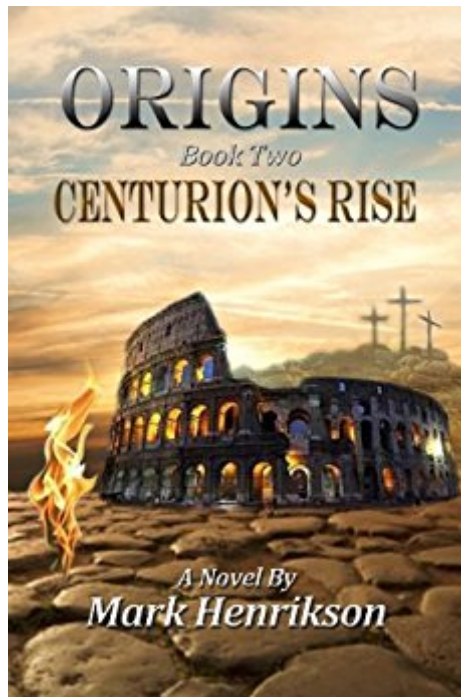


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Synopsis

Book 2 in the Origins series **ROME**. The mere mention of the name instills images of grandeur. The mighty empire was a guiding light for the civilized world for a thousand years. Was that by chance or careful design? A psychiatric patient named Hastelloy has the answer. He believes he was there for it all: Caesar, legions, gladiators. According to his tale even the great gods Jupiter, Vesta and the advent of Christianity were not immune to his influence. Is he crazy or is it still crazy to ignore him? Meanwhile, an NSA agent closes in on the location of his abducted partner and answers to the age old question - are we alone in the universe? To gain enlightenment he will have to face specters from his own past to safeguard himself, his family, and possibly the entire planet. The stakes have never been higher for him or his clandestine agency. Julius Caesar, Cleopatra, Jesus Christ. You may know the names and dates, but not the why or how. This gripping thriller will challenge everything you thought you knew about the most dynamic era in human history and draw into question if there will be a future. Once again, the Origins of all will be revealed.

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Customer Reviews

Lived up to my expectations exceptionally well. Handles the religious aspect without disparaging anyone very well. I loved the first book in this Origins series. After reading book two and finding it

equally exceptional, I purchased the next two in the series and preordered the fifth and final book. I can't wait to find out what happened next in the past and future. Very well written, very limited editing mistakes, I have had so many show up in digital copies of other books. Mark Henrikson is one author I will follow in the future.

This is the second story in a series. A group of five aliens that crashed in ancient Egypt and use their superior technology to continually reincarnate themselves in human form are now guiding events in the Roman Empire, Alexandria, and of course Jesus Christ. The enemy aliens that they thought they had destroyed in the first book are back as bodyless entities that appear as flames to the likes of Julius Caesar and Cleopatra. The backstory is narrated by Hastelloy, the leader of the aliens who is telling his tale to a psychiatrist in a mental institution, who we find out is the brother of an NSA agent working against them. Meanwhile, in the present day an NSA agent and a group of Navy Seals face off against the aliens, in a secret room under the Sphinx. This is a good, entertaining story about "what really happened" through the eyes of alien visitors who lived and helped to shape our culture. I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys historical science fiction.

One of the things I kept asking myself is who are the good guys when it comes to the Aliens? The Alphas or the Novi? I am still not sure so far and that is one of the things that keeps me reading besides the intense history. Is the man behind the curtain good or evil? While reading the book there were certain things that made me reflect on our modern day world and current events which I wasn't expecting and loved. This book really sets the stage rather well for what will happen in the next and future books. The only downfall about this book is occasionally the story line takes too long to develop. This is one of the rare books I would highly suggest for anyone who likes science fiction, #sciencefaction, alternative history or just good old fashioned dramatic fiction. Mark is doing a fantastic job with his first series and I already ready the next book. Michael Melville (author of Running Northwest)

Second of (I believe) 5 books. It's a bit overlong and redundant but the premise is an interesting one. All major events in human history are orchestrated by a race of immortal aliens who are in a timeless struggle with another race. The first book was ancient Egypt and this one is the Roman empire and the rise of Christianity. { (spoiler alert) Jesus is not an alien but really is the son of God} but most historic figures are either aliens or manipulated by them. The story is exciting and engrossing and I have spent the money to buy this and it's sequels. The book is engrossing and

entertaining but could use a strong willed editor to cut out some of the repartition and filler. I'm part way through the next book now.

This has been a series that I can't stop reading...I'm actually glad I got started once all of the books were out so I didn't have to wait for the next one...lol really don't have anything negative to say whatsoever about this book or the series. If you enjoy history, mystery, sci-fi, and fiction all meshed into one story/series then this is the book/series for you! It is brilliant and very entertaining!

What an interesting sequel to the first book of this series. The first book took me on a journey of adventure that combined history and perception. It challenged me to consider different ideas about events that have been written about and examined in great detail. This book had the same theme and, thus, kept me entertained. I was a bit disappointed as I was lead into the Jesus story without many of the same intriguing twists and turns. I did not feel "preached to", but did feel like there was a bit of loss of continuation of the significant influence of the aliens. The third book is calling to me and I shall read it. I hope Mr. Henrikson continued the unique perspectives of the first book and recaptures my enthusiasm for the series.

This series is phenomenal. I got the first book of the series for free from bookbub and wow. Just wow. It's masterfully crafted for the entire series, building upon each other, concepts established well, characters flawlessly developed and consistent throughout the series. The ideas and premise are plausible. Seriously. Even though they're outlandish, concurrently they're plausible and really make you think. The book hooked me well, wound up nicely (so I could have quit there) but I craved more so bought the next... and the next... and the next... I am so impressed with this series, the history brought to life, the explanations offered for the unexplainable. Kudos, Mark Henrikson. My hat is off to you.

I'm really enjoying this series - I'm currently on book three but thought I better write a review of books one and two while I was at a computer...For those who read the "low star reviews" that complain the book has too many 21st century "slang words" or "idiotism"s for an alien race to have - or that they were being used in the time frame of ancient Egypt - "well those people didn't read far enough in because they seem to have missed a few things...The story itself has two time lines - current day and ancient times. It is based on aliens landing in ancient Egypt and staying until modern day, all the while influencing culture as well as being involved in almost every

major event in human historyâ | It stands to reason earth culture would get more from them then the other way aroundâ | The way it reads does not take away from the book at allâ | In fact had the story been told using ancient dialect, it probably would have driven me nuts every time it went back to the current day story lineâ |That being said â “ read the book â “ itâ™s entertaining and not too expensive which is what most people look for in a good read rightâ |? So donâ™t listen to the book snobs â “ yes there are a few spelling errors but this is Mark Henriksonâ™s first book and its good â “ look at like he will only get better as long as he gets judged on the material and not his spell check abilitiesâ |

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