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Ben Hope está harto de su frenética vida como rescatador de víctimas de secuestros y decide retomar sus estudios de Teología. Pero, conociéndose, tendría que haber sabido que el destino lo conduciría por un camino menos tranquilo.

Para Ben, la búsqueda de la desaparecida arqueóloga bíblica Zoë Bradbury pronto se convierte en la misión más peligrosa en la que se ha visto involucrado jamás. ¿Qué antiguo secreto ha descubierto Zoë?

En el transcurso de su investigación, de Grecia al sudeste de Estados Unidos pasando por la ciudad santa de Jerusalén, descubre que no son únicamente su vida y la de Zoë las que están en peligro. Debe luchar por impedir un desastre que podría provocar nada menos que el fin del mundo, tal y como se predice en el Apocalipsis...

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### Wayne says

As with the first 2 books, this is action packed, fast paced and enjoyable. However, issues are starting to form, the luck of the hero, the ease of outsmarting the bad guys, there's no real anticipation of what might happen next. Its things like this that that will not raise these books to more than just an easy action series.

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### Pam Boulton says

#### n excellent thriller

Each these books seem to be pacifier than the last. I really thought that they couldn't get any better but th have! They are addictive. Ben Hope is a multifaceted character. A tough man with a softer side. This character has grown with the books. A really well drawn character.

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### Vilde says

2.5

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### Richard says

6.5/10

It's time to play a game of "Make up your own generic adventure title!"

Pick one word from the left column and one word from the right column below:

Beethoven Conspiracy  
Cairo Secret  
Hindenburg Seal  
Hitler Legacy  
Newton Treasure  
Oprah Cypher  
Churchill Code  
Kennedy Prophecy  
Gandhi Relic  
Einstein Curse

Combine the two words with "The" prefixing them and there you go. Title created and the plot now needs to

be loosely based on those words. Example:

*The Gandhi Relic* - Gandhi's flip flop is secretly hidden but within the sole is a code on how world peace can be achieved.

*The Newton Secret* - It was really a pear that dropped on Newton's head to aid him in defining gravity.

*The Beethoven Code* - Beethoven has written a code in Ode to Joy which reveals the whereabouts of a priceless jewel.

*The Kennedy Conspiracy* - well that one just writes itself I guess.

This seems to be the game that Scott Mariani plays to help with his books, or at least the two I've read. The book is predominantly about Ben Hope finding someone's kidnapped daughter and bringing her home safe but later on the bible is mentioned and some bomb at a holy site. It's pretty generic and didn't stand out in terms of plot.

What did make this much better was the audio narration. The voices were done really well and the pacing of the reading made the action more tense than it probably would have been on paper. The narrator is one of the best I've listened to in my limited audiobook history.

This isn't going to win any awards but it does what I wanted it to do. Mindless action with a bit of plot thrown in where I can dip in and out without needing to concentrate too hard. I definitely think that audio is the way to go in this series and would be happy picking up the next in the series as a bit of filler down the line. Now, I'm going to finish off writing "The Einstein Curse" about scientists who are cursed with crazy hair.

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### **Rosalyn says**

Brilliant and full of action as always but with a very sad twist.

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### **Syazwanie Winston abdullah says**

This is quite fast-paced. Not too many drama. Just nice enough info on the historical facts. There are some parts where I felt it was not needed but guess, Scott Mariani needed fillers. Now I need to hunt for the other 16 Ben Hope's books.

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### **Leonardo Navarro says**

Tuve que continuar con la saga porque de verdad me gusta. Y me sigue gustando. Pienso que éste fue el más ambicioso de los que he leído, aunque no me atrapó tanto como los dos anteriores. En este, Ben Hope se trata de retirar de su «ajetreada vida», pero algo surge y tiene que volver a la marcha andante de su desastrosa profesión.

Me he fijado que la experiencia con el armamento de Scott Mariani siempre está presente en todas sus novelas. Y en esta más. Es interesante la descripción cuando quepa debidamente en la narrativa, y en casos que ayuden a la escena, pero hay veces que simplemente no van y restan acción y fluidez.

Sentí que las cosas pasaban muy rápido. Es raro, porque éste es el más largo de los tres que he leído y lo sentí como el más liviano y hasta más corto. Hubieran capítulos súper desechables, pero no me quejo. En cuanto a la trama completa estuvo muy bien hecha, con algunas cosillas rebuscadas pero era de esperarse. Y sí, hay cosas que te darán mucha rabia, pero un cuanto insignificantes por el poco tiempo en el que transcurre la historia.

