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Revelation Details

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Brian Matthews says

Revelation expands on the story of Bartholomew Owens, the mysterious old gentleman from *Forever Man*, while introducing a new threat that he and his protégé, Katie Bethel, must confront. While *Forever Man* was set in a small town in Michigan's Upper Peninsula with a large cast of characters, *Revelation* does the opposite: it spans the globe with a smaller cast. I wanted to give the book a different feel, give the reader different experience. As with the first novel in the series, *Revelation* explores themes of power, responsibility, and personal growth, the last of which often comes with a price tag.

I'm proud of *Revelation*, and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Wayne says

This was one of my reading for work novels of 2014, and, personal involvement aside, it was a fine addition to the first novel in the series. I won't say much about the story itself, for fear of spoilers, but suffice to say this installment is cosmic, in comparison to the first *Forever Man* book. Much bigger story. Enough said. Very well done on all counts.

Kasey Cocoa says

Matthews delivers a fast paced thrilling read with well developed characters and a plot that weaves through various locations. I like the main character and how he keeps his head through everything he goes through. The descriptions of each location bring them to life. This is a page-turning adventure that is difficult to put down once you start reading. I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review. This in no way influenced my opinion.

Jeff LaSala says

Revelation is a direct sequel to *Forever Man* and it very quickly ups the ante on the significance of their mysterious protagonist, Bartholomew Owens. (Though he is its epic hero, he often takes a deliberate backseat to the more relatable heroes and heroines.) I very much enjoyed the drawing back of the curtain—while appreciating that's never drawn back completely—of the “forever men” and their ongoing struggle against their evil counterparts. I would discourage anyone from reading this first but only because *Forever Man* is a must-read and sets the stage and tone of the series. One senses that, although this is a horror novel (and fittingly has some horrifying bits), the author's improving, evolving writing style is still somewhat understated. One senses that Brian Matthews is still ramping up to more unspeakable things. He is a literary fiend. I look forward to what comes next.

Carl Alves says

Revelation is the sequel to Brian Matthews's debut novel *Forever Man*, although it is not a direct continuation of the events in the first novel. This story starts with a firmly convinced atheist, Myles Knight, who runs a blog and tries to debunk any kind of religious relic or artefact. Knight receives a box with a religious artefact that he can't open, one that people are willing to kill for. On opposite sides of the fence are Bart Owens, an immortal being who is a defender of humanity, and Marbaes, a demon bent on the destruction of humanity. When Myles goes on the run with Bart and his sidekick Katie, they go on a journey that takes them to Africa, Rome, and Turkey. Meanwhile, Reverend Destiny, a radical right-wing preacher, is trying to ignite a fire against Muslims by preaching a very anti-Muslim sentiment. This all culminates at a rally in Dearborn, Michigan where Destiny plans on burning the Quran, and Bart and company must stop him.

I really enjoyed the buildup in this novel. Having read the first novel, I was immediately absorbed into this story. The novel starts off with a bang and is loaded with intrigue. As the story unfolds, more of the backstory that was missing in the first novel is slowly unveiled. The writing is strong and professional. It does what it is supposed to do—keep the reader into the story at all times.

I set the bar pretty high with this novel since *Forever Man* was one of the better novels I've read in recent times. The characters and mythology of this world are intricate and well designed. In comparison to the first novel, I thought the plot wasn't as tight. On the plus side, I really enjoyed the evolution and revelation (no pun intended) of Bart's character. I found that aspect of this novel to be fascinating and enriching. One area where I think this novel suffers is some aspects of believability in terms of character motivation and action. What stood out, in particular, was the notion that Reverend Destiny's denouncement of Islam would start a catastrophic war. People like Destiny exist in our world, and no such war has been started. Otherwise, the novel was moving and gripping and enjoyable to the end.

Carl Alves - author of *Two For Eternity*

Kim says

won this book! did not know that this was a sequel to another book until the very end.(which I plan on purchasing). great story line, knew some background on the characters. a great good vs. evil book.

