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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Two strangers, American David Martinez and Englishman Simon Quinn, become involved in two apparently unconnected strands of what's revealed as one unified conspiracy in Knox's problematic second thriller, which like his first, *Genesis*, casts recent human evolution in an unorthodox light. At the urging of his late grandfather, Martinez sets out to learn his family's true history, while Quinn looks into a series of brutal murders involving victims connected to the Basque regions of Spain and France. Both men find answers in the tumultuous history of the Pyrenees and Namibia, answers with implications so terrible that the Catholic Church is willing to conspire with a murderous Basque terrorist to conceal them. Repeated violent confrontations with supposedly deadly assassins somehow never quite result in the protagonists' deaths. That Knox, the pseudonym of British journalist Sean Thomas, supplies a rational basis for the Nazi genocide may offend some readers. (May)

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Review

Praise for *The Babylon Rite*:

“Knox’s greatest strength is coming up with original anthropological mysteries. Knox provides a surfeit of gruesome detail, but readers with strong stomachs... will be satisfied.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Knox weaves a compelling, violent tale, peppered with plenty of sex, that will appeal to ancient conspiracy fans comfortable with the graphic content.” —*Booklist*

“Historical, adventure, and suspense fans unite! Any *Da Vinci Code* fan will also love the fact that the Knights Templar are once again being revisited, and their reputation is darker than ever before. And although there are horror scenes galore, the research is extremely invigorating and the mystery is *beyond* cool.” —Amy Lignor, *Suspense Magazine*

“Tom Knox returns with an electrifying new novel. A rapid fire pace, absorbing storyline and plenty of action propels this well researched if grisly tale to a chilling conclusion. The finely nuanced characters and excellent setting development coupled with ancient cultures practicing shocking rites grabs readers’ attention like a vise and doesn’t let go until the final page. The Moche and Templars definitely existed and Knox’s version of how they were possibly connected is an interesting idea to contemplate. This is an outstanding if gory mystery that while predictable in places, delivers a fine tale.” —Monstersandcritics.com Mystery Book Reviews

Praise for *The Lost Goddess*:

“Mr. Knox's speculations are good ones, making you wonder what might really have been going on in dictators' secret laboratories.” —*The Wall Street Journal*

“How terrific to find a new thriller in which the dramatic action emerges from an exemplary mix of first-rate research, interesting politics and credible characters!” —*The Dallas Morning News*

"A globetrotting adventure with shades of Dan Brown and Indiana Jones....A page-turner." -- *Suspense Magazine*

"Combines elements of the best of several genres, shakes them up, then lays them out in surprisingly original patterns.... Knox doles out enough tantalizing scientific, social, and spiritual lore to sate even the hungriest anthropological thriller reader." -- *Publishers Weekly*

Praise for *The Marks of Cain*:

"Tom Knox knows the DNA of an astonishing thriller." -- Jeff Abbott, bestselling author of *Adrