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Ancient conspiracy. Relentless evil. The hunt for answers continues.

The climactic ending of *The Façade* left Brian Scott and Melissa Kelley with only each other—and the terrible secrets they carry. *The Portent* finds them living under new identities, their future clouded by constant fear of being exposed. By the time Brian and Melissa learn they're being watched, their carefully constructed lives will be over.

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Carol says

This is a cliff hanger. It is a book that's difficult to put down. It is the second book in a series called The Facade Saga. Unfortunately, the series is not complete. It took the author 10 years to write the second book, so I'm not holding my breath for the third which has a copy write date of 2017. There is a lot of science and theology woven in this book which gives much material for thought and may challenge what you currently believe. However, the theological focus parts are always brought back to the biblical text. There is also a clue given in the very last chapter with instructions in the postscript to help you solve a mystery.

Joe Peterson says

great! Unique

Kevin O'Brien says

A thought provoking and unusual account of end times possibilities. Once I started I could not put it down. There are a few places the story drags, but pay attention - and keep your bible handy.

Raeann says

Wonderfully written. You are allowed to "figure it out" and then, you are wrong!

David Daugherty says

Decent concepts and characters, just positively cringe-y writing.

Kerry Nietz says

I've been waiting for the sequel to "The Façade" for some time. That book was a smorgasbord of interesting ideas about aliens, UFOs, conspiracy theories, science, and scriptural interpretation. And I knew that the author had a few more of those ideas lying around yet. There were questions that remained to be answered.

So was "The Portent" everything I hoped for? Was it worth the wait?

Well, yes and no. This book is about a 160 pages longer than the previous book, and I'm not sure all the extra pages were necessary. It felt to me like the first 200-300 pages could've been compressed down.

I know from experience that a sequel is a tough thing to write. People come into it with all sorts of different expectations. Can't please them all.

Still, a lot of time was spent at the beginning of "The Portent" with new characters, folks we aren't sure we care about yet. And the things that happen, some of which would be interesting in their own right (or in another book), don't necessarily seem important to the plot as a whole.

I came into the book hoping to catch up with the survivors of the last book, and to get more from the smorgasbord.

This book has those things, but they are only sprinkled throughout the first 300 pages, then they come in a head-spinning hurry, and are sustained for the rest of the book. In fact, there is so much information being dumped at the end, along with some pivotal action, that I felt like I was missing things. I'm still not certain how some of the closing outcomes came to be.

Also, some of the science factoids seem a bit questionable. (For instance: Human evolution "obviously" happened simultaneously in multiple places around the globe? Egads. I'm guessing even staunch evolutionists debate that one.)

Overall, I think The Portent is a book worth reading, it just has some problems in plot execution.

One nit: The author seems to have a penchant for using "of them" (e.g. "the two of them", "the three of them") when he could simply use "they." I hate criticizing these sorts of things, because I'm sure everyone has something like this in their writing. But this is one that is easily remedied.

Miroslav Balint-Feudvarski says

The book is very interesting to read, at least for theology buffs like myself.

It is interesting to see another eschatological perspective and the book's scenario was much more believable than the "Left Behind" series... at least until the very end (I will not spoil it for you).

This much I will say: I was disappointed when I realized that book 2 of 2 is not the end, but that there will be book 3 of 2 in the future. (Yes, I understand there will probably be a whole trilogy or something, but it is still disappointing.

I don't know enough about Heiser's theology to commend or critique it. I read books like these for fun. :) Nevertheless, it seems to me that 2 Peter 2:4 does call "sons of God" from Genesis 6 "angels" and not "Divine beings".

Harvey Mast says

Looking forward to the next one in the series.

Dan Williams says

I'm become a big fan of everything Mike does - his podcasts, blog, non-fiction work and now his fiction work. He uses all his academic and fringe culture knowledge to write a really fun and thought provoking story with The Facade and The Portent. I'm really looking forward to the third book!

Rachel Smith says

Not as engrossing story-wise as the first one, but all of what Heiser sees in the Bible in relation to the Watchers is laid out in a way that made it easy to digest and ponder in light of current cultural trends.

Stacey says

Sooo much information to take in, but bring it on!

David Spotts says

Awesome!

Super creative story telling from a dude you would think was as dry as an old boot. Stretch your mind with this one.

Reeda Booke says

I first read "The Facade" years ago, so knowing that this sequel was being released, I went back and re-read it to re-familiarize myself with the story. It was just as mind boggling the second time around and the story just keeps getting better. The amount of research in these books is amazing and it addresses many of the conspiracy theories that one will find just about anywhere. You have UFO's, Nazi's, Transhumanism, secret bases...you name it, it's there. There is a lot of information that will challenge what you might know or the way you think, but I love that about a book.

I agree with the reviewer, Peter Pellerin, that there are a few areas of theological discussions I would also take issues with, but it will just make me delve deeper into the Bible and that is always a good thing.

I did want to mention that one of my favorite characters in the book is Kamran. His astronomy work in the book was fascinating and having read some of E.W. Bullinger's "Witness to the Stars", I was extremely interested in the explanation of the Revelation 12 vision.

In the meantime, I am trying to work out the clue from the end of the book. Unfortunately, I do not have the second clue to work with, but I still might have an idea. Until then, I will eagerly wait for book 3...I hope we won't have to wait too long!

Bob Smith says

The Portent is the next chapter in the Façade series. It brings up some interesting concepts about what is really going on and who is involved, namely the Watchers. Worth reading if you liked the Façade. The best part about these books is that Michael Heiser is a bible scholar, so it's all a scripture based storyline and makes it seem at least possible. I am now waiting for the third, and probably last book in the series. Recommended.

Sharon L. Madsen says**Outstanding as expected.**

I read this book in 2 days. I was on the edge of my seat most of the time. I have learned much. Most of all I have grown in my faith because this story only reveals most of what God has shone me. Thank God for a Author who is led by the Holy Spirit to give Gods truth. Disappointed the 3 ed book isn't done yet.
