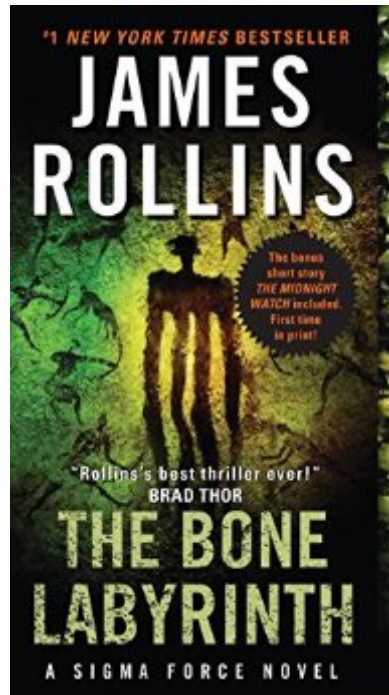


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

I've been entertained by most of Rollins' books and that is part of the problem. One of the more peculiar traps an author of action series can trap themselves in is the memories the readers have of their earlier books in the series. There's also the "hazard" of presenting material relevant to a member of a specific discipline who might not be able to successfully suspend their disbelief. Rollins in this instance presents us with an alternative to the library in the Map of Bones, where the surviving Alexandrian Library and presumably massed information from the millennia since the library was destroyed were spirited away for the benefit of mankind, once we become worthy. Now, we are presented in a second novel, also with "Bone" in the title, with a second and even more potentially astonishing trove of information, left over from the "emergence" of intelligence in humans during the Wisconsin glacial. The earlier novel hints at a Clarke-like transformation of - some - humanity a la Childhood's End. This most recent story apparently concerns a library that covers more "how we got here," than where we could go from here. Then there's the other side of the coin. I am an archaeologist. I enjoy these kinds of stories. They tackle the weirdnesses around the edges of the profession and generally are entertaining. But ... almost all such stories lean very heavily on the peculiar notion that our ancestors were ignorant and not very bright. Thus you get individuals exclaiming about the precision with which the pyramids were constructed when in fact, equipped with water, a marked stick, and patience and imagination, anyone can create a level surface of just about any imaginable scale. With larger scale areas, helpers are advised.

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