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Von Scott Mariani : The Alchemists Secret (Ben Hope, Book 1) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Alchemists Secret (Ben Hope, Book 1) (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Breath taking suspense! Von Peter Werner We should not compare all possible thrillers with a historical background to the books of Dan Brown. Comparing their authors with Brown makes him the ultimate thriller writer and sees all the

others as runners-up. That is not fair at all. And long before Dan Brown there were authors who created excellent and suspenseful novels of the same genre. Mariani is at least as good as Brown. But you have to get used to the main character Ben Hope. Unlike most other protagonists in such thrillers he is a highly disturbed person, a functioning alcoholic, who, nevertheless, does a splendid job in his most dangerous profession. What you have to get used to, too, is the excessive trail of gore that follows him in this story. But this is not too unusual in modern writing and even attractive to most readers. Very positive is that the author thoroughly keeps his plot together. His historical research is remarkable and not to be found in all his colleagues' stories. The setting - mainly in Southern France - is convincing in the description of places as well as the various aspects of the atmosphere Mariani evokes in his novel. I will not hold it against Mariani that some of the situations in the book are a bit beyond a reasonable realism. It is fiction after all. A book of breath taking suspense, a page turner, that makes you buy the next novel of the series at once. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. middle of the road Von Jamie V. Scott Mariani has since extended this character through some 7 books of which I have only read the first two. Obviously, the works appeal to many and the book are popular. The main character is interesting, if unoriginal, carrying a torch for the underdog, incapable of serious relationships, riddled with guilt over his self-perceived deficits, etc., etc. The secondary characters are only partly developed, the women particularly simple and stereotypic with all the Hollywood cliches. Despite all of this, the stories are well constructed and generally interesting, which may well be the key to his success. Coupled with some extremely violent passages and gruesome methods of character removal we have a type of book that isn't boring, just not really exciting. I doubt I will read further through the series, as I prefer more mystery and non-calculable turnings, not to mention characters that are motivated outside of the genres expected borders. If you need something to read and can deal with ice-skating through a story, do read one or two. If you are like me you will wish for more depth, but will still make it through to the obvious end. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. ... sehr blutig und grausam, trotzdem packend Von Aquarelle Wie alle Ben Hope hinterlässt auch dieser ambivalente Eindruck. Zwischendurch lege ich das Buch immer mal wieder zur Seite, weil es gar so blutrünstig ist. Müssen die Köpfe explodieren, Hirnmasse an die Wunde spritzen und Folterszenarien, die ich nur berfliege, weil sie allzu grausam sind? Dennoch nimmt's einem einfach sofort den Aermel rein und das Buch wird "unputdownable". Ausserdem ist es sprachlich (in der englischen Originalversion) auf relativ hohem Niveau und historisch seriös recherchiert. Ich habe sie jedenfalls alle auf meinem Kindle und die meisten auch schon gelesen. Can't help it!

Kurzbeschreibung FROM THE INCREDIBLE #1 BESTSELLER BEN HOPE LIVES ON THE EDGE. A former lite member of the SAS, Ben is tortured by a tragedy from his past and now devotes his life to finding kidnapped children. When Ben is recruited to locate an ancient manuscript which could save a dying child, he embarks on the deadliest quest of his life. The document is alleged to contain the formula for the elixir of life, discovered by the brilliant alchemist Fulcanelli decades before. But it soon becomes apparent that others are hunting this most precious of treasures - for far more evil ends. When the secrets of alchemy hidden within the pages remain impenetrable, Ben teams up with beautiful American scientist Dr Roberta Ryder to crack the code. It seems that everyone - from the Nazis during WW2 and powerful Catholic organisation Gladius Domini - wants to unearth the secrets of immortality. The trail leads Ben and Roberta from Paris to the ancient Cathar strongholds of the Languedoc, where an astonishing secret has lain hidden for centuries. BEN HOPE is one of the most celebrated action adventure heroes ever and SCOTT MARIANI is one of the most successful home grown thriller writers of all time. Join the MILLIONS of readers who get breathless with anticipation when the countdown to the new Ben Hope thriller begins. Pressestimmen PRAISE FOR The Alchemist's Secret: 'Fans of Dan Brown will love this thrilling adventure'. Closer Magazine 'The [Alchemist's Secret] establishes Scott Mariani as an author to watch.' M.J. Rose, international bestselling author of The Reincarnationist 'Mariani does a great job of balancing the historical stuff with the basic plot to keep the pages turning.' Oxford Mail 'Scott Mariani brings it all to the table in this fast-paced thriller that rockets off the first page and never slows down. The Alchemist's Secret is packed with dark intrigue, danger around every corner, bullets flying, sexual tension, and an endless assault of nasty villains bent on stopping ex-SAS Ben Hope from finding the secret to an ancient manuscript. It's everything a thriller should be and more.' Joe Moore, international bestselling co-author of THE GRAIL CONSPIRACY Kurzbeschreibung FROM THE INCREDIBLE #1 BESTSELLER BEN HOPE LIVES ON THE EDGE. A former lite member of the SAS, Ben is tortured by a tragedy from his past and now devotes his life to finding kidnapped children. When Ben is recruited to locate an ancient manuscript which could save a dying child, he embarks on the deadliest quest of his life. The document is alleged to contain the formula for the elixir of life, discovered by the brilliant alchemist Fulcanelli decades before. But it soon becomes apparent that others are hunting this most precious of treasures - for far more evil ends. When the secrets of alchemy hidden within the pages remain impenetrable, Ben teams up with beautiful American scientist Dr Roberta Ryder to crack the code. It seems that everyone - from the Nazis during WW2 and powerful Catholic organisation Gladius Domini - wants to unearth the secrets of immortality. The trail leads Ben and Roberta from Paris to the ancient Cathar strongholds of the Languedoc,

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