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Rhonda Lomazow says

This is the second Ian King thriller no read this one like the first kept me racing through the pages. A twisty turning multi layered compelling read, Already looking forward to his next book.

Renita D'Silva says

I absolutely adored Iain King's debut and was waiting to get my hands on this prequel to The Secrets of The Last Nazi and wow! It is even better than the first! With nail-biting suspense, thrilling plot twists, this amazing book is incredibly well researched and extremely topical, bringing to the fore the plight of refugees and the fragile state of the Middle East and Africa. This book raises questions and delivers warning, while at the same time being incredibly entertaining and keeping you turning the pages. I loved getting to know Myles Munro even more in this book, and admire the way the author skilfully works the plot so we don't quite know who's in the right and who's in the wrong. All the characters are so real and believable and I was reading each page with a real sense of terror and tension. An amazing read from an incredibly talented author. I cannot wait for his next offering.

Brian's Book Blog says

Only one man knows how to stop a terrorist plot

Military historian Myles Munro is caught up in a tornado of activity as people from his past come back to haunt him and ask for his help. A US Senator is taken hostage and the United States is threatened with terrorist attacks that will take the country back to the stone age. Or should I say the time of the fall of Rome.

The narration for Last Prophecy of Rome is done by Tim Bentinck and he absolutely crushes it. He's a British narrator (or at least he narrates in a British accent) which just adds another level to this already interesting story. Bentinck's smooth voice made listening to this book easy and enjoyable.

This story had a lot going on in it, but I never felt overwhelmed. King has a way of writing intricate and interesting plots that are both deep and fun to follow. The entire time I was reading this I felt like I was with Munro as he tried to stop plot after plot.

As a history nerd also, the tie-in's to ancient Rome were really different. I thought that King did a great job tying ancient history into modern times. This allowed for a lot of fast-paced action and deep thinking to interweave throughout the story.

Overall, I felt riveted to my seat the entire novel. I loved the Munro character and I'm excited that there is at least one more story in this series with his character in it. I haven't looked yet, but if there is an audiobook I really hope that Bentinck does that one too. He was the perfect voice for Munro.

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Alfred Nobile says

This is the 2nd book I've read by Mr King. Won't be the last. This book was the usual serving of thrills. The writing was of a good quality and the short chapters made for an effortless read. Ian takes you through various locations, keeping the narrative and the action pulling the reader along and wanting more. I can recommend this book and author. If you like your thrillers with the accent on Thrill then this author and book is for you!

Elaine says

This is one of those books where I seriously suggest you just go get yourself a copy instead of reading my review – the book is an amazing, up to date, enthralling read that had me riveted from start to finish.

Myles Munro is a brilliant character, a highly intelligent misfit, expert analyst of military history and something of a maverick. He's absolutely awesomely different! The knowledge and expertise of the author shines through in this superbly written, highly topical, action packed thriller. I'm putting down the modern day port in Rome to artistic licence....It is a roller coaster, highly emotive and fast paced thriller. Journeying through the historic demise of the Roman Empire to ascertain threats to modern day America with migrants, terrorists, threats to the economy, kidnapping, murder, biological threats, this story has them all – and lots more besides!

I hadn't read anything by this author before but he's now one I'll certainly be looking for in future. The story has a well crafted, intricate and believable plot with so many unexpected twists and turns it will keep you (figuratively) on the edge of your seat. Even the final episodes have surprises in store for the reader! I'm going to get a copy of the earlier novel in this series and will certainly be looking out for any future works by this highly talented author. If you enjoy suspense, mysteries and thrillers this is a not to be missed novel, one I can't recommend highly enough, totally stupendously, suspense filled and brilliant thrilling read. To give you an indication of how highly I rated this ARC, my first move after finishing it was to go purchase the previous book in this series.

Thanks to the author, publisher and NetGalley, too, for letting me read an ARC of this book in exchange for this, an honest review.

Donna Maguire says

<https://donnasbookblog.wordpress.com/...>

Having read Iain King's first novel featuring Myles Munro, *Secrets of the Last Nazi*, I was delighted to be able to get my hands on a copy of his new book, *Last Prophecy of Rome* which comes out today! I loved the first novel and gave it 5 stars, I loved this one even more and feel that the main character, Myles really develops.

