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The greatest discovery in human history may also be our last.

Dr. Jack Greer's startling discovery beneath the Gulf of Mexico proved to the world we were not alone in the universe. But when images from the Voyager One space probe reveal an alien doomsday ship hurtling toward the earth, the human race seems marked for extinction.

As news of the approaching ship spreads panic around the globe, signs of a sinister plot begin to emerge--one that threatens to unravel the already fragile fabric of society and everything Jack and Dr. Mia Ward have fought for.

But could a mysterious signal emanating from inside Greenland's ice sheet unlock the secrets hidden within our genome and prevent humanity's destruction?

From the frozen fields of Greenland to the bustling Indian subcontinent and the cobbled streets of Rome, the race is on to stop the deadliest countdown to extinction the human race has ever known.

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David says

Continues well from the first but again too much is glossed over, things hinted at but not developed well. It felt quite short and just like the first book kind of stops at the end, stopping when it feels like it's just starting.

I understand this is part of a series but there should be a self-contained complete story in a book, not just a third of a story.

Rajat Bhandari says

2 stars for potential but that's about it.

Not sure where to start with this book. It hit all the major themes that would make you want to buy a book in this genre. Atlantis, origins of humanity, secret powers through genetics, aliens, precursor civilization, secret organizations, etc. Hence the potential.

What we got instead was an extremely haphazard book that was laughably predictable, and extremely 2D characters.

One of the scenes has a bunch of scientists taking on Israeli special forces. This is scientists with zero combat experience vs one of the top tier special forces in the world. Guess who wins....and somehow the writer expects the reader to actually believe that could happen.

Apparently all American military characters only care about things going boom and don't care about more intellectual pursuits and get annoyed when people with zero combat experience try to lead combat. Okay then.

The pace of the book is all over the place. One moment you are going from one scene to the next with barely a time to develop the storyline and the next you have some sad little back story for each of the main characters that is pretty forced. Ollie's backstory is the dumbest.

I don't know if these books were meant for a younger age group but for someone in their thirties this was just a terrible series.

I wish the writer good luck with the rest of the series and journey. I will not be joining him on it.

Deberra Engelke says

Hard to put down.

Great story. Couldn't put it down and stayed with me when I wasn't able to read on. Well-written and thought-provoking. Looking forward to those cold, dark days of January when #3 gets delivered and snuggling down with a good book in front of a fire is the best way to spend time.

Sieglinde says

This book is part two of a three-part series and most of the main characters from the first part return. The first part ended with the discovery of what may be a second ship, this one buried under the ice in Greenland. There was also an anomaly detected in space, what appears to be another ship travelling on an intercept course with Earth. Most of the team go to Greenland, Dr Ward travels to several countries in an attempt to find out what is causing the genetic mutation and how it can be stopped, and both end up in grave peril. Meanwhile, a young journalist in Washington DC makes a startling discovery that suggests Sentinal could be even more powerful than had been thought.

Montzalee Wittmann says

Extinction Countdown

Ancient Origins Series, Book 2

By: James D. Prescott

Narrated by: Gary Tiedemann

This is an Audible book I requested and the review is voluntary.

I loved the first book and this one is just as good. Something triggered the death of millions of people since the last book. The alien ship is sighted coming toward Earth. Secrets are revealed, so many twists and turns, corruption everywhere, and new connections between the aliens coming and the changes to humans are made. Lots of suspense, intrigue, government corruption, science brain food, and great imaginary possibilities!

The narration was terrific! Wonderful performance from start to finish!

Tommy Hansen says

Interesting...

First book started out interesting, but wondering where it's all going, and this second book didn't move much, which I guess is probably normal for a trilogy that the second is the most stale, but it makes you nervous about reading the third, a bigger pressure now to redeem the whole series and not just the ending

Claire says

I loved the first book in this series so this book had a lot of expectations to live up to and it delivered. A lot happens in this book, it was like being on an adventure park ride.

The story is excellent and it's well executed, there are plenty of twists and nothing can be taken for granted.

I've come to care for the characters, they're so well written it's impossible not to want them to survive and thrive.

I love all the tech, especially Anna who is developing so quickly as an AI.

This book left me desperate to know what will happen when the aliens reach earth so I'm definitely going to be getting my hands on book three.

I received a free copy of this book from the author and/or narrator and/or publisher and I voluntarily wrote this honest review.

Chabeli Terrero says

Truly Amazing-Definitely Recommend

Just Like It's Former Book This Sequel Is Awe Inspiring, The Tech, The Science, The Characters And Story Line All Well Executed, Can't Wait To See How It Will All Tied Up In The Upcoming Final Book Of This Series.

Jay Ward says

Top notch thrill ride

What I love about this author is his unpredictability. Many times you know exactly what the plot will be right away when you are first reading a book but not with Prescott. Along with this there are interesting & compelling characters & a kick butt story. Can't wait for book three in the series.

Robin Miura says

So exciting!

I am loving this story! Read the first one and had to buy this one ASAP. If you are fairly easily entertained and believe that fiction is just that I think you will also enjoy this! I mean that in the best way possible. I see reviews for other books complaining that things are not accurate and such. I read for pure enjoyment not to analyze and pick apart errors if there are any. Just wanted to state that about myself. This story is fun, the characters are enjoyable and I can't wait to find out what happens to them all!

