors (view spoiler) in order to find the remaining pieces of the machine.

Overall a fun read like always even though this was a re-read for me.

C Joy says

This book is overwhelming I don't know where to start. The action continues, more characters emerge, new betrayals in line, shocking deaths, and unexpected results all in one mishmash of adrenaline rush. Reading Matthew Reilly's novels make me feel like watching a Hollywood movie. I'll try to gather my thoughts and hopefully give a coherent review.

Continuing where he left off, Reilly tied the loose ends with his latest Jack West Jr book. 6SS is the "calm before the storm", he focused on character and story development and put all the action and adventure here. I would say this book has about 85% of that and 15% "rest".

At first glance, the "feel" of the second book was still here, he gave us a recap of the events, which was very helpful for those who picked this up and read it first without any knowledge of the previous two books (7DW, 6SS). There were times when it felt like I was reading a storytelling for kids but his writing style improves somewhere along the way; there were still the exclamation marks, but they were very minimal.

I'm glad I read the interview with the author in the copy I got. It gave me a grasp on what he was thinking while writing the novel. He writes to entertain, not teach and sure he took liberties with history. I agree with what he said about history being altered. After all, who really knew what happened? What we read about the ancient civilization are all theories an suppositions. No one really knew what's what with absolute certainty, and he expertly put it all together and made it work.

With all the intellectual talk this book has in the characters of Julius and Lachlan, it's obvious that time, money, effort, and research was poured into this novel. Reilly even traveled to Easter Island, and it helped with the descriptions. I admit I had difficulty envisioning the vastness of the vertices.

I was constantly amazed by the tunnels, tombs, and traps they encounter, and how Reilly's imagination runs wild. I only gave this a four because I liked 6SS better than this. It's inexplicable but it doesn't make me want to read again soon, but I would definitely recommend it to my friends.

Jack went through a lot in this book, and since Reilly wanted to create a sort of epic tale like Lord of the Rings, I found a parallelism between Jack's team and the fellowship, with a slight difference. When Jack decided to settle matters in his own hands by charging the last vertex alone, it's like Frodo and Sam who traveled alone to Mordor while their friends are battered from war. I likened it to Jack's multi-national team who're bloodied, bruised, and suffered near-death experiences and with sheer luck (and I think Reilly tried to prevent more deaths of noble characters), they stayed alive.

I'm one of the lucky few who didn't have to wait two years for this book. I liked how it ended, but Reilly says he plans to write the next book and surpass this one. I liked the locations here, it makes me feel like traveling to different parts of the world infrequently featured in magazines, and after reading the three books, I felt the

author's passion for writing, and creating a really good story. I'll definitely read his other works.

Jennifer says

I dont know why I keep reading these books, I really dont. This series is so unrealistic and over the top, and the writing isnt even all that good.....but I just cant stop. For whatever reason, Im fascinated with finding out what happens to Jack West, Jr. and his team next. I spent most of my weekend reading this one, and had a pretty good time.

Bradley says

I have to admit, there's something really fascinating and cool about stories that don't need to reinvent themselves but still manage to be super easy to read and enjoy and yet still feel fresh.

This happens to be one of them.

I mean, seriously. There's still Indiana Jones Traps, people! There's still mystical stones that all the most powerful people through history have held to stay in power! We even get to see Jesus! Woo Woo!

One thing is for certain, the fifth greatest warrior of all time has got real stones.

That's important, ya'll. Sorry, all you women. It's all about the stones! *crosses eyes*

Important note: This continues the previous novel rather seamlessly since not all six of the sacred stones were collected by the end of that novel. Plus, all the bad guys hadn't met grisly, albeit rather heroic, ends.

And of course you can also start counting on some of the good guys to bite it, too, because PATHOS, man! Pacing, pathos, action, grand adventure, and enough horribly implausible reversals to make even Sherlock Holmes groan, step out of the serial, and say, "Hey, my good man, are you making this shit up?"

The answer? Yes. Whole Cloth. Holy Shit. Turn off your brain and enjoy this action movie, ya'll. You won't believe it. But to be fair, you're not supposed to. Take that salt shaker and add an extra serving to your popcorn, yo. LOTS of salt. I mean, TONS. Make sure you encase that popcorn in a pillar of it. Preserve it for centuries. And then let some future archeologist stumble upon it and wonder at its brilliance and have some shiny light tumble out of the heavens to light up his brain or something. It's totally worth it. I'm serious, yo.

Whew. ADVENTURE. *head spins*

And yeah, I recommend it for the sheer fun factor. :)

Sequelguerrier says

The Five Greatest Warriors by Matthew Reilly has to be mentioned because it is quite simply the worst thing I have read in a while. This is an airport novel and has no pretension to be either realistic or profound. When

you buy a Reilly novel you hand in your disbelief and your sense of reality with the cash. What you are supposed to get is a page turning thriller cum fairy tale of the Indiana Jones kind. So it comes as a bit of a disappointment that this rip roaring, world saving tour de force never really takes off. I didn't manage to hook me and had a curiously flat feel. Of course the abysmal writing sort of put me off as of page 5:

QUOTE: But hold on he did and as he swung in toward the vertical wall of the abyss, the last thing he saw behind him was the shocked, furious, powerless, horrified and beaten look on Switchblade's face as he fell into black nothingness , his evil mission a failure - a failure that was multiplied a hundredfold by the realisation that Jack West had got the better of him with one of his own weapons and that he was going to die alone.UNQUOTE

Ouch!

