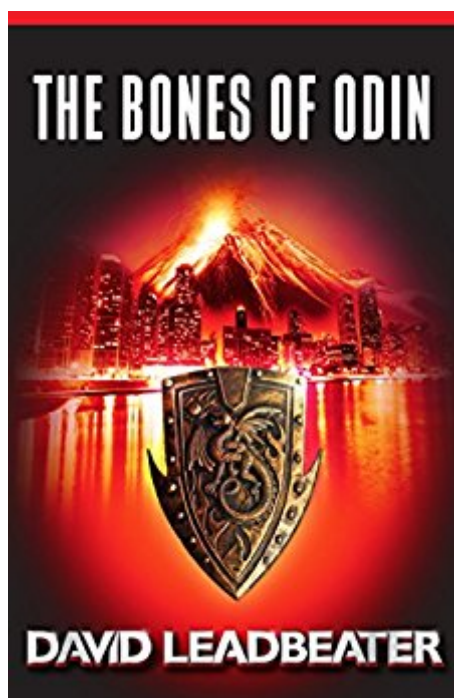


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

"The Bones of Odin" by David Leadbeater (@dleadbeater2011) is an fast-paced thrill-ride of a book where the action starts on page 1 and doesn't let up as hero Matt Drake and his cohorts battle the bad guys throughout locales as exotic as Paris and as dangerous as the inside of a supervolcano. (click here for Mr. Leadbeater's blog). My taste in genres is pretty broad. I like a deep, introspective mystery or epic sci-fi saga as much as the next person, but sometimes as a reader I want to dive into something a bit more straightforward. To grab some popcorn, settle into my seat and get swept away as the bullets fly and bodies fall into bottomless pits. "The Bones of Odin" absolutely delivered and I had a lot of fun reading it. If (when, hopefully) some smart person in Hollywood decides to turn "Bones" into a movie, there is no doubt in my mind it will be a Summer Blockbuster starring the latest stars. There are plenty of big action scenes, starting with the opening set in York, England at -- of all things -- a fashion show attacked by masked terrorists. There is also a mystery here, a riddle revolving around the mythology of Odin, the Norse "Father of all Gods and Men" and the Nine Pieces of Odin, which may spell the end of the world as we know it if put together just right. This mystery propels the action forward, as ex-SAS officer Drake and his team -- including a damaged New York City detective and a naive university student/musician -- race to collect the Pieces before the bad guys. That's bad guys, plural, and they are truly deliciously drawn in their evilness. On the flip side, the good guys are good but not infallible, and one of the things I enjoyed was how Drake came to terms with the fact that he is no longer capable of the same feats as while on active service with the SAS. The dialogue and interplay between the characters sparkles, which means even exposition-heavy scenes as Drake and crew unravel the mystery don't slow the flow of the story. I highly recommend adding "The Bones of Odin" to your eReader of choice for the beach, on a fishing trip, the airplane ride, those lazy summer days and nights -- anywhere, really. It is a fast, fun and

exciting read, and I'm pleased to see Mr. Leadbeater has a second Matt Drake book out, which is going on my To-Read List.

Wow. Terribly written. I was very surprised when it never improved. The phrasing, the visuals, the characters (caricatures of themselves)... it was like reading a B-movie, as described by that one awkward cousin.

I had hoped this was a new series for me but unfortunately not. The plot is very transparent and the main villain and final showdown places are obvious from the very beginning. The book jumps from one fight scene to the other and fails to build up any suspense due to the constant fighting. The plot is furthermore very unrealistic and the reason behind the "tomb" is never explored, likely because no believable background can be given. All in all I wish I had never bought this book.

I was searching for stories about Loki, when "The Bones of Odin" appeared as a search result. I'd never heard of David Leadbeater, or Matt Drake, so I thought "Why not?" The price was right, and I needed something to read. I was hooked! The story grabbed me from the opening chapter, and I finished the book in less than 3 hours. I had to buy the next three books instantly...I was afraid I wouldn't be able to get them if I waited! The stories are well written, the legends well researched, and the characters are relatable and lifelike. The villains, and the terror they wield, really scare you. I have recommended David Leadbeater and the Matt Drake series to quite a few people now. I wish the stories were available in print, as my Mum and Dad would love to read them...however, as much as I love my parents, I'm not willing to be without my Kindle that long! I can't wait to see what else happens to Matt, Mai, Alicia and company in future adventures. I'm completely caught up with the series, and I am anxiously awaiting the next installment. It was a lucky day for me when I searched for Loki and found Matt Drake!

Great action in this one with strong female characters, good and bad. What a delightful change of pace from a male author! While some of the action gets a little hokey and far fetched, this is fiction, so just go with it. The downside to this novel is, as usual, not enough historical detail to support the overall story. If you overlook that, it is a fun read with really likable characters, a sense of humor, and the hero isn't a GI JOE or a Marvel comic book creation. He is very human and well-developed. The female characters, however, are what make this book stand out so much. It is rare a male author gets it right when creating female leads, and this guy almost did. As is so common, the

females are just too cookie cutter perfect, in too many male fantasy ways, but still, they carry the story really well. I look forward to reading more of this author.

The Bones of Odin was enjoyable enough to warrant reading the two in the series after it and I will read the 4th and 5th. The characters were interesting for the most part and I found myself caring about the protagonists which to me is a good sign for continuing with a series. There was much action mixed with historical and mythical intrigue. The combination of military, CIA, police and obscenely rich and loopy bad guy is one that appears quite often in this kind of story and on this occasion it worked alright. Escapism is the best single word that comes to mind when I think of this book, which is something I do tend to enjoy. In this case I found the ratio of escapism to realism leaned heavily on the escapism side. Once I worked that out I just accepted it and kept reading. I would have relished the book if the plot contained a bit more substance. I failed to understand (maybe my fault entirely) what the massive problem was that the protagonists were trying to deal with. At times I wondered what they were doing and why and if they should just roll their eyes at the bad guys and go home. What was the worst that could have happened? Well I don't know and I guess that's my point. I would recommend this book if asked. The author writes well and entertains and I am positive that there will be improvement and polish with each book.

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