Daniel Stainback says

What a great series! Looking forward to the final book this fall.

Clabe Polk says

After a near fatal expedition in the Gulf of Mexico where alien influences on the human genome affecting human evolution are discovered, Dr. Jack Greer is now faced with two things: one, an alien space ship has been photographed in space approximately thirteen days out from Earth; and two, a pyramid-like shape believed to be a similar ship has been located under a glacier on Greenland. The race is on...against the aliens, against human fear, against political conspiracies, and against competitive militaries...and once again, Jack Greer is in the middle of it.

Although *Extinction Countdown* contains elements of genetics and alien contact that are clearly in the realm of science-fiction, it much more about political intrigue, human panic and limited military action at a remote location in Iceland than about genome manipulation per se. While genome manipulation provided the motive for the action, there was practically no science related action in this book; it was mostly military and terrorist activity. The characters largely remained the same as in *Extinction Code* with the addition of a young female reporter that is easily manipulated by Sentinel agents into achieving their agenda for them.

Although I felt this book was more military than sci-fi, it was entertaining and a worthwhile addition to the series. It should appeal to all fans of action adventures regardless of genre.

Scott says

“*Extinction Countdown*” is the second book in the “Ancient Origins” Series, and I can say this book is just as good as the first, which I previously reviewed; if not better. The story is very well crafted by James D. Prescott, and even though he is a rather new author, I have found his books complex, believable, and engaging. The audiobook edition is skillfully and professionally performed by Gary Tiedmann who is one of my top five narrators on Audible to date. The book is a contemporary science fiction story that feels a bit like *X-Files* combined with *The Twilight Zone* and an apocalyptic disaster movie. I can tell you that the mix really works. The book contains a fair amount of action, mystery, conspiracy, suspense, and even a bit of light romance to help relieve the tension. The story is well paced, and the world created by Mr. Prescott will draw you in wanting more. If you are a fan of aliens, genetic research, and strange signals from space, I think you will find this book quite enjoyable. As this is the second book in a series, it is best to pick up the first book (*Extinction Code*) before diving into this one.

I was a bit disappointed that there was not a more in-depth prologue giving the listener some background information from the first book’s events. Instead, the listener is dropped right into the action where the first book left off and if you are like me, it sometimes it takes a bit of time to get back into a story after being away. A prologue often assists in getting me back faster than having to depend on my memory. As with the first book, this one also had a fair amount of nostalgic references to the *Twilight Zone* and others. You might remember from an older *Twilight Zone* episode a special book the aliens gave to mankind which was a twist once properly decoded? In this book, you have much the same feeling and twists. There is often a sense of both dread and hope intermixed and I liked the balance. Additionally, I liked some of the back and forth between the story scenes and the way the listener is able to discover, or uncover, some of the mystery as it progresses.

One of the key components of the story focuses on genetic research along with some discussion on how a number of unique mutations evolved into the human genome. The first book had the listener discover the code, and this book now focused on the limited time the world has to solve the mystery before being destroyed; this book starts the countdown. Not only do we have genetic research, but there is a fair number of alien investigation and conspiracies to complete the story. The author's research felt solid and comprehensive. The story's outcome felt believable. Not only did our characters find some odd genetic traits, much like our own genes, these traits have both positive and negative effects on their carriers. A few of the main characters were fighting for a solution as they had loved ones that were going to die if they failed. On top of this, throw in some mysterious non-human bones discovered and things take a twist and turn from here. Include a few new discoveries involving the Great Pyramids and there is a bit of panic and things get worse as martial law is imposed.

Turning to the audiobook's narration, the listener can be assured that they will receive a high-quality production from Gary Tiedemann. His deep and haunting voice, which is a good thing, adds to the grim feeling throughout the book. He is one of the narrators that you feel understand their material and is able to deliver more than simply a reading of the words, but instead adds depth and feeling to it. I do not recall any issues with the audio itself. I always look forward to new audiobooks being narrated by Mr. Tiedemann.

For both parents and younger readers, there is some light use of vulgar language that I recall. There are a few places where there are sexual topics or references to pornography. Nothing too extreme, and for more mature readers who like detailed writing, I would recommend this as long as you are aware of these items.

In summary, if you enjoyed the first book in the series, this one is just as good if not better. If it sounds like your type of story based on this review, I recommend you pick up the first and give it a listen prior to this one. I do not think you will be disappointed with diving into this series as it is entertaining and engaging. The characters have depth and feel real in an exciting and adventurous journey to save the world.

Robert says

Robert's Review

Good book, of course there would be a cliffhanger rabbit hole at end of the second book. What is through the looking glass portal object? Take Anna, go armed with Jack, Mia, Gabby, Admiral Stark and Friends, yippee ka yea, go and find out sports fans cause this series is aces. Thanks for the GoodRead.

john marsh says

Not as good as the first book.

I am a sci-fi fan and science dork and followed most of the DNA talk, but for the average reader that was probably deeper than they cared to go. I also had a hard time accepting the timeline with Mia and how long it would have taken her to fly all over the world looking for answers while getting caught in traffic jams, etc. I like the story line and the characters but the end felt rushed, setting up for the next book. I recommend this book for sci-fi fans but don't expect it to be as good as the first book. Still a fan of Prescott.

