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Returning to Rome from a forced sabbatical, a Jesuit cardinal discovers that a dark force born of vengeance from an ancient religion has been unleashed against the world. Thrust into an end-game scenario, the cardinal joins with a dedicated team of Israeli and Spanish scientists as they race across the globe to stop an unspeakable evil ... only to discover that they may already be too late. Once again, the meticulous background research that has become the hallmark of author John Lyman's novels is evident in this bone-chilling sequel to his bestselling book, "God's Lions – The Secret Chapel", as readers are transported into the cloistered world of scholars, archaeologists, code-breakers, and intelligence specialists who have discovered evidence of an evil force that has ruled a single family for over seven hundred years. Put on a pot of coffee. This page-turning thriller will keep you up until the wee hours of the morning.

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Jennings Wright says

This is a story of good and evil, between the Bible Code team/Catholic church/Israelis and a crazy megalomaniac named Rene Acerbi. I didn't know when I started the book that there was a previous one, and it definitely would have helped to have read that first. There are a lot of references to the first one, and the author doesn't explain what happened in it until at least halfway through this book (and still not completely), so it's not really a stand-alone story.

The story line is interesting, and definitely carries the reader through the book. The characters are also an interesting mix, but there is a lot of very long explanatory dialogue by each of the main characters which somehow works to keep their voices from sounding distinct. This is, ultimately, what kept me torn between 3 and 4 stars. If there was less lengthy dialogue, and if what there was was more distinct between the characters, it would definitely be a 4.

Sandy says

Thoroughly enjoyed this second book in the series. About to start part 3.

Michelle says

This sequel by John Lyman was everything I expected it to be and more! I hope a third book is in the works. The plot was fantastic and I enjoyed the book so much, I could hardly put it down.

Rod says

And the fun continues in this book! Loved the intrigue and action as well as the locales brought forth in great detail.

Chris Wiegman says

Excellent read. Parts are a little far-fetched but all of it was incredibly entertaining. I'll look forward to the next book in the series.

MaryJane Rings says

This 2nd book of the "God's Lions" series is just as riveting as the first. The team continues to decode the hidden messages in the old testament and with their knowledge, they pursue a mad man who's main agenda is to deplete the world's population by an air borne virulent biologically engineered virus. It kills thousands of people in different parts of the world but then mysteriously stops. cutting the populations down but not annihilating everyone. It isn't specifically oriented to any particular group either. It kept me on the edge of my seat and had me wondering what would happen next. There are twists,turns and many surprises throughout the text. The characters are very believable and the writing is authentic and historically correct.

I have already bought the next book in the series "God's Lions The Dark Ruin" and can hardly wait to start reading it.

Neil says

Loved this series

Martin says

Just wrapped up John Lyman's second in the God's Lion series. In House of Acerbi, Lev, Leo, and the rest of the familiar crew are challenged again to save the world from certain annihilation. The villian this time is the ultra rich and powerful Rene Acerbi, and he has engineered a virus that discriminately kills thousands in metropolitan areas around the world. With the help of the Mossad and a few new friends, the Bible Code team races to track down Acerbi and foil his plan for world domination. With all the plot twists and turns that hooked us in "The Secret Chapel," Lyman delivers another suspenseful page-turner. As in the first book, there is much suspension of disbelief, but the novel entertained none the less.

Although I read the electronic version on my Kindle, I also purchased the beautiful trade paperback edition for my bookshelf.

Donald says

After reading the first "God's Lions" book, I was very excited to start the second in the series "God's Lions - The House of Acerbi. This book is not just good, it actually one of those rare cases where a sequal is better than the original. In HOA, the book follows the same group of characters as the first book. This time there is a worldwide threat from a strain of weaponized virus and the bible code team must find out who is behind the attacks, and find a way to stop them. The book is very well thought out and pretty well researched. The plot is scary and totally believable. There are a pair of great twists at the end of the book that put an already great read completely over the top.

This one is highly reccomended. Can't wait for the third book.

Donna says

Wonderful Book!!

This book was just as gripping as the first one! Cant wait to continue reading this incredible series!! Once I started reading this book I couldnt put it down!!!!

Kat says

Wow! What a great read this was! I can't wait for the next one to follow up on the storyline. Scary to think this could happen. And I just absolutely love the group of characters that form the heart of this series. Good people and wish there were more like them in this world today.

Diana Alexander says

I really wanted to love this book, I really did. Especially since I liked God's Lions: The Secret Chapel so much and am a huge supporter of indie authors. Again Lyman has come up with a compelling plot, but I thought the plot of Secret Chapel was more so. Also, House of Acerbi was much longer, largely due to unnecessary detail about anything and everything that did not further the plot. I scanned over a lot of it. It appears that there will be a third book, and I will read it, but I am hoping for a more tightly formed plot and the exclusion of superfluous details. In other words, something more like Secret Chapel.

Nina Porter says

Part 2

Gripping story! Make sure you have no appointments scheduled, you will certainly miss them. Held my attention from start to finish!

Stacy says

Loved this book. Better then the 1st book in the series. Looking forward to reading the next book.

Sara Meehan says

Two years after the release of John Lyman's debut novel, "God's Lions: The Secret Chapel," Lyman is back with its sequel, "God's Lions: House of Acerbi."

This time, Lev, Leo and the rest of the Bible Code Team are working around the clock to identify, and put a stop to, the forces behind a lethal virus devastating cities around the globe. With the world on lockdown and clues pointing to the role of the Devil's Bible in the current catastrophe, the group's investigation takes them across Europe and, eventually, to Mexico.

Lyman's writing is noticeably smoother this time around. "The Secret Chapel" suffered from clumsy exposition, and the Christian aspect was a bit over the top at times. (Well, what did I expect from a novel categorized as a religious thriller, after all?) "House of Acerbi," though not free of those flaws, shows improvement. It helps that the majority of the characters have already been introduced.

However, many of the things that were so neat about "The Secret Chapel" have a diminished presence here. The code doesn't play a pivotal role in the story - aside from setting up the twist at the end - and that's odd, because it was presented as such a game-changer in the first book. True, Daniel phones in at a couple points with new facts gleaned from the Bible, but they're not instrumental to the resolution. And, ah, the villain. To go from fighting Satan himself and his hand-picked demonic henchmen to fighting ... genetic manipulation and a megalomaniac. It's just not the same.

Lyman's books could be more tightly plotted, and they would benefit from a more streamlined cast of characters. His ideas are intriguing, though. Lyman sets up the premise for the sequel to the "House of Acerbi" at the end of this book, and it looks like he'll be returning to more of what I enjoyed about "The Secret Chapel." Here's hoping.
