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## WHO IS DOC SAVAGE?

To the world at large, Doc Savage is a strange, mysterious figure of glistening bronze skin and golden eyes. To his amazing co-adventurers - the five greatest brains ever assembled in one group - he is a man of superhuman strength and protean genius, whose life is dedicated to the destruction of evil-doers. To his fans he is one of the greatest adventure heroes of all time, whose fantastic exploits are unequalled for hair-raising thrills, breathtaking escapes and bloodcurdling excitement.

## DOC SAVAGE AND HIS FABULOUS CREW BATTLE THE TERROR OF THE NORTH

It started when a Viking Dragon ship attacked a yacht in the waters outside New York. Next, "Ham" was stabbed with a 1,200 year-old Viking knife. Then Johnny was captured and frozen solid in a block of Arctic ice. Finally, even the mighty man of bronze himself — Doc Savage — is kidnapped and enslaved by the chilling menace. What is his plan this time? Can he save himself and his friends from almost certain destruction?

## Quest of Qui Details

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## Jeff Chase says

I enjoyed this adventure. It was another lost civilization tale, which is always fun, but the standout point for me was that it concentrated on Johnny. Nice to see one of the Fab 5 other than Monk or Ham get some attention.

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## Frank says

Read this Doc adventure in the 70s

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## Scott Combs says

I love reading these books, all 180+ of them. None are exceptionally well written nor remotely noteworthy but they just satisfy for a quick, mindless adventure. The characters are very predictable and the conflicts are repetitive. So, either you like them or you don't.

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## Stormcrow says

A fairly typical Doc outing, though it's nice to have William Harper Littlejohn in the lead for a good chunk, especially since he and Long Tom are the two least developed characters of Doc's sidekicks.

The story isn't one of Doc's better adventures, but it's a quick read and fun for hardcore Doc fans. But I wouldn't recommend it to someone looking for their first (or even their second) Doc book.

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## Carl says

A long time ago when the world was younger and I was but a child full of wonder. The pulps reigned supreme, the exploits of Doc Savage, the Shadow and the Spider were the superheroes that I read read along side the comics.

While I still read Marvel comics the pulps became harder to find as I grew older.

Whilst rooting in local charity shops I came across a couple of Doc Savage novels. Thin and worn they caught my eye and begged me to relive my childhood.

As all men are wont to do at certain times.

I read this one with high hopes and a childhood glint in my eye.

But alas times had changed and the world has become more cynical and I have evolved with it.

The story was as fantastical as ever and the formula style of writing does not not quite sit with my modern mind.

Sometimes it's nice to read a bit of whimsy , I try to relive my childhood all the time. Sometimes good sometimes not so.

I look forward to reading the latest Savage story by Will Murray to see if it fits with the modern reader Doc is still a great hero and needs a modern outing, and perhaps a new non camp film treatment.

Author Wayne Reinagel has written some fantastic riffs on the pulp heroes, very entertaining and easy to read also a fanboys dream.

Long live Doc Savage

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## **Ramzi says**

### **SPOILERS**

Book # 16 in the shelf experiment

I picked this book up at a swap meet about a year ago and just got around to reading it. I'd had no experience with Doc Savage before and had assumed the character had gotten his start in comic books. What I came to learn was that the character was featured in his own magazine in the 30's and the series of books that were later released were reprintings of these early works.

Anyway, *Quest of Qui* tells the story of the discovery of a mysterious viking ship in "modern" day New York. When one of Doc Savage's crew gets too close to learning its origin, he's kidnapped and held until Doc and the rest of his adventure team can locate their missing buddy and solve the mystery of the modern day vikings. Along the way, they encounter a forgotten ancient pygmy race, rum runners posing as allies and survive numerous attempts on their lives by "unseen" enemies.

It was an easy read and I could see how this might have appealed to youthful readers a long time ago but given how dated the story has become this should really only be of value to fans of Doc Savage and those interested in discovering adventure novels on the 30s.

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## **Ed Wyrd says**

A Norse dragonship is sighted by a luxury yacht, then boarded and commandeered by Vikings. Ancient Viking knives and spears appear from nowhere in attacks against Doc Savage and his. few. First Johnny then Ham go missing. It's the beginning of another adventure for Doc Savage.

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## **Checkman says**

It has literally been thirty-five years since I read a Doc Savage novel. Thirty-five years! So in the name of nostalgia I picked up *Quest of Qui*. Well I finished it and here are a few observations courtesy of my super observation skills. It's a pulp fiction novel from the mid-thirties. It isn't a very challenging read. The story is implausible . Doc is amazing and he's super, but he isn't totally infallible. At one point while running to his buddies (in the dark) he smacks into a tree which I didn't expect and found refreshing. Yes the attitudes and politics are from another time (duh) and some of the tech is hilarious, but there is some technology (night vision goggles) that is amazingly prescient. No it isn't high literature, but I liked it. Really nothing more than

the ancestor of the "men's action novels" that I devoured as a teenager. I loved the Doc Savage and Shadow books as a kid and now and again it's fun to re-visit my youth. They've held up well because at the age of thirteen I knew that I wasn't reading literature.

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### **Michael Prier says**

Reading Challenge 2018: book with alliteration in the title. Once again, Doc Savage and his five stalwart friends leap into the fray to uncover a mystery involving a group of little people known as the Qui, a Viking boat and treasure, and take care of the bad guys involved. There were a lot of edit errors in this novel, making me wonder if it had been rushed. The five friends are captured, with more of a focus on Johnny and his adventure than the others. Not as much action or technology in this novel. Still, I love the old pulp fiction books.

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### **Fraser Sherman says**

Vikings attack a luxury yacht and invisible killers murder with alarm clocks. The explanations, however, turn out to be a lot less exciting than the set up, so not the best of the series.

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### **Jim says**

Honestly, these books just remind me when I was a kid and I needed a light read, hence Doc Savage. This one wasn't my favorite, but it was still fun and fast and I enjoyed the memories more than this story line of a group of natives near the Arctic Circle and a lost bunch of Vikings.

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### **Timothy Boyd says**

Of all the pulp era heroes few stand out above the crowd, Doc Savage is one of these. With his 5 aides and cousin he adventures across the world. Fighting weird menaces, master criminals and evil scientists Doc and the Fab 5 never let you down for a great read. These stories have all you need; fast paced action, weird mystery, and some humor as the aides spat with each other. My highest recommendation.

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### **Ronald says**

read in summer of 1966

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### **Craig says**

The first Doc Savage story appeared in 1933 and the series ran in pulp and later digest format into 1949.

Bantam reprinted the entire series in paperback with wonderful, iconic covers starting in the 1960's. Doc was arguably the first great modern superhero with a rich background, continuity, and mythos. The characterizations were far richer than was common for the pulps; his five associates and their sometimes-auxiliary, Doc's cousin Pat, and the pets Chemistry and Habeas Corpus, all had very distinctive characteristics and their byplay was frequently more entertaining than the current adventure-of-the-month. The settings were also fascinating: Doc's Fortress of Solitude, the Hidalgo Trading Company (which served as a front for his armada of vehicles), and especially the mysterious 86th floor headquarters all became familiar haunts to the reader, and the far-flung adventures took the intrepid band to exotic and richly-described locations all over the world. The adventures were always fast-paced and exciting, from the early apocalyptic world-saving extravaganzas of the early days to the latter scientific-detective style shorter works of the post-World War Two years. There were always a few points that it was difficult to believe along the way, but there were always more ups than downs, and there was never, ever a dull moment. The Doc Savage books have always been my favorite entertainments... I was always, as Johnny would say, superamalgamated!

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## **Charles says**

About average.

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