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Gideon Crew--brilliant scientist, master thief--is living on borrowed time. When his mysterious employer, Eli Glinn, gives him an eyebrow-raising mission, he has no reason to refuse. Gideon's task: steal a page from the priceless Book of Kells, now on display in New York City and protected by unbreakable security.

Accomplishing the impossible, Gideon steals the parchment--only to learn that hidden beneath the gorgeously illuminated image is a treasure map dating back to the time of the ancient Greeks. As they ponder the strange map, they realize that the treasure it leads to is no ordinary fortune. It is something far more precious: an amazing discovery that could perhaps even save Gideon's life.

Together with his new partner, Amy, Gideon follows a trail of cryptic clues to an unknown island in a remote corner of the Caribbean Sea. There, off the hostile and desolate Mosquito Coast, the pair realize the extraordinary treasure they are hunting conceals an even greater shock--a revelation so profound that it may benefit the entire human race . . . if Gideon and Amy can survive.

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Kate Ayers says

Well, the half star rating might come in handy here, although I probably would go down instead of up. I normally like Preston & Child, but this one was a bit too farfetched. Admittedly, though, it certainly was action filled. The idea of a treasure hunt was so irresistible, it drew me in. The treasure was an intriguing one, too, thankfully not just another billion dollars. But the implausibility of their quest and what they find...that put me off. Still, it's an entertaining read.

Tiffany says

No book has ever made me want to reach through the pages and slap the crap out of a character like this book. It also made me cry. Dammit.

Ware says

Pour two cups of Homer into a medium saucepan

Add a dash of King Kong.

Sprinkle with the Origin of the Species.

Stir.

Set on medium heat for an hour.

Allow to cool.

Next mix in a tablespoon of James Hilton.

Then add five pounds of pure baloney, finely chopped.

Stir again and half bake at 350 degrees for the seven hours it takes you to finish reading this convoluted mess.

Serve with embarrassment.

Marialyce says

This book might have been a three star novel, but once you threw in the Cyclops well that kind of ended it for me. Don't get me wrong, I am a stickler for a good yarn with fantasy and history thrown in on the side, but for some reason the last quarter of the book just did not gel.

It was ok for some mindless fluff to while away a summer's day.

Steven says

Way better than the other two Gideon Crew books! Lots of fun! Sets up book four really well and kinda hints

it might be the last.

Wdmoor says

This book will make you feel stupid. And annoyed. It seriously needed a good editor to shake it up and slap some sense into it. Too bad it didn't get one.

If you're old enough you'll remember the weekly Saturday matinee serials with their crazy cliffhanger endings. You'd always feel a little cheated the next week how easily the hero or heroine overcame whatever peril was placed in their paths, but then forget about it as the next cliffhanger ending grabbed your attention.

This book was one whole lousy cliffhanger ending after the other. Mild spoiler alert. At one point the hero and heroine are clasping each other on the precipice of a cliff, thousands of feet above the ocean with no way down as fire and explosions swirl around them...and a helicopter ladder appears. Wtf?

The authors play too fast and loose with the readers of *The Lost Island*. There is something slapdash and hurried about the book and it left this reader grouchy as hell. And to make things worse, the freaking book ended on a cliffhanger ending! Except I don't give a flip about the next Gideon Crew book.

Mark says

And of course would I buy this novel by messieurs Preston & Child, mostly because of their Pendergast-series.

The Gideon Crewe series seems to be far more tailored for the cinema, as long as Tom Cruise does not spoil the fun. This book is a combination of genres the Heist genre, the historical/fantastical thriller, some pirates and treasure seekers thrown in and some lost world for good measure (the Arthur Conan Doyle variety it is). And it all delivers an adventure novel that fires on all fronts and manages to entertain in a casual way. It does handle Homers Odyssey in a modern way that does not make it offensive,

As before the Crewe series do deliver fun adverterous novels that seem to be written for a cinema release. For me it lacks the depth of their other work but they should be allowed to have some fun too. And honestly I will watch out for the next installment with pleasure.

Vicki Elia says

Audiobook Review

1 Star

A very foolish book that attempts to reconstruct parts of Homer's Odyssey in the guise of a Gideon Crew saga. I am sorely disappointed in this Preston & Child offering. It is phony, pathetic and pretentious, and seems to be written for the SyFy channel for a 2:00 a.m. airing. Once.

Homer is rolling over in his grave.

Kay says

This is the first book I've read where I did not like any of the main characters. A book is only enjoyable when you can connect to its characters and this was not the case with The Lost Island. A disappointing read.

Emily says

This book is by far my favorite of the Gideon Crew series. I was so happy when I got an advance copy from my local bookstore. I've been reading Preston & Child since I was a young girl and am happy that they have another series besides Pendergast. I found this book a quick but enjoyable read which I had difficulty in putting down. The plot remained interesting and was difficult to predict. I see this series becoming a new favorite for adventure loving readers.

Pamela Cathcart says

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How can my dear authors go so far astray? The beginning was all my dreams bundled together: palimpsests, the Book of Kells, Gideon fooling Sotheby's. Yum. Then before my very eyes, the plot was taken over by 12 year-old boys... the kind who spend their lives drawing pictures of monsters and running about going "raawarrrr." Gideon was sidelined by everyone else in the book: his partner, his employer, the island goings-on. I did finish the book, but it won't be pulled out again, and that's a first for a Preston & Child on my shelf.

Matthew says

For the first two books of the Gideon Crew series it was hard not to compare them to Preston and Child's Pendergast series. Unfortunately, when comparing to Pendergast, you have big shoes to fill. Up until now, those shoes were falling off because Crew's feet were too small. But, it seems like Crew has finally had a growth spurt in a big way!

The Lost Island was a fantastic, enthralling, and intricately crafted adventure. Combining science, technology, art, literature, history, adventure, and sarcastic comebacks, I was into this book from page one. In fact, while there is some back story in the first two books, I think if you are short on time you could read this one right after The Ice Limit - note: you HAVE TO read The Ice Limit first, or you may as well not even bother.

I think I am going to end this review here in order to avoid spoilers. But, know this, it is good, it is great, Preston and Child are the masters of the adventure mystery genre (is that a genre? If not, I am coining the phrase here!) You owe it to yourself to read Pendergast and Crew!

J.K. Grice says

I feel like Preston & Child are kind of stumbling through the Pendergast series at this point in time. So, I decided to give their latest character a try. I'm glad I did. Gideon Crew is a lot of fun, and **THE LOST ISLAND** is a grand adventure full of science and otherworldly wonders. This is how these two guys are supposed to write!! Excellent, fun read.

Toby Tate says

These guys never cease to amaze and entertain. I love all the Gideon Crew books, and this one is the greatest yet. Gideon and his pal, Ami, find a tribe of people and a bizarre creature living on a remote Caribbean island as they search for a plant whose chemical properties may even cure cancer! Action/adventure/sci-fi/horror at its best!

Dagny says

After my dissatisfaction with the second book in this series, I was thrilled that this turned out to be a good read.