Ben Hope sigue siendo el mismo. ¿Leeré el próximo en la serie? Sí, lo haré. Lo haré porque de todas los libros así éstos son los que más me han atrapado. Ya veremos cómo sigue.

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## Steve Braker says

The Doomsday Prophecy is a great romp taking out hero Ben Hope through loads of different great locations the investigative research Scott Mariani put into this novel is considerable and should be lauded.

The book has a rather depressed hero throughout the story which does reduce the enjoyment somewhat as poor Ben had recently had a dreadful loss in his life and is finding hard to move on, this guy is fictional, and the troupe is rough, rugged hero carrying loads of problems. I think maybe Ben was given too much to carry for this book; his drinking, religion and smoking are enough for any poor hero to carry!

The book starts as always with Ben trying to escape from his current life and renew himself; this is a recurring theme in the Ben Hope collection of books. I am not sure why Scott continually brings it up, the poor guy has to face it he is an action hero that needs to get on with his life.

However, the story is a real page-turner I thoughtfully enjoyed how Scott Mariani weaves the early chapters together dragging poor Ben Hope back into his life of violence and killing doing what he does best finding people that are lost. The twist on the story using his old professor as a link to the violence is good, and it gets us embroiled in the story.

The journey for this book is extensive as I have said earlier, the work Scott must have put into ensure the accuracy of the locations and people must have been extensive. He starts off by killing his best friend which is always a good thing for Ben, so he can feel even worse. We then go on a wild journey which starts in the UK then through the Mediterranean over to the states and back to the Middle East. Ben in his usual style leaves a pile of bodies in each location; the action is fast a furious and never stopping he seems to walk from one situation straight into the next which is great for such a book.

As always the Bible features heavily in the Doomsday Prophecy all of the Ben Hope books do, but Scott masterfully intertwines the stories Ben has to deal with into the plot, the book name is a bit of a giveaway, but there are plenty of surprises waiting for the eager reader to come up against. The final twists are good enough to be believable, the links to the CIA are a little far fetched. I think if Scott could have kept us in with the first American involved then it would have been better; it seemed to me that Scott hit a writers corner, the first Yank was not bad enough, so he needed another baddy with comparable skills to Ben to ensure the story kept its inertia. I agree, as a humble action adventure writer of nowhere near the skills of Scott Mariani I am always trying to write myself out of a corner!

I have read the Doomsday Prophecy more times than I can count, whenever I need some inspiration on keeping a story moving and using the troupe and his faults to its fullest I revert to a good Scott Mariani, Ben Hope book.

This is a great book to read; I give it five full stars as action adventure it really does not get much better, long may Ben Hope keep falling off the waggon then heading back into the life he so wants to leave.

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## Sue Seaman says

love this authot

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## Terence M says

Audio Book - 10 hours 24 minutes - 3.5 rounded up to 4.0 stars out of 5.0

Finishing book 2 of my mini-binge of Ben Hope novels, I am pleased that the Hope character in "The Doomsday Prophecy" has pretty much lived up to the expectations engendered by reading book #0.5, "Passenger 13" and book #2, "The Mozart Conspiracy". Ben Hope is a 'hero', not in the true sense of the word, but he is our own sort-of-super fighting hero who manages to get out of tough and tricky situations without too much suspension-of-belief requirements on the reader's part. The prose is well-written for an action-thriller as there is almost non-stop action and a building of 'thriller' suspense through to the end. The end ... yes, I could say it was somewhat unsatisfactory, but given the theme and the plot and the fact that "Doomsday" features in the book title, it would be churlish for me to be too critical of the last hour or so of this adventure novel because I really enjoyed the whole thing.

There are sufficient 'I like you' indications of attraction by and to the opposite gender in the story and fortunately none of the 'panting, rip the clothes off, quick leg-over sex' that seems mandatory in a lot of action-thriller novels. Not that there is anything wrong with 'panting, rip the clothes etc., sex', but Scott Mariani has forsaken the archetype and imbued our hero with some sensitivity and probably a little warmth, despite his rugged SAS backstory.

I am about to push the iPod play button on book #1, "The Alchemist's Secret", which I appear not to have read/listened to, despite my penchant for following an author's character in strict reading order. I 'Hope' that I enjoy this, my fourth Ben Hope novel as much as the previous three. :-)

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## Matt says

Let's round it up to 3.5 stars. Come on Goodreads, bring us a more detailed rating system!!!

