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Un tesoro hundido. Un antiguo artefacto bíblico. Un misterio tan viejo como la humanidad. El 25 de enero de 1829, el bergantín portugués Dourado se hundió cerca de las costas de Indonesia, perdiendo su invaluable carga de tesoros de Tierra Santa. Una de las reliquias perdidas es la clave de un antiguo misterio. Pero hay alguien que no quiere que este tesoro salga a la luz. Cuando su padre es asesinado mientras investigaba acerca del Dourado, Kaylin Maxwell contrata al cazador de tesoros y ex soldado de la marina Dane Maddock y a su compañero Uriah «Bones» Bonebreak, para encontrar al Dourado y recuperar el artefacto bíblico, la verdad detrás de la cual podría sacudir los cimientos de la iglesia y pondría en duda las verdades fundamentales acerca de la existencia humana. Únete a Dane y Bones en una peligrosa aventura que los llevará desde las profundidades del océano Pacífico hasta las antiguas ciudades de piedra mientras desentrañan el misterio del Dourado.

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## From Reader Review DOURADO for online ebook

### **Matt Kelland says**

Formulaic, full of cliches, and becomes increasingly extreme, ending up in Crystal Skulls territory.

Renegade priest finds artifact whose existence could shatter the Church, loses it in a shipwreck, leaves clues to its whereabouts. Centuries later, a team of treasure hunters, who all happen to be ex-SEALs, and who also happen to be world-class archaeologists, world-class linguists and world-class cryptographers, and can hack into any computer in the world (and also apparently have limitless funds), are contacted by the drop-dead gorgeous daughter of their former commander (who also, coincidentally, happens to have been a world-class archaeologist, etc, etc), and they go off round the world seeking the artifact in lots of famous places, whilst being chased by a secret yet ruthless faction of the church whose sole purpose appears to be to prevent this artifact from surfacing.

It's also plagued by irritating editing mistakes, such as referring to a gun as a ".9mm" - which would be kinda like shooting rice at people.

That said, it's a fun, fast read if you like this kind of thing - which, as it happens, I do. It delivers exactly what you expect, it's undemanding, and it's entertaining.

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### **C says**

#### **Length much better**

The longer length of this book allows the author to develop both plot and characters much better. I also enjoy action novels such as these that are not full of profanity.

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### **Phillip Berrie says**

I read this book because I listen to Thrillercast (Google it!), a podcast on writing action thrillers presented by the author and Australian writer Alan Baxter, and I wanted to see what Mister Wood's writing was like. This is not my normal type of book and to tell the truth I wasn't expecting a lot, but despite some continuity issues I have to admit it was a page turner.

This is the first in the Dane Maddock series. He's an ex-navy SEAL who has gone into the treasure hunting business with some of his ex-military buddies. Lots left unsaid about why the still young Maddock and his friends are no longer in the forces, so I can see there is going to be a lot of character development in this series for those who like such things.

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## **Debbie West says**

suspenseful!! This book kept me on my toes the whole time. I couldn't wait to get to the next scene. I enjoyed seeing Dane's & Bones' characters play out, as well as Kaylin's. The story line was great, a little weird in the end, hard to believe. But it's fiction..not to be believed but written to be believable in context. And it was that! I became lost in the caves' tunnels, but that didn't last too long. All in all I enjoyed this story tremendously and look forward to reading more of the Dane Maddix adventures. He's a SEAL Indiana Jones with a Cherokee sidekick! I have Cherokee ancestors so I definitely liked reading about Bones! Can't wait to read another book!

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## **Cece Garrison says**

### **Adventurous ride**

Dane Mattock and Bones Bonebrake once again set off on a great adventure. This time with the sword of Goliath into Petra. This time he finds more than he bargained for, perhaps even a little faith.

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## **Kathy says**

What a great action adventure! I recommend it to anyone who is a fan of James Rollins and Clive Cussler. This is a classy series.

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## **J.F. Penn says**

Full video review here: <http://mysterythriller.tv/dourado-by-...>

I like prologues in thrillers and this one opens with a shipwreck – the Dourado is destroyed and the precious cargo goes down with it. Then we skip to the present day and the action starts.

The main character is Dane Maddock who is similar to Cussler's Dirk Pitt, a strong but wounded scuba diving marine archaeologist.

We meet Dane in an opening fight scene where he and his crew take on Caribbean pirates – we see that they can fight and take lives. On return to port, Kaylin, the daughter of a military colleague finds them and asks them to help her with a shipwreck. Of course she is beautiful, but I don't mind cliches in action-adventure, fast moving plots! I did like the character of Bones, who is set up as a sidekick but actually has some of the best lines in the book.

