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"A prophecy of the disciple who would not die, a first-century shrine on a deserted island, a Crusader who would not Crusade, a recluse in the wilderness of Eastern Europe, the journal of a man during his voyage to the New World? These men are more than connected, my friend. These men are all one in the same."

These are the words of Professor Ray Kruppold, shared at a cocktail party in 1973. Professor Kruppold, a religious studies professor with a penchant for immortality, spent much of his adult life piecing together a collection of seemingly unconnected records and legends, pursuing a mysterious man that he himself had encountered when he was just 16 years old. Now, nearing the end of his life, Kruppold passes along this information to a young man named Tom, a civil engineer and soon-to-be father, who is on his own informal quest.

Rumors of Marty Goode—everyone needs something to believe in.

Rumors of Marty Goode Details

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Ashlee says

Interesting concept - short and sweet read.

Will Wan says

very good book. quick read. interesting characters and twists and turns.

Daryl Gottlieb says

Such a creative and fun concept, and an extraordinary punch of activity packed into this tiny gem of a book. I highly recommend for an afternoon detour into an alternate reality!

Jordan says

Original and engaging. I've read some reviews about comma usage, specifically in the first few pages, and I can't say I agree. Both times I've read this book I understood those first few pages as a stream of consciousness, and if you describe that with perfect sentences with flowing diction you've missed your mark. I guess some people just hate commas.

Anna says

This is a tiny book that will definitely make you think and seeks to make you question whether what you thought was true actually is. Now, whether or not it succeeds in that lofty task is up to you. Personally, I found it an easy, interesting read, but it didn't dramatically shift my way of looking at the world. If it sounds interesting, try it! It's a quick read.

One thing I will say is that Williams brilliantly keeps character development to a minimum so that you can see yourself in Tom's journey.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

Mike says

This is a great fictional story rooted in the biblical story. The plot captured my attention and held it until the very end. Like many others, I have been fascinated by thoughts of how the spiritual life intersects with the

life that is obvious to everyone. This book also would also appeal to those interested in the possibility of immortals occupying the same space with mortals. It's not a long book, and it is worth your time.

Annatasia Meehleder says

Rumor Has It

*** I voluntarily reviewed this ARC, in exchange for an honest review. ***

I was excited about this book because it sounded sooo great! Who wouldn't want to read about a supposed fictional character that is immortal and possibly involved with the bible? I was drawn in with that blurb right away. Then I started reading the book and was a little confused with why all the detail on architecture.

I mean I love architecture and everything and it's details, but whaaaa?

Why does the book start like that and go on and on like that for a bit?

Way to confuse a girl.

What the hell.

Plus while describing the architecture of the buildings surrounding the main character, the sentences are a disaster. I mean that there are fragmented sentences and/or run-on sentences like I have never seen. Things are listed and there are commas of course, but then more things are listed and more commas.

I feel like this needs to be edited more and I also feel awful for saying so because this was an interesting book.

It just needs help.

Okay, so now the good part of the review! Woohoo! So as you go on with the story, it does get much better and more interesting. There are some twists that are thrown in too that some may be able to guess and some not.

Overall I enjoyed this and thought it was fascinating, but I was not in agreement with the main character Tom towards the end.

I feel like he was manipulated and saddened by what happened in and around his life.

So I wish that it had not ended like that.

You'll just have to see what I mean by reading it.

Julia Kukuruda says

I enjoyed this book so much that I purchased it for two of my friends!

What unique about this book and the author's writing style is that while the storyline is thought provoking, it's still a very easy read.

I want to know "what's next" for these characters.

Well done!

Lisa Riggs says**What did i just read?**

I won this novella off of Goodreads giveaway. I didn't realize it was only 75 pages long when I signed up for it. I still don't know what the point if the story is.

Candy Robosky says

Rumors of Marty Goode starts off with so many descriptors that it is nothing but a page of commas. I am not sure if the writer feels these sentences make it (him) sound more sophisticated or if he just really likes commas, but it is actually very jumbled. In the first chapter alone he uses 115 commas and most of them are unnecessary. Some even leading to run-ons or covering up fragments.

I will say the story gets better and ends up being very interesting. To what lengths would you go to make sure no one ever had to suffer again? Overall despite the jumbled rambling style of the writing I liked the overall story and message. I just wish better editing had occurred especially with a story that is only 80 pages long. With shorter stories every word choice and sentence structure is vital. This is why I could only give it 2 stars.

I am writing this honest review after receiving an advanced copy of the story.

Debbie says

A curious story, that leaves me wanting more. The author writes scenes in a ways I am transported to the time and place. A thoughtful story . . . I look forward to more reads by Jeff Williams. I did notice a couple of negative reviews about the style of writing but I actually enjoyed this style of writing.

Kassie says

I found this story so engaging, I couldn't put the book down. The descriptions of the setting and characters really drew me in and allowed me to feel like a part of the story. I also loved how thought-provoking & inspiring the book is. Highly recommend and can't wait for more!

Diana Boyce says

Great Spiritual Read

A new slant on the oldest of subjects; this was a good, quick, thought provoking read. If you like the questions and style of writing on spirituality by Lewis or Tolkien, or the fantasy of Grimm or King Arthur, then you will enjoy this.

Dennis says

My wife recommended this book to me and I'm glad she did. The author does a great job engaging the reader with imagery and a compelling story. You'll enjoy this book.

Chris Sorensen says

This was my favorite fiction book I've read all year. Once I started it I couldn't put it down. Can't wait until the next installment comes out.