With a tag line like this to drag you in- "An ancient empire. A terrifying threat to the World's Superpower.

Only one man can stop it” – the book does have a lot to live up to and King really does not disappoint.

The blurb –

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This book is a cracking thriller and such a page turner, I read it in just over a day and loved every page. The words flowed and I lost time reading, and did the classic, just one more page, one more chapter until before I knew it I was 75% through and might as well finish it now being so close to the end and needing to know what happened – I lost track of time and felt at times like I was living the story with them.

I really enjoyed the books written by Dan Brown when they first came out and for me, Myles is a better main character and Iain King's books are better in my opinion, and I have read quite a few books over the last few years to get a comparison! (Check out my Goodreads stats)

Overall this book for me was a brilliant read and looking forward to more books featuring Myles and Helen. Thank you to the publishers Bookouture for letting me get my hands on a review copy!

Shell Baker says

OMG I can not begin to tell you how fantastic The Last Prophecy Of Rome is. This is actually my first book that I have read by Iain King and definitely won't be my last. This is the pre sequel to Secrets of the Last Nazi, so in my opinion it doesn't matter which way round you read Iain's books. having not read Iain's first publication of the Myles Munro action thriller series. First of all I have to say what a brilliant vibrant cover this book has it really suits the story.

This book kept me highly entertained for two evenings it is so action packed you will not believe it. Myles Munro is on holiday in Rome with girlfriend and journalist Helen Bridle. He's convinced a bomb is about to be detonated at the American Embassy. Then the action starts with a delivery van hurtling through Wall Street in New York when BOOM, showering the sky with a chilling message that America is about to be brought down like the Roman Empire. And Juma an African warlord who is set free by the Arab Spring, plans to make it happen. A US Senator is then taken hostage, Myles finds himself caught in a race against time to stop Juma. Sounds a lot going on but for me this is what made the story. The chapters are titled with the cities and found this very easy to follow with it jumping back and forth to the different cities. Iain's writing skills are magnificent. I actually felt like I was right there with Myles on his adventure.

This book starts off with a bang and had me totally gripped. Myles goes through one hell of a rollercoaster

journey where I found myself on the edge of the seat willing him along. The story just got better and better. I loved the hint of romance that was added to the story what a lovely couple Helen and Myles are. And without giving anything away I have to say what an ending I was totally blown away and found myself on the edge of my seat hyperventilating. This book is most definitely going to stay with me for a very long time and would love to see it has a movie! I can not wait to read more of Myles action packed adventures.

If you're looking for a gripping, action packed, page turner with lots of twists and turns this is the book for you. It will have you guessing until the very end which I highly recommend giving it a well deserved 5 stars.

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Maureen says

This was a scary scenario! Why? Because it's SO relevant given the conflict and terrorism around the world.

Pirate warlord Juma, and his half American wife Placidia are intent on bringing about the fall of America, in much the same way as the fall of the Roman Empire. They see many similarities between these two great powers. There are many theories as to what actually did cause the fall of Rome, from the plague, to the fact that they added lead to their food, which actually caused madness. Juma and Placidia are determined to test these theories on the American people, hoping to make them suffer the same fate.

This was a seriously high octane ride throughout. I did have my suspicions about who the mastermind was behind this plot pretty early on, and I was proven right. Were it not for this fact, I would have rated it 5 stars not 4. It was an exciting read though, and it had a touch of the 'Indiana Jones' about it for me.

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Kath says

I really enjoyed Mr King's début novel - Secrets of the Last Nazi - so I do admit to getting a little excited when I heard about this new offering. I was also a little bit scared as I am for all sequels. Will they live up to the enjoyment that the last book gave me? Will they disappoint? Well, I am very happy to report that this one is equal to, if not better than the first!

When reading/reviewing the first book I mentioned that the writing was action packed and punchy. This has continued to be the case here too. It really does go along at a bit of a lick and the reader is dragged along with the cast literally all over the world. The main theme contained within the book is pretty pertinent and quite controversial but Mr King has tackled it very sensitively indeed, giving me as a reader quite a bit to think about.