Scott Mariani continues to impress with his third novel in the Ben Hope series. With continued enthusiasm, Mariani pushes Hope to the brink to entertain readers until the final pages. Having made a promise to his wife that he would retire from this dangerous life once and for all, Ben Hope formally retirement. With distant thoughts of life in the SAS and then as a kidnap and ransom operative, Hope attends a local wedding, ready to return to his theological studies. While there, an old colleague approaches him for work, though Hope has little to offer, proudly announcing that he is 'out of the game'. Soon after returning to Oxford, Hope is summoned by a former professor and asked to undertake a special mission. Erratic biblical archeologist Zoe Bradbury has gone off the radar and her family is trying to determine if she is alive and well. Citing his dedication to his studies, Hope passes the easy case off to his friend, who sets out for the Greek Islands. When Hope receives a panicked call, he agrees to come and help sift through the mess. A bomb blast in a crowded area leaves many dead and Hope on the case to find Bradbury, if only to determine what has been going on. Meanwhile, Bradbury has been held by a group who are trying to extract a secret from her, one that could change Christianity forever. Hope follows the trail from Greece to the American Deep South, where he discovers the pull of evangelical Christianity and the sway it holds over many. Might

Bradbury have discovered something to do with the Book of Revelations, the cornerstone to the End of Days prophecies by which many evangelicals live and breathe? Hope will stop at nothing to find out, even if it means battling a fiery preacher and a rogue collective of CIA operatives. Armed with a single CIA agent he can trust in Alex Fiorante, Hope pulls out every stop to bring this mission to a successful completion. Whether or not he finds Bradbury, he is in the crosshairs of a few ruthless killers and a fundamentalist sect who will stop at nothing to bring about their own End of Days. Another piece that ramps up the energy while delivering a punch to the gut. Highly recommended for those who like a fast-paced mystery that delves into areas some might call taboo!

Mariani has done a wonderful job to continue the development of Ben Hope's backstory. While much is going on in his present, including the death of a loved one, the reader continues to sift through his past to discover his dedication to theological studies. That said, I have a hard time picturing an Anglican priest fighting crime, but stranger things have happened. Ben Hope will always be SAS, as it is embedded into his psyche. He will also always foster a desire to help those who have been taken, a.k.a his K&R work. However, he does not remain stagnant, shooting and killing while scooping and running. He trips on the mysteries of the world, becoming more academic and pensive in his actions. Mariani offers the reader this multi-faceted approach and it works well for the series so far. True, there is a long way to go, but with constant character development and background foundational support, Ben Hope will never become stale, as some characters in the genre have started to lose their lustre. Turning to the story at hand, it pulls on the drama of a missing person search with the undertones of something scandalous that could change the world. I will admit that this did not hold my attention as much as I would have liked. Perhaps the topic at hand, the truth of the Book of Revelations, was a little too weighty for Mariani to tackle in the pages of this book, but the pace at which he developed the story was decent. The narrative kept the plot clipping along and moving from scene to scene, as well as various locales. The trademark hinged narrative is back again, though the primary plot remains dangling for close to the entire story, allowing readers to feel a sense of completion only when the last chapter presents a final period. A slight dip in the overall delivery, but I was still hooked on seeing where Hope would take things and whether there would be another of those 'single novel no strings' romances.

Kudos, Mr. Mariani for keeping me entertained throughout. I have a large audio stack to go, so best forge onwards and lose myself in another Ben Hope thriller.

Love/hate the review? An ever-growing collection of others appears at:  
<http://pecheyponderings.wordpress.com/>

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### **Robert says**

Thrills and spills and all are okay but this is like screenplay turned into a novel. Anything can be done in a book. No expense is involved no matter how fantastic. So what this book needed was more research into Revelation and Christian extremist politics and less words about helicopters crashing.

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### **Kerry says**

A fast paced thrilling story of kidnap, power struggles, political machinations, bribery and religion. Ben Hope is his usual magnificent well trained one man fighting machine and war zone rolled into one. At times I did wonder why he was eliminating so many people just for one spoilt selfish bratty rich girl??? However as always the book was a page turner with unexpected twists along the way. It helps that Ben Hope is gorgeous,

caring and heroic and wants to see truth come to light. Another great book in the series and definitely worth a read.

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### **David Highton says**

Good fast paced stuff, pretty violent and pretty far-fetched

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### **Kike says**

La primera parte es bastante frustrante, pero a partir de la segunda las cosas mejoran, lleno de acción como nos tiene acostumbrado Mariani y al final resulta bastante satisfactorio.

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