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With the nation reeling from the recent terrorist attacks, Q and Angela leave Chicago and arrive in San Francisco. Their parents are determined to continue the Match tour but for safety's sake, they have decided to send Q and Angela to boarding school. Not happy at the thought of being taken off the trail of the ghost cell, Q and Angela race against time with Boone and the SOS team to find Number One, the leader of the world's most feared terrorist organization. It's the final showdown.

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Dailyn says

Wow. I can't believe it. So many things happened in this book. I was sooo happy to finally figure everything out, but I'm also sad that it's over. (And that Boone has left.) I didn't want it to end. This series has been heart-stopping, heart-racing, and amazing.

Now - Has the story really ended? I don't think so. Maybe the series has ended, but I'm hoping to see how I.Q., Angela, and Croc work together to stop more terrorists. I.Q. might have said he had had enough of all of it, but I'm not so sure.

Jan says

I've said it before here on goodreads and I'll probably say it again sometime in the future, but Roland Smith is definitely one of my absolute favorite authors for middle grade action/adventure stories. I only have one more of his books to go and then I'll have read all of his works of fiction. I can't believe I almost didn't even read this series. I knew the books were out there and I had seen them in the library and in bookstores, but I always found the covers just so unappealing and uninteresting that I figured whatever the series was about, it probably wasn't one for me. Thankfully, the teachers and librarians in my kids book group chose the first book in the series as one of our two books to read for February. So a big thank you to the women in the Emerald Empire Reading Council's Teachers as Readers Kid's Book Group for knowing the kinds of books I love to read.

I was very sad when I read the final page in this final book of this series. I really wish it could could on for another six or more books because I would happily read them all. I did love the ending. Everyone's stories got tied up nicely and their lives are now in a good place. And most of all, the questions I had been storing in my head throughout the series finally got answered to my satisfaction. The biggest question or questions, and probably the one that most people have while reading the books is, who or what are Boone and Croc, where did they come from, and will I ever learn their true story? Happily, the answer to all those questions is YES. The perfect end to a perfect series. Please recommend this wonderful series to any kid who loves action/adventure stories that also include tons of mystery and intrigue, time travel, spies, double agents, lots of bad guys with guns, and two pretty cool teens who use their brains and street smarts to outwit all of them.

Kimberly says

This series is a good one and this installment answers many, many questions raised by the other five books. I don't know whether this is, indeed, the last book of this series, but I hope it is. To draw out the story line after the way this book ended wouldn't be very good, though, to have a spin off series might work.

Had I not read this with my daughters, I probably would not have read the series to completion, but we enjoyed the books more by reading them together.

Jonathan says

A nice ending to a great series; this book answered a lot of questions I had about Boone and Croc and blew me out of the water when the identity of Number One was revealed, however it dragged in some areas and the ending was disappointing, I felt it should have been a bigger, more drawn out ending, than the few pages we had.

This was a great ya series and I would easily recommend it to anyone who likes spy-thrillers with a bit of mystery thrown in.

Gretchen says

This entire series was fabulous and made me want to keep reading each book faster than the last. I loved the information about all the places covered in the books, the spy aspects to everything, and the continued wonder of what the end game was. This last book really surprised me by adding in a twist I thought I had sort of figured out, but I hadn't. I liked the added element of fantasy into the conclusion and that it really "fit", it wasn't just used to tie up loose ends. This series has definitely prompted me to read more by these authors.

Reba says

Awesome. So glad I finally was told the mystery of Boone. The ending was good and he (the author) wrapped it up well. The loose end and the mysteries were cleared up and the story was really good. I am rather surprised that Boone left his beloved "Croc" with Angela and Q. It is cool though that the light from the holy grail brought the young dog back and I mean seriously that dog was old! The only question I have is whether Q and Angela can "blink", the book did say that they were in the light when Boone opened the case. Ok make that two questions, where did Boone and Speed Paulson go? This was really one of the best books I have ever read. Spradlin was really able to tie the style of Smith's writing.

Sarah says

That was a fun story. I am so proud of myself for figuring out who Number One was. I did not see that explanation for Boone's abilities though. The holy grail huh? Weird. And now Angela and Q are going to live for a thousand years?

Meg B says

Amazing ending to the series, but I still have a few questions. Since Croc blinked them to the concert, and they were exposed to the Holy Grail, will they get the same powers as Boone? Where is Boone putting Speed? Will Boone really die? I guess the author ended like this so we can choose what happens, but it's not as "satisfying" as I wish it would be.

The author ended the book with Angela and Q listening to their parents sing at a concert. I think he did this

on purpose, the last line of the first book was, "Match began to sing".

StPiusX5th says

Alcatraz - I, Q Alcatraz by Michael P. Spradlin and Roland Smith, is an amazing, heart-pounding, breath-stopping action packed conclusion to the IQ Series. The series begins at the wedding reception of Q Munoz's mother and Angela Tucker's father, near San Francisco. The series winds its way on a cross country music tour to end where it began on San Francisco Bay area.

Unfortunately, though, a clown was hurt in this book.

This book answered all my questions and tied up any loose ends. What an impressive conclusion! As an adult, I purchased this book this morning and finished it this afternoon. I simply could NOT put it down. As a teacher, I have had students asking for this book for over 8 weeks and they will not be disappointed. Shhh. . . don't tell the kids there is much to be learned from this book, which I won't include as it would spoil the reading. The wise-cracking, Q grows and develops physically and morally as we would hope he would. This is such a great series for those students who love adventure, intrigue, spies, twists, turns and good vs evil. The plot twists, turns and surprises, last until midway through the last chapter.

James says

This appears to conclude the series. Q and Angela discover who Number One is and find all of the data that they and their friends need to bring down the Ghost Cell. They also discover who/what Boone is. Like the previous books, there is plenty of action and suspense, as well as some good brother/sister moments. If this is the end, I will miss the series.

Sylvia says

I think that this series is absolutely amazing. I thought about the twist they put in this story, and I like it because the kids get to learn something new about two different religions and how they seem to come together.

Jeannie says

I was so excited to finally read this and like the others in the series, it is filled with adventure and excitement. All the terrorism and counterintelligence spy stuff is awesome. I also love how, like the others, the plot continues to take place in regions I am familiar with, especially the Bay Area. I must admit, I was VERY surprised to see where and how the story went - I was definitely not expecting how things turned out!

Linda says

One of the best YA series ever! I must admit, the revelation of Number One's identity came completely out of the blue, but, over all, I was satisfied with the conclusion of the story. Note to future readers: you CANNOT read just one book in this series.

Keri Douglas says

Those who like this series will not be disappointed. There seems to be a little more violence in this book, but is still appropriate in context and for upper elementary/middle grade students.

Nanci Booher says

I had no idea that this was the last book of the series. I'm super sad. Following Q and Angela across the country was pure joy. I have recommended this series quite a few times and the kids have never been disappointed. In this final installment we find out about Boone's true abilities; discover who Number One is; and watch as Q and Angela become true siblings, always looking out for each other. I am anxious to start Roland Smith's newest book, *Beneath*. I usually have one Smith book in my pile at any given time.
