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For William Barrow, two thousand years is a very long time...too long, when it is a perpetual punishment for betraying Jesus Christ.

The man originally known as Judas Iscariot is on a mission to recover thirty silver shekels once paid to him for his ultimate treachery. Twenty-two coins have been recovered, leaving just eight to go. But when his Russian nemesis, Viktor Kaslow, also becomes immortal, the stakes are immediately raised.

Kaslow has followed William and his son, Alistair, to Hong Kong in search of a 'blood coin' passed down through Genghis Khan. The coin presently belongs to an esteemed Chinese collection. But along with the coin are other cursed items from the famed Mongol Emperor. William soon learns he can't have the 'one' without the others.

William has waited eight hundred years for a second chance to reclaim this particular coin that inspired the Mongolian Empire's bloody violence it was once famous for. While Kaslow closes in, seeking his own vengeance, William and Alistair race against the CIA and an unscrupulous American businessman intent on reaching the cursed 'treasure trove' before them.

Much is at stake for the Barrows and the world, as a deadly weapon unseen for centuries lies in wait alongside blood coin number twenty-three....

\*\*\*\*This new edition of Reign of Coins comes to you after a thorough tightening of the story, following constructive feedback during the past year. I would like to thank Alisa Gus, of Curiosity Quills Press, for her invaluable editing assistance in preparing this book for re-release. Peace to all, Aiden James ~ April 16th, 2013\*\*\*\*

Acclaim for the novels of Aiden James:

"The intense writing style of Aiden James kept my eyes glued to the story and the pages seemed to fly by at warp speed. ...Twists, turns, and surprises pop up at random times to keep the reader off balance. It all blends together to create one of the best stories I have read all year."

—Detra Fitch, Huntress Reviews for "The Devil's Paradise"

"Aiden James has written a deeply psychological, gripping tale that keeps the readers hooked from page one."

—Bookfinds review for "The Forgotten Eden"

"Not only is Aiden James a storyteller par excellence, but his material for his story is riveting."

—Huntress Reviews for "The Forgotten Eden"

"The hook to this excellent suspense thriller is the twists that will keep readers wondering what is going on as nothing is quite what it seems. Adding to the excitement is that the audience will wonder whether the

terror is an evil supernatural creature or an amoral human...Aiden James provides a dark thriller that grips fans from the opening.”

—Harriet Klausner for “The Forgotten Eden”

“Aiden James writing style flows very easily and I found that “Cades Cove” snowballed into a very gripping tale. Clearly the strengths in the piece were as the spirit’s interaction became prevalent with the family...

The Indian lore and ceremonies and the flashbacks to Allie Mae’s (earthly) demise were very powerful. I think those aspects separated the work from what we’ve seen before in horror and ghost tales.”

—Evelyn Klebert, author of “A Ghost of a Chance” and “Dragonflies”

“Aiden James has a keen eye for detail and an uncanny knack for scaring the hell out of me. We are watching a master at work. “The Raven Mocker” is a nearly perfect thriller. Ghost stories don’t get any better than this.”

—J.R. Rain, Bestselling author of the “Vampire for Hire” series

“As with the previous titles I have read by this author, I found the author’s writing style to be silky smooth and the main plot line to be extremely creative. The fertile imagination of Aiden James definitely knows what today’s readers want to see in their stories.”

—Detra Fitch, Huntress Reviews for “The Vampires’ Last Lover”

## **Immortal Reign Details**

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## From Reader Review Immortal Reign for online ebook

### Nancy Steinle gummel says

Widen James has done it again! William Barrows AKA Judas Iscariot, continues his quest for the silver shackles he received for betraying Jesus Christ. Along with his son Alistair, they travel to Bong Kong in an attempt to retrieve 1 of the last 8 coins for William's possible redemption. Again, the CIA endeavors to enlist William's assistance in obtaining a killing artifact. With the assistance of Shulin the engage the enemy and the murderous trail the killers leave. William prevails but no one is the same from when the started.

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### Ksandra says

The second book about Judas Iscariot and his quest that has spanned thousands of years. In the first book we learned about his curse and quest: He is an immortal until he collects all 30 shekels. Though he can die (except from illness and old age), he is always reincarnated in a different time and place with all his memories intact. In this incarnation, he goes by William Barrow.

This book begins about a year after the last book ended. His son is aging backwards due to Crystals from the Tree of Life they encountered in the first book. And thus, their cover of Alistair being his father (as opposed to his son), is becoming harder. It also forced Alistair into retirement. They had also given some to Beatrice, William's heavily aged wife (who currently believes that he is her grandson). He hopes that the crystals will allow him to finally live in peace with his wife again.

The pair have traveled to Hong Kong, in search of shekel number 23. William is always able to tell when he is close to one of his blood coins- he gets this feeling and when he is super close, he can see the coin glow blue. However, this is no ordinary trip like most of his recent coin adventures.

This time, a recently created immortal from the first book, Viktor Kaslow, is on their tail and wants to brutally murder both Alistair and William. Not just because his employer is paying him, but also because he hates William. Viktor's employer is looking for the Mantle of Genghis Khan- a formidable weapon that has similar powers to that of an atomic bomb.

Throughout the book, you catch the same snark and tongue-in-cheek nature from the first book, but there is also an element of fear. It catches you from the first few pages, and continues to seep into your mind as you read the book. That is part of why I loved it.

I won't tell you how it ends. Did they get the coin? They might have, but then again, maybe Viktor Kaslow destroyed them completely. Read the book to find out. But be prepared for a roller coaster of emotions, a lot of bloodshed, and possibly a few moments of "What just happened??"

Now to buy the third book...

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### Christopher says

The idea behind the series is brilliant in my opinion. And while the stories aren't overly complex, the integration of historical events paired with the supernatural makes it a Good Read.

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### **Jessie says**

The main reason I gave it two stars wasn't because of the story itself. It's because of the whole concept of Judas Iscariot being immortal and having to collect coins. Actually, it wasn't even that. This story had *so much* potential to be something great because of that concept. So where did it go wrong?

Well, Judas didn't act at all like a man who betrayed the Son of God. He acted like an immortal in some ways, but for the most part, he was a basic Joe Schmoe from the 21st century. You might think an immortal would have some characteristics that exist from the past, but not in this book (other than some quips about how he can speak dead languages). He acts exactly like a person born and raised in the 20th-21st century. You could give any other name to him, add some back story about a betrayal and how he has to collect coins to undo his wrongdoing, and the story would still work. There was *nothing* to this character that made him feel like he was Judas Iscariot.

I'm sitting here trying to think of just *one* incident where he may have felt like Judas, and the only thing that comes to mind is when he finally found the coin and experienced his betrayal of Jesus all over again. But even that isn't that noteworthy because the character is in a dire situation and forces the vision away so he can save their lives. The author crushed the only part of the entire story that would've given some feeling to the character of being Jesus' betrayer.

All that aside, the writing style kept me intrigued with the story. I liked how they traveled around the world, even though the author didn't dive into the different cultures much. I thought the antagonist could've been a lot better developed, but he was barely in the story at all, so I guess there wasn't much room for that. Come to think of it, I think the only good thing about this novel was the writing style, which saved the book. If that was bad as well, I never would've finished it.

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### **Margaret says**

More elements of science fiction, plus some horror, plus religion. Love, love, LOVE it!!!

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### **Kate's Corner says**

**Before you read The Judas Chronicles please read The Judas Reflections first if you are interested in this series. There are characters that turn up in this book that are in The Judas Reflections. Reign of Coins gets 3 blood coins from me.**

So Ladies and Gentlemen what is the best selling book?

No Ladies unfortunately it is not:

it is this book:

is The Bible.

Okay so leaving Religion out of this review if there are shifters, weres and witches. Why couldn't Judas Icariot be alive and kicking paying the price of betrayal???

