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Off the coast of South Korea, a young boy discovers a cave that is coated in human blood. Less than a week later, everyone in his village disappears....

In Saudi Arabia, a female archaeologist unearths an artifact that threatens the historical foundation of Islam. To some Muslims, it is a discovery that must be silenced at all costs.

Meanwhile, in a secret bunker run by U.S. intelligence, the unthinkable has happened. While interrogating one of the world's most dangerous terrorists, an American soldier is brutally executed and no one knows why.

Jonathon Payne and David Jones, his former commanders, offer to spearhead the investigation. They quickly realize that there is more to this atrocity than terrorist reprisal—there is a plot in motion that will burn the world in the fires of a holy war. And it's up to them to stop it.

Sword of God Details

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Tim Pendry says

This was surprisingly good considering it is yet another of the surge of books mixing Middle Eastern politics and at least the implication of ancient secrets.

Kuzneski can write without cliché when he wants to, but when he does cliché, wow does he go to town - the 'machismo' of the hero and his sidekick (who kept reminding me of the Lone Ranger and Tonto for some reason) in the early chapters was just OTT.

But, despite this caveat and the usual necessary unbelievabilities which are part of this genre, this is worth reading because the investigation of the dark side of the war on terror is spot-on.

Enough of interest to make it a good light read thriller: it would also make a good Denzel Washington-type movie, with a bit of tweaking (unfortunately, because of the subject matter, this film will never be made ... read it to work out why).

Allan says

Like his previous novel, *The Sign Of The Cross*, this is a fairly fast-paced action thriller and a very easy read - ideal holiday or travel reading.

With Payne and Jones back as the main heroes of the piece and with several plot twists, it's an entertaining read.

Daizymaine says

It was an ok read. Entertaining, good mystery with a lot of twists but some of them went nowhere. Some of the characters are never really fully developed.

Tony says

Chris Kuzneski- *Sword of God* (Berkley Publishing 2007) 3.5 Stars

When a boy from South Korea discovers a cave full of blood near his village, he has no idea how it will affect his fellow villagers. In Saudi Arabia a major archaeological discovery has just been made. The U.S. has called in Payne and Jones on a black ops mission, but neither knows exactly why they have been called in, nor what is going on. Left to figure things out on their own they have decided to handle things in their own way. Unearthing a plot that could put the world at war once again, they must put a stop to things before it is too late.

The introduction was intriguing; it grabs your attention and makes you curious about where it is going to lead. The characters were interesting and added depth to the book. The plot was good, with some great twists that kept you guessing. It weaved in and out, but I did find that I was wishing that it would focus more on the

main people, instead of digressing with the two groups of other people who tied in at the end. It was interesting to learn a little more about the Muslim religion. Overall the book was not bad, a good one time read.

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Julian Lees says

An easy read with plenty of action but I found it wasn't taut enough.

Neil says

Book 3 in the Payne and Jones series, and it is easy to see that the writer is gaining in confidence. Once again this was a fairly easy read, quite fast paced, although as others have pointed out you do need to suspend belief at certain points. I seem to have read an early version as the number of typo's soon got to be frustrating, hopefully they have now been corrected.

Once again the writer has blended fact and fiction together. Initially there seemed to be 3 different plot lines, and they just about tied together in the end. Sometimes cliches were overused, and there was a definite attempt at stereotyping going on.

Possibly a book which will not appeal to all, but if you are travelling, or on a holiday, this might entertain. Some advance warning is given about various plot twists, but not all of these twists lead anywhere, and either get ignored or discarded. Not an engrossing read, but something that you can put down and pick back up again without having to think too hard about the plot.

Angie Rhodes says

Once again Chris Kuzneski has written a book to loose yourself in, one that brings to mind Indiana Jones and Tomb Raider, an ancient scriptures is what makes Shari Shashmeen travel to the holy city of Mecca, while halfway around the world a covert military bunker holds a secret, and both of these could lead to Armageddon.

It will keep you turning the pages at break - neck speed! Loved it

Raza Mustafa says

Book Review: Sword of God

The premise of the book is a planned attack in the heart of Islam à la 9/11. The plan is masterminded by an

Arab Muslim who recruits highly trained American soldiers for the task; the idea is to unite all the Muslims and all the sects and schisms of Islam to fight against the mighty US in the wake of the catastrophe.

Not only is the premise preposterous, but the book that is supposed be a thriller gives away the plot when you're half way through it. All the Arab men are described as barbaric with no emotions in them whatsoever; there is an exception of a young Arab man, who the author shows has a change of heart just so that the book could reach its conclusion.

The only reason I wanted to finish the book was to find out how it would pan out. During the last 50 pages, I lost interest and was skimming through pages.

Cheryle Leggett says

WOW! What an author. Chris Kuzneski definately has a way with words.

The characters are fantastic, as are the stories. It's a great thriller, but it's got it's funny moments in it - mostly due to the two main characters.

When I wasn't near the book, all I wanted was to read it, and when I was reading it, I just wanted to know what would happen next. It really is gripping.

Helen Birkbeck says

Similar style/content to Dan Brown and Paul Sussman (RIP) but in my view nowhere near as good. The characters were one-dimensional with no development and the author couldn't seem to decide whether he was trying to be humorous or not. The plot seemed disjointed and what it had to do with any sword of God I'm still not sure!

Paul Bourke says

Cuts to the heart of cultural differences.

Another killer story with Payne and Jones in the thick of it. I really enjoy the scale of the stories so far in the series. While, like all action stories, there are things that are quite contrived and just too lucky to be true, these can be overlooked for the sheer entertainment value. Bring on the next international saga for Payne and Jones to tackle!

Geoff Battle says

Sword is the third book by Kuzneski featuring the two US military characters, Payne and Jones and is a standalone story, with little connectivity between previous volumes. The author is clearly becoming more confident with the characters as the series progresses, creating more banter between the likeable protagonists. Kuzneski has adapted his writing style to feature less of the pointless cliffhangers than marred his previous

book. The distracting feature of Sword of God is that for most of the book it feels like two distinctly separate plots. That said, this approach does keep the reader keen to see how they ultimately converge. In fairness, the Sword of God title is although a minor point in the story, almost added to ride the Dan Brown coattails, and as a result Sword of God is less religious-thriller than you would think. To explain the genre would be to spoil the suspense, yet the fact remains that Sword is a fascinating read, even though it's rather simple and derivative.

William Bentrin says

Sword of God by Chris Kuzneski

Novels that read like current events are frequently frightening. This portrayal of an orchestrated mass murder to unite the diverse elements of Islam is very disturbing. The disturbing aspect is that it seemed eminently probable.

Jonathan Payne is larger than life and a good combination of Bruce Lee and John Wayne. His side kick D.J. Jones is a tad more believable. The novel does a nice job in the portrayal of feared elements both abroad and in our own government.

Sadly some of the behavior of those who wish this nation harm lead to an acceptance of deplorable means to stop them. This is a sobering look at terrorism and what it creates in both perpetrator and victim.

This is slam bang, thank you mum action and violence that is entertaining, easily read and digested but not for the faint of heart.

I recommend the book.

Santosh says

Disappointing. Could not finish the book and left it midway. The suspense is not potent enough to hold you even after 100+ pages and the religious angle does not hold promise for a great reading experience. May be worth read of you have no books packed on a long flight but surely you will deviate if you have 100 books waiting to be read on your kindle.

Casey says

Fun Read