The history contained within is explained very well for the layman and my interest was so piqued by the Fall of Rome that, had my TBR not been so long, I would have liked to have read more about the subject and I am not really a big fan of history. So hats off to Mr King for making a historical book palatable to me.

Again, within my limited historical knowledge what I read makes sense and appears to be very well researched.

Another thing I do like about this author is his characterisation. He writes very well described characters that have their own distinct, individual personalities which are congruent to their contribution / purpose in the book. Apart from the obvious, it is often hard to work out who's the enemy and the real motivations behind their actions as the book weaves its way through twist, turn and dead end before finally revealing something I didn't see coming.

And Myles, dear Myles, he really deserves a special mention for what Mr King puts him through. Often the reluctant hero but always ready to fight for what he believes in and that's rather special.

So, now I have to wait for the next book. Hurry up please Mr King.

I received a free ARC of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Vicky-Leigh Sayer says

3.5. stars - I really enjoyed the first novel in the Myles Monro installment 'Secrets of the last Nazi' and have been looking forward to the second installment for a while now.

Last Prophecy of Rome is a prequel to the previous novel and sees Myles drawn into helping the US fight a terrorism plot from an individual intent on destroying the country if the US doesn't agree to review its immigration policy.

As before Myles is a reluctant hero, drawn into the situation almost entirely by accident. This time due to the US senator specifically asking for him by name. It transpires that an individual that Myles studied with is intrinsically involved with the plot and will only co-operate with the US if Myles is involved.

When Myles first meets the US senator he is ready to refuse the invitation to help him out, but he isn't given the chance, and before he knows what is happening they are heading towards the middle of the danger and Myles is confronted with someone he never thought he'd see again.

The US is under threat by terrorists intent on using the fall of Rome as a template and Myles with his historical knowledge must figure out exactly which element of this are using before the US faces imminent danger.

Last Prophecy of Rome is a very relevant novel and makes you think about terrorism from a different point of view.

Recommended.

Sarahkmartinuk says

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I read this book having greatly enjoyed Iain King's last book 'Secrets of the Last Nazi.' Having read the blurb I was a little unsure I would enjoy this book as much as it didn't grab me in the same way. However, within the first few chapters I knew I was going to enjoy this book just as much. The book follows Myles and his girlfriend Helen as in the previous book as they get embroiled in a supposed terrorist threat against America and its links to the downfall of Rome. Did I guess the ending? Yes I suppose I did but this did not spoil the story at all. I am looking forward to more stories involving Myles in the future and will be keeping an eye out for any books written by Iain King in the future.

Book Addict Shaun says

I love reading conspiracy thriller novels and as Bookouture are yet to let me down with any of the books that I have read from them, I had very high hopes going into Last Prophecy of Rome, especially after seeing how much some of my favourite bloggers have loved Iain's books. I wasn't disappointed with the story at all, and I'll be going back and reading Iain's first book, Secrets of the Last Nazi, very soon.

When I sat down to actually put some words together about this book I found that what I wanted to say was actually quite similar to what I've said about books such as these in the past and that's because I think there's only so much you can say (or can't say, for fear of giving too much away!) about them. Where I think then that Iain's books may have an edge over some of his competitors is in the brilliant research that he has carried out. Of course, all authors carry out research before writing their books but I have to say the ideas and history conveyed here is exemplary and despite not knowing an awful lot about what I was reading, it wasn't always clear what was fact and what was fiction and I put that down to the brilliance of Iain's storytelling as opposed to my own naivety. Myles Munro is a brilliant creation and for me, even more so because he stood out as different and unique in this genre. When I compared him to the likes of Ben Hope and Tyler Locke, two of my favourite conspiracy thriller characters, he easily stood alongside them rather than being a cardboard cutout of what a character from a thriller should be like.

Iain's writing is wonderfully descriptive and so whether it's those action-packed scenes such as a delivery van blowing up on Wall Street giving the chilling message of 'America is about to be brought down like the Roman Empire. And there's only one man who can stop it.' or in those quieter moments where Myles is attempting to make sense of everything that is happening, the reader is right there within the story witnessing the action. For me, and I don't know whether it's bad to say it but isn't part of the excitement with books such as these in the not knowing just how far the terrorists will succeed in their plans? After all, where's the fun if the bad guys are caught early on? And so despite having an idea that eventually Myles would prevail and therefore ultimately survive, part of the excitement did come from not knowing exactly what would happen

along the way.

