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Nobody told her geology could be dangerous.

When a rookie geologist discovers a clue to a lost Inca treasure, her first job gets a lot more thrilling.

Geologist Sam Harris is a woman in a man's world - overlooked and underpaid, but resilient and passionate. Desperate for her first job, she accepts a contract with a dodgy entrepreneur exploring for gold in the remote rainforests of Sierramar.

When she uncovers a clue to a treasure buried deep within the jungle, she is sent on an expedition to find it, but one of her colleagues is plotting to seize the hoard and will kill to get his hands on it.

Will Sam find the treasure or will her first adventure be her last?

If you like gutsy heroines, complex twists and turns, and heart-pounding action, then you'll love PJ Skinner's thrilling novel.

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Fool's Gold Details

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Cindy Tomamichel says

An entertaining read, with some enjoyable characters. The setting -1980's geologist job hunting - is spot on, as is the geology. A fun adventure read which takes you into the jungles of South America hunting for a treasure which is not quite what anyone expects.

Cheryl says

This is a 2.5 star read.

I've had to DNF this book. There is nothing wrong with the book and it is well written, but it's just not holding my attention. At 30% there still has not been a murder or a mystery that I can see and the book seems almost biographical as it is based around the author's experience as a geologist working in mining. I think the problem is that it's dry not as dry as a dead dingo's donger or a camel's butthole in a sandstorm but dry nevertheless. ?

Ann Girdharry says

This was an enjoyable, light entertainment read. We follow geologist Sam as she treks the South American rainforest in search of hidden treasure.

I thought the descriptions of the rainforest were particularly good and they transport the reader to the real place. I also liked Sam's adventurous spirit. Sometimes the pacing was a bit slow, but I think overall it makes a good mystery adventure.

3.5 stars.

Sue says

The year is 1987 and Sam Harris is a newly graduated geologist facing a world that still thinks of women unequal to men. She wants to prove that she is a value to society and to her profession, so she takes a job with a less than stellar individual to get credentials on her resume.

Sam has been hired on to examine soil and rocks to determine if there is gold waiting to be found. She is thrust into an adventure within the jungles of Sierramar with a drunk, egotistical, and lecherous lead geologist who has an agenda of his own.

Along the way, Sam makes friends with Gloria (a mafia's daughter) and Alfredo (a treasure hunter) and soon finds herself trying to navigate the jungles, escape daring situations, prove herself, and stay one step ahead of

danger.

Fool's Gold is an action and adventure much like Indian Jones, but with a strong lead female character.

Janet says

very good

James L Fields says

Very entertaining

I enjoyed the book. It moved along rapidly and the characters were interesting. Although set in a fictional country, it was well written and kept me reading at a quick pace. I believe this is the beginning of a fun series.

Bonny Millard says

Adventure Bonanza

What an intriguing story, of another culture. South America has not been visited by me and since I enjoy reading adventure books with great stories, this is fantastic. I personally could not put it down.

Lucretia Ward says

Not my normal read but a surprising diversion. The characters become more and more interesting. Try this one for an intriguing ride.

anthony lanigan says

A good adventure book

This book was enjoyable as the characters were well defined and the background research helped the story along.

A clever adventure with believable characters.

Anne Kinslow says

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I enjoyed this book immensely. A great storyline of Treasures to be found and many characters along the way. I didn't want it to end.

I recommend this book.

K.D. says

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5.0 out of 5 stars Looking for a fun adventure? Then Fool's Gold written by PJ Skinner ...

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Looking for a fun adventure? Then Fool's Gold written by PJ Skinner is the book for you. This story is about the feisty, somewhat rebellious geologist, Sam Harris. Looking to gain more experience in the field she meets up with Mike Morton, who wants to hire her to go along with his project manager to review their exploration projects in Sierramar in the South American jungle. Sam can't resist even though she's told she won't be paid a salary. However, it would afford her the field experience she's looking for.

Once there, she meets Wilson Ortega, a geologist from Sierramar whom she will have to work alongside and who becomes a vile antagonist as the story unfolds.

Taking some snapshots, Sam unknowingly snaps a photo of a snake and when Alfredo Vargas, a drunken treasure hunter sees it, he reveals that the stairs behind the snake is a cipher and that it was the key to a lost treasure. It was after making the decision to go in search of the treasure that the excitement and intrigue begin to heat up.

Skinner does a great job fleshing out her characters. They are real and relatable. It's an easy read and full of adventure. I'd recommend this book to anyone who has an adventuresome spirit and likes a strong female protagonist.

Angela Anderson says

I was given a copy of this book by the author thru Voracious Readers Only, in return for an honest review. This was an enjoyable adventure with Sam a newly qualified geologist takes her first job exploring for gold in Sierramar, South America. Being employed by a rather unscrupulous character, working with a historian who is constantly drunk, you can imagine the troubles that will occur. When there is gold involved you can guarantee there will be dangers and possible death along the way. The first in a series this is an enjoyable read.

Heidi J. says

If you like "Indian Jones" and "Romancing the Stone," this adventure is definitely for you. Even though the

South American place names are made up and it centers on a quest for a lost treasure of the Incas, much of the book feels very, very real, possibly even based on the author's experience. I could too easily see how a passionate, stubborn young woman with something to prove could end up somewhere dangerous with a lot of unsavory characters. I found it semi-panic inducing--more danger than fun--but if you are brave enough, it's an absolutely fascinating read.

Wayne Kilkenny says

This was well researched and easy to read, I quite enjoyed the Spanish connection too. All in all a good read and a strange adventure. I will be reading more from this Author in the future

Joshua Trout says

Really enjoyed it.