For two thousand years William Barrow aka Judas is after the 30 Shekels that he was offered to betray his friend and mentor. So far William has collected 22 of the coins and is on number 23 which leads him and his son to China specifically Hong Kong this is slight problem with this plan as the CIA want his help and Will's arch nemesis is there as well. This book is well written and the plot has potential but seeing as I didn't read The Judas Reflections I was confused at the best of times. I also felt that the same thing was going on in this book then in the previous one. If the third book is offered as a freebie on Amazon then I'm game otherwise I won't bother.

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### **Kay Glass says**

I am a huge fan of Mr. James' work, and I loved Plague of Coins. The development of William Barrow, aka Judas, was a wonderfully unique idea, and I was eagerly awaiting this novel's completion. Upon reading it, I was blown away. He has taken his character development to new depths, particularly that of Alistair, who was part of Plague of Coins but more of a placeholder, not a fully three-dimensional character. With Reign of Coins, Alistair leaps to life from the pages, giving him a depth that is truly wonderful. William is even more developed than with the previous book, although he was definitely a force to be reckoned with even then. I look forward to the next installment of William and Alistair's tale, and I eagerly wait to learn more about William and Beatrice's love story. Well done- 5 stars!

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### **Amber says**

I loved it! It has an Indiana Jones type of feel to it. I will be reading the next one soon.

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### **Barbara says**

Loved this book! It was full of adventure and intrigue. William Barrow and his son, Alistair, go in search of the 23rd coin. What greets them there is pure, unadulterated evil in the faces of Viktor Kaslow and Christian Morrow, who are after another artifact in the same area. William and Alistair are helped in their search by Sulyn and her ailing father. The forces of good and evil meet and it makes for a very exciting storyline. Highly recommend it.

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### **Terry Parrish says**

Wow, these books are getting better and better. The things that William and Alistair are having to go through is crazy. You can hardly tell who is friend or foe, except for Kaslov. That is one evil man. Hopefully, he's

gone for good this time, but somehow I doubt it.

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### **Audrey says**

Brilliant I just loved the story.....

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### **Barbara Mason says**

For William Barrow, two thousand years is a very long time...too long, when it is a perpetual punishment for betraying Jesus Christ. A well written book. Suggestion...read the 1st one in series before this one. I did not realize until I was a little ways in that it was the second book. My bad. If I had read it in order, some of the things that Judas referred to I would have understood better. Great editing, the words flow well without getting hung up on too much back story. The past was referenced at the right times and kept to a minimum. Likable and hateable characters as Will Barrows aka Judas and his son search for the 30 pieces of silver. There is not a religious feel to the book which I think is great for many people. Would recommend this one to anyone old enough to read and understand. Fun, adventurous. I did find William Barrows a bit of a snob, but hey, he's had 2000 years to perfect it. Enjoy. [[ASIN:B00810X59E Reign of Coins (The Judas Chronicles #2)]]

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### **Sara says**

A great mix of Indiana Jones and Bond all rolled into one. This was a cool adventure with a surprising ending. William and his son go looking for a coin and end up saving the world. Very entertaining, excellent character development. I loved it just as much as the first one.

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### **R.d. Brunk says**

Loved the book.

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### **Ginette says**

This book was an amazing adventure!! I enjoyed the first book in the series, but this one set the bar even higher. What really endears me to this story, is how the author can make a loathe-worthy character such as Judas Iscariot likable! I found myself relating to his plight intensely, wanting him to succeed in finding the coins so he could bring peace to his tortured soul. The relationship Judas (or William Barrow) shares with his son Allistair adds a lot of depth to the story line. It's so full of warmth but enough wrought with imperfection that it rings true. Then there's the beautiful love story that our main character shares with his wife Beatrice. There is one scene between them in the ending that literally had me crying it touched me so deeply. To me, there's a general theme of redemption in these books. Judas (William) seeking the coins to redeem himself to Jesus, trying to make amends to Allistair for missing so many years of his life, and waiting for Beatrice to

release him from the guilt over abandoning her. I eagerly anticipate the next installment to the series, and can't wait to see what adventures will be in store for our immortal adventurer.

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