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A Maine city has turned into a killing ground. Is it a serial killer, someone with a penchant for the macabre and a need to destroy? Or is it a darker force, an ancient legend from a mysterious Island come ashore to wreak havoc upon the unsuspecting?

Amid the backdrop of Portland's burgeoning night scene, Police Lieutenant Rick Jennings discovers that no one is safe, and that evil has many faces.

Danny Wolf, a gifted musician with alcohol problems is witnessing brutal murder in his dreams. Someone is carving a cross on each of the young female victims before crucifying them. Newly released from prison for a crime he did not commit, Wolf is having trouble adjusting to civilian life. He believes the dreams are a symptom of his adjustment until he discovers that they are real and that the victims are his own groupies. He soon begins to doubt his sanity. Could he be a homicidal madman? Wolf has no memory of his early childhood but discovers that he spent his first eight years in a Catholic orphanage on a mysterious island off the coast of Maine. Is it possible that his early life and the murders are somehow connected? Soon the killings become more bold and gruesome, as members of the church begin to die. Enter Police Lieutenant Rick Jennings and his young assistant Laura Higgins. They discover a government conspiracy involving the Catholic Church, and a cold war CIA mind control program known as MK-Ultra where children were used as test subjects. Danny Wolf becomes the number one suspect in the murders, but no one, not even Wolf, is prepared for what they discover on Apocalypse Island, a mind blowing secret that was supposed to stay hidden forever.

Apocalypse Island Details

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Mike says

I found this to be a creative and unique story idea. After a slow start, this book really took off and was a fun and thrilling read. I expect that anyone who likes police or crime drama, scifi, thriller or mystery stories would find this book to be worthwhile reading.

mountainmama says

Danny Wolf was imprisoned for a crime he did not commit, but offered early parole if he agreed to psychological counseling. The nightmares he experienced in prison intensified upon his release, making him question his own sanity. When he becomes the main suspect in a string of ritualistic murders in the area he also begins to doubt his innocence. As he and the authorities try to unravel the mystery, they become embroiled in a huge government conspiracy, where no one is innocent.

Twists and turns abound in this supernatural thriller. It will definitely hold your interest and keep you turning pages to find out how the heck it's all going to resolve. Mr. Hall has done an excellent job developing the characters and setting scenes while building the tension. The story is well-crafted and the writing is crisp and very unique. Part thriller, part mystery, part horror, part supernatural, and totally riveting! Fabulous job, Mr. Hall.

William Blackwell says

I didn't know what to expect when I read a synopsis of Apocalypse Island by Mark Edward Hall. But the synopsis sounded intriguing and was well-written so I decided to give it a try.

I have to say I was not disappointed at all. The writing style is crisp and clear, the characters well developed and believable and the work is tightly plotted. It is also fast-paced and engaging right from the word go.

Hall is a definitely a talented, natural story teller and this quickly becomes abundantly clear in his concise writing style and ability to build tension, releasing information little by little until near the end when the pieces finally gel into an exciting and shocking ending.

There are a number of themes in the book; a kind of criticism and redemption of religion, the obvious and universal theme of a man trying to confront his demons (figuratively and literally), exorcise them and figure out his true identity; an analysis of how humankind might react in the face of a mysterious and superior intellect, possibly from another planet, and also a look at some of the destructive effects caused by government mind control experiments on unsuspecting human subjects. I'm sure I'm missing a theme or two.

The book is hard to categorize. Suffice it to say it is part psychological thriller, part horror, part crime mystery thriller. Probably missing one here as well.

While Hall writes in the third person, he effectively manages to switch point of view from character to character without it coming across as confusing. And that's not an easy thing to do. I found his style interesting, unique and engaging.

It's also a great story and an entertaining read. Kudos to Hall.

Elli (Kindig Blog) says

This book seemed to be an author fighting to decide on the genre he wanted to write, at first it seems like a crime thriller and then towards the end you have to suspend your disbelief as things start to get very weird and supernatural. I think the dramatic change between the two styles in the book made it hard to get into and made it less believable. It's not a particularly well written story and I found the chapter breaks to be extremely weird - sometimes changing chapter mid-conversation for no real reason.

This is apparently a trilogy but it's a fairly self-contained story in it's own right and I don't think I'll be picking up the second.

Elise says

This book is all over the place both in plot and writing. So many bad cliches and badly executed.

It's clearly a 'hidden' preachy god book where none of the characters are religious yet find it questioned and see / feel things, lots about demons and blasphemy.

Things that would've been obvious to a teenager and is to every reader is a hidden mystery for the characters. Then they are all struck by the clarity. Everyone is magnificent and beautiful but then suddenly being a deceiving monster.

The writing, oh dear. Stuff like "and he knew he shared his body with another person" and "on some deeper instinctive level that vast biological changes happens in an organism that senses danger" and experienced police officers constantly shocked and surprised.

Billie says

Definitely a different genre of book than I normally read but it was a page turner. A story very loosely set in Portland, Maine which caught my attention...a story of government cover up involving the CIA..FBI..police force etc...young women who were in their Goth phase were being murdered and a cross carved into their chests...a young rock star had served 5 years for a previous killing he swore he didn't do and as soon as he was released the killings began again...throughout the story I was speculating as to whom the real killer was but never expected the true outcome...Definitely well worth the read!

Kelly says

I started reading this blindly only buying it for the title and I was NOT disappointed. A great "supernatural" mystery. I really was stressed at the end to find out ALL of the players in the crazy deaths around town. Only complainant is it took till the end to really find out any info- I like a few teasers in the middle hahahaha Highly recommend to true mystery lovers!!!

Natasa says

WOW!!!

If possible I would give it 10 stars!

Can't remember the last time I read a book like this that was a real page turner. I couldn't wait to read more. The title completely misled me since I knew only tidbits about the book...but I was definitely rewarded with much more.

I recommend this book to anyone and everyone :)

Thomas Winship says

Apocalypse Island is an excellent read. Hall does a great job--he immediately pulls you in, but it's the riveting action and staccato chapters that propel the reader through the novel at breakneck speed. It will be interesting to see him attempt to surpass this effort with its follow-up.

Nathan West says

Well written. I thought it was an entertaining story and would recommend it. I don't want to spoil the book for anyone so I will just say that it was worth the time I put into it. I was entertained.

Rebecca Webster says

Great suspense thriller that had me hooked from beginning to end... I really enjoyed it!

Meggan Robinson says

Decent plot. Ridiculous number of grammatical errors. The author's note mentioned his gratitude to his author wife for her having read the manuscript. If two published authors can produce a book which repeatedly confuses "site" with "cite," then these may well be the end times. Pay a professional proofreader if you're a lousy speller.

Jack says

Very good story. Quite a complicated plot with a bunch of threads, but the author pulled it off and brought everything together, yet still left a mysterious ending to keep the reader thinking. Great job. The cast of characters were all interesting, even though there were a lot of them. Kind of reminded me if another author from Maine... Good plot twists and the story held my interest. A mystery. SciFi. Paranormal. A love story. Well written and edited.

Good Read!

Thibaldo Manrique says

Outstanding novel

This was an absolute treat to read. Great characters, a very good story, extremely well developed and conceived, this is a book to be enjoyed.

The author took time to very skilfully craft what has to be one of the better mystery/thriller novels of recent times. Furthermore, great care was taken in editing so that there is nothing to distract the reader from enjoying this book.

A recommendation without reservations, a must read. And make sure you have time enough, it is a page turner and you will not want to put it down once you start it.

Stan says

Good read, good story line, but a little too long and drawn out.