So the characters are set up for the mystery – what's in the shipwreck? They start with a stolen diary, and then find hints of the story of David and Goliath. It turns out that the treasure is the sword of Goliath, but what does that really mean? No spoilers but it was definitely a surprise to me when we find out who Goliath really was and how the sword came to be out there in the world, and what is contained deep in the earth.

There are lots of fight scenes, some good locations including Petra in Jordan which is an amazing place and very atmospheric for the climax. I like quest stories with biblical overtones so the hunt for Goliath's sword

and tomb interests me. I actually think the book should have been called Goliath or something similar as the Dourado hardly features. Recommended if you like action-adventure books.

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### **David Dalton says**

I will try to write a longer review later. This was a fun read, but to me, it seemed like a Dirk Pitt "lite" story. Mainly because it seemed to me to be missing something. More details maybe, or more action and better character development. Like a snack that does not fill you up. 3 stars is best this story merits from me. I have read many Dirk Pitt, Jack West, and Philip Mercer stories and they all seemed to satisfy me, this just left me still hungry. Still, I read this book as part of a 4-story collection I picked up for \$0.99, so I will give the next story a shot. But now I know what to expect and will be ready for that. Heck, I sometimes like to watch "B" cheapie action movies (straight to DVD) so why not with e-books as well?

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### **Sandra Olson says**

#### **Interesting**

Interesting characters and storyline. Author did a great deal of research in history and religion. Can't say that I agree with some of it, but it makes for an interesting story.

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### **Greg Destro says**

Somewhat rough around the edges, but Interesting for the most part, and definitely a fast read. If you are a fan of James Rollins or Dan Brown, you might want to give this a shot - just be aware that it is fairly violent at times, though it is in context, and not overly excessive. 3.5 stars.

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### **Nate Granzow says**

A light, fun read. Maddock's the quintessential superhero thriller protagonist, with background as a Navy SEAL and ruggedly handsome features the (rather flat) love interest can't help but swoon over. The storyline is pretty out there, and there's no shortage of deus ex machina at work, but in the spirit of suspending one's disbelief, it was still entertaining. The endearing, snarky relationship between Maddock and his partner, Bones, is probably the most redeeming element of the story—reminiscent of Cussler's Dirk Pitt and Al Giordino. Overall, a solid start to the series. I'd be willing to give Maddock and company another go.

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### **Kara Jorges says**

I acquired this book after reading some reviews and was pleasantly rewarded. David wood has an engaging style and his characters are fun, likeable people I want to visit again. Dane Maddock has everything I look for in an adventure hero, and his sidekick Bones stands out as much more than just a sidekick.

Their adventure begins when an old friend is murdered and they agree to assist the man's daughter in finding his killers. This also puts them on the trail of a shocking Biblical relic, and in the sights of some very dangerous men. They also dodge danger every step of the way as they hop the globe on their quest.

I'm always on the lookout for a new adventure writer, and most of them disappoint me, but not David Wood. This book was pure, fast-action fun from beginning to end, and I will definitely read others by this author.

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### **Ted Tayler says**

"Lacked that vital spark for me I'm afraid"

Despite there being no lack of content in this action adventure, and the writing being of a pretty good standard, somehow I was never gripped with any enthusiasm to eagerly turn the pages.

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### **Amanda says**

poorly written.

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### **Freda Malone says**

In 1829 a Portuguese brig, the Dourado sunk just off the coast of Indonesia, carrying priceless artifacts. Though the ship was salvaged many many years later, a certain piece of cargo was lost - or was it? Dane Maddock and his SEAL buddies have retired and become archaeologists. Their SEAL commander is murdered and his daughter seeks out Maddock to enlist his help on a project her father was involved in. Needless to say, his death wasn't from natural causes and it is up to Maddock to solve one of the most ancient biblical stories in the bible. David and Goliath, but someone ('The Church') doesn't want the truth revealed.

This story, though fictional was shocking. Just imagine that the bible is nothing more than an exaggeration of true but sugar coated tales of people (or not) roaming the world and discovering things. Ordinary men and women who's DNA is derived from something more 'out of this world'. Leaning more toward the scientific level of my imagination, I can see how some things very well could be plausible about the bible and our DNA, and let's get real. Where did we really come from? How did the human race evolve? Who are our ancestors, and how far back can we go to find out? My mother went as far back as 100 years. How much of the truth about our world, including our people is under guard, deep within the recesses of churches, the White House, Private Museums, and underground?

James Rollins is still my favorite though, hands down. David Wood's novels are imaginative and creative with a few great twists that make it thought provoking. This series definitely has my attention!

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