Rachael Hewison says

AMAZING!! Nothing more needs to be said or discussed. Oh all right then a quick review if you really want one. This book is the long awaited sequel to The Six Sacred Stones and there is always the fear that the sequel will not live up to expectations. However never fear, if you enjoyed the previous book you'll enjoy this.

Reilly picks up straight where he left off but he sets aside four pages in the beginning to summarise the previous book so you're up to speed and how he managed to do so well to reduce it to four pages I'll never know. Much like the Six Sacred Stones it is a fast-paced end of the world adventure that will have your bum glued to a seat and your eyes to the page. Reilly surprised me more and more with plot twists and turns and the effort that had been put into researching the book is first class and whilst not true (obviously) like the film the Matrix leaves the niggling feeling that it could well be happening. Cleverly interweaving his own ideas, complete fiction and a lot of fact (some of it very novel admittedly) to create a masterpiece that leaves you often wanting to find out more, indeed prompting some research into the more prominent historical figures mentioned in the book.

It is pretty much everything you could want in a book; good guys, bad guys, fights, action, bit of romance, friendship and a lot of history. The locations the characters end up in are fantastic and you can almost feel as if you're there with Reilly's addition of maps and drawings as in his previous works. The characters themselves are written perfectly; they're not just there as monotonous characters but each has their own story and their own journey through the book.

My only slight niggle was that I felt the ending was a little rushed but that could just be because I really didn't want it to end. I think this is definitely in the running for one of my favourite books of all time.

Tim The Enchanter says

This Review is for the Audiobook version of the 5 greatest Warriors.

The Five Greatest Warriors is the sequel to the 6 Sacred Stones. It picks off from the literal cliff hanger ending of the previous book.

As with the previous Jack West Jr. novels, I received exactly what I expected. Absurd action and adventure, tons of explosions and gun fights, and the end of the world.

Jack West and his "Team of Small Nations" is no A-Team. If you don't understand the reference, no one was ever shot or killed in the A-Team. It is quite the opposite here. Don't get too attached to a character because you never know when or how they might die.

There will be no noble prize here for literature here but there will be an action movie on the page (or in the headphones if you are listening to the audiobook)

Aseel says

3.9, unfortunately this doesn't get a 4 because there was very awkward, annoying and semi sexist/hyper masculinity writing in here that frustrated the hell out of me

Liked the concept of the story again, all the fast paced action, history, weapons and astronomy information. The characters are okay but not written well enough to care about them, they just deliver the plot which I guess is okay

Paul says

"The end of the world is approaching and only one man can prevent it..."

The Five Greatest Warriors (Jack West Junior 3) is the third in the series featuring all round good guy and action hero Jack West Jr. Written by Matthew Reilly, this book continues the adventures of West and his motley crew of mismatched soldiers as they race around the globe on an international treasure hunt. Their continuing objective is to solve centuries old clues that will hopefully lead to an ancient machine and prevent a global catastrophe. On their trail are many other interested parties, including a Japanese suicide squad, a deranged ex-Soviet general with a metal jaw and even Jack's estranged evil father and half brother. They all have their own nefarious plans/private agendas/traitorous schemes and will stop at nothing to impede Jack and his friends at every turn.

I have been a fan of Reilly's writing since I first picked up Contest, his first novel from 1996. The author has a real flair for action and this book certainly has a lot of that. The story kicks off at breakneck speed picking up where the previous novel, The Six Sacred Stones, left off. Jack was last seen disappearing over the edge of a cliff into a bottomless abyss.

Whilst I enjoyed the novel on the most part, I had a couple of small issues. Firstly, with each new piece of the puzzle that the characters solve it sends them to yet another maze/temple/burial site which is more complicated than the last. Exciting no doubt, but each new venue is more and more complicated. I realise with fiction you have to suspend belief, but with this story, I felt that we had to throw it out of the window.

The author has also set himself the unenviable task of trying to describe these places in detail. This means that each chapter has to start with a map or diagram to get the reader up to speed. It also means the reader has to be constantly reminded of all of the clues and information that has come before. Sometimes this works well and moves the narrative along with a nice "a-ha" moment while building the tension, but in other instances it feels like information overload and slightly contrived.

I also felt that the action was getting more outlandish as the story moved on. In Six Sacred Stones there is a

brilliant sequence that takes place at the top of the Burj al Arab tower in Dubai. It's full of tension and is a great example of Reilly's action-film style writing. It felt like I was reading an action movie. By the end of The Five Greatest Warriors there had been so many lakes of lava, earthquakes and tsunamis I was all actioned out. It seemed as though every action set piece had to be bigger and better than the last. I don't think this was needed. Previous novels have managed to find a good balance between out and out action vs keeping the story believable.

On the plus side the characters are all great fun. The heroes are all un-flinchingly heroic while the villains are all suitably evil in a moustache twirling fashion. Each of the team gets a chance to shine and as the plot evolves from book two to three, relationships develop between West and his extended family, particularly with his adopted daughter Lily.

I wanted very much to love this book but I ended up just liking it.

Alex Jones says

This book is completely ridiculous. I read a lot of fantasy and find willing suspension of disbelief pretty easy due to believable characters, logical consistency and for the most part physically similar settings. This book, set in modern day, requires more suspension of disbelief than all of them. I have to ignore all of physics I learnt past primary school; ignore all laws of probability; ignore a large amount of history and ignore a lot of what I've learnt about people's motivations. So, why four stars? Because it is SO MUCH FUN. It is the perfect Sunday afternoon action film in book form - clear heroes and villains, easy to absorb and absolutely terrific action scenes. You would also be hard-pressed to find better pacing. It will never be a classic, but then most classics are much less enjoyable than this.