Dlw32 says

I enjoyed this book quite a bit. Without giving spoilers, I was surprised at they resolution; very clever. I was kicking myself for not figuring it out.

There is a satisfying conclusion but also a clear lead in for the next book.

Alice Dinizo says

Miles Knight, survivor of a long-ago car crash that kills the rest of his family, lives alone and collects old religious relics. He invests heavily in a red bag that cannot be opened at all and thus finds himself in the company of ageless Owen Bartholomew, who was featured in Matthews' former works, and Owen's assistant Katie as they join to do battle against diabolical forces. With highly believable characters, great suspense and a well-created plotline that proceeds to an exciting conclusion, "Revelation" is not to be missed by Brian Matthews fans and anyone who watches the nightly news and wonders what is coming next in this perplexing world.

Natalie says

Disclaimer: I received this book from Library Thing Early Reviewers in exchange for an honest review. Revelation: A Forever Man Novel is about Miles Knight, a skeptic suddenly threatened by forces he cannot comprehend, scrambles to stay alive. He came into the possession of an ancient relic. Evil forces are after it - and him. Miles finds unexpected aid in Bartholomew Owens, the Forever Man, and his protégé, Katie Bethel. From the sleepy heartland of America to the corrupt dangers of Africa, from the forgotten ruins beneath the Vatican to the simmering heat of Istanbul — they race to secure the safety of mankind, and to ultimately stop a deranged reverend from unleashing a holocaust that could bring civilization to its knees.

I loved Forever Man. I always wondered about Bartholomew Owens. What he is and his the powers. I wondered about why he was the "Forever Man" The questions are answered in Revelation. This book was full of action and suspense. It brings into focus the problem of religious mania. Also the problem of religious prejudice.

Frank Errington says

Review copy

I can't believe it's been 2 years and four days since I reviewed the original Forever Man novel, a work I liked so much I gave it 5 stars. As far as the sequel goes, Revelation is even better than the original.

A fascinating mix of religion and adventure thrown into a blender with Brian W. Matthews' wild imagination. The result is a brilliant story that in some ways seems all too plausible.

Because what I read was an Advance Readers Copy, I'm not permitted to quote from the text (in case changes are made), so I'll have to restrain myself and just say there are some wickedly cool scenes in Revelation.

Filled with terrific characters, Miles Knight stands out as a milquetoast non-believer and the most unlikely of heroes.

Even if you haven't read the original book, which I suggest you do, Revelation works well as a stand alone novel.

Revelation is available now in paperback and a variety of electronic formats from the JournalStone website.

This one comes with my highest recommendation.

Christopher Payne says

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Teri says

Well I received this book as an early review from LibraryThing. I really almost put it down but thought let me push through to the end. I am so glad I did. Once I understood there was background being given while the story was developing I was hooked. I loved the power and energy and loved the characters. Watching Miles fighting through and understanding what he had walked into the middle of. Seeing how the past of Owens and Phillip was explained. Man an awesome read.

Then I realize the book is ending and dang it now I have to find the other books in the series to find out what happens next. I am hooked.

Mark Foley says

The first book, Forever Man was an "I can't put it down". I read a prerelease copy of Revelation . This one is better! :Brian teased some changes based on feedback from ore-readers. Looking forward to the actual final book

Sue Matthews says

If you had questions about the mysterious Bart Owens from Forever Man, this sequel will answer many of them! Weaving new faces into the tapestry of Bart's life, Matthews gives us an interestingly intricate story

structure and meticulously researched venues, history, and characters. While some of the events are disturbing, they are essential to the development of the story. Indeed, there is nothing gratuitous about the journey each person must travel to come together at the climax. I was lucky enough to beta read this novel through the writing process, but I still can't wait to read it again.

Lillian Cummings says

I received this book in exchange of an honest review. Poor Miles can't get a break. There is a force that can bring mankind to it's knees. Miles is lucky as he has help from Bart & Katie. He becomes a believer