The idea behind this story and the way in which it is executed is brilliant and it's clear that real time and effort has been spent on making this the best book that it can be, and that really shows. What I always say about books like these is that the writer has an unlimited budget to work with, there's nowhere the characters can't go and nothing that they cannot do (within reason, I suppose) because the reader is only limited by their own imagination and so in *Last Prophecy of Rome* we travel the world and are treated to some of the most action-packed, heartstopping and thrilling scenes that I have read in a long time. This is definitely that old cliched term of an unputdownable thriller. Iain King is definitely an author to watch and I'll be watching eagerly to see what he writes next. Iain recently featured on my blog with this guest post and it was only then that I discovered that he wrote entirely in secret until his cover was eventually blown! Iain was born to write books like this and I hope the wait for the next one isn't too far off, until then I'm off to seek out book number one.

David Boyle says

This is the second of Iain King's thrillers I have read and he does seem to have a sure, not to say impressive touch. I was completely hooked on this book within the first few pages and found myself reading oblivious. The plot is ingenious and contemporary, but weaving in some fascinating ideas about the reasons for the decline and fall of Rome. That's the reason I thoroughly enjoyed this book - it is one of those rare things: a compelling thriller that also makes you think.

Frances says

Myles Munro a professor of History has researched over the years what occurred during the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire. This sets the stage for Munro to be caught up in a plot by a terrorist called Juma, a pirate and psychopath, who vows he will bring down American and have it crumble the same as the Roman Empire. Myles races against the clock traveling through Iraq, Turkey and eventually to Rome to try and stop this madman. Several of the chapters had plenty of action and suspense keeping the reader guessing how, and who was really at the top controlling the events taking place around the world.

Thank you to NetGalley and Bookouture for my free copy.

Marina says

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"Whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past; for human events ever resemble those of preceding times. This arises from the fact that they are produced by men who ever have been, and ever shall be, animated by the same passions, and thus they necessarily have the same results."
Machiavelli

Facing with the modern day terrorism and so many refugees waiting at the border of my country, it was easy for me to connect with this book and the story in it. The plot is heartbreakingly sad and I feel sorry for all those

people who lost their homes and are seeking for better future. I feel mad and angry at all those smugglers who want to earn money out of people's misery and all those who put them in that misery at the first place. I hate all those people like Juma, who under the wing of „helping“ uses other people for his own satisfaction, and the others who use people like Juma to cause fear and death just for financial benefit.

For Myles and Helen, it all starts as a romantic vacation in Rome. Soon it turns out into a nightmare.

Juma is a Somali pirate who decides to go little further. Together with his half-American wife, Placidia, they decide to bring down America. Yes, America, USA, one of the most powerful countries in the world, and the main culprit for the misery in the third world, according to them. Placidia is a history expert, and she knows that many things can be learned from the past. Her plan is to bring down America just like the Roman Empire. And their plan works, almost. The thing is, no one really knows why Roman Empire didn't survive. There are many theories, but no one is really sure. There Myles Munro enters the story. He is a history professor, one of the best for Ancient Rome, and someone who personally knows Placidia. And the real story begins...

I was completely hooked from the very first page. It is a real net of events, like the spider's one, closing and closing until SNAP, it catches you! It literally leaves you with the jaw dropped! Fully packed with adrenaline, the story takes you on a journey all over the world, America, Rome, Africa, you name it. All the characters are well developed, the good ones and the bad ones, even if it is hard to decipher who the real bad guys are.

I still can't figure out why Myles Munro is called „a misfit“. He is smart and not that clumsy. I mean, he is not Indiana Jones, but not Adrian Monk either. I really love him as a character and love his faith in people. He is good at judging people's characters and can not be fooled easily. I haven't read the previous book from this author where Myles appears for the first time (my mistake) but I am sure that he is good as well. He is already on my list of favorite book characters.

If you are in the search of a fast-pacing action thriller with history lessons, look no further. This is the read for you. Totally recommended!

My opinion: 5 / 5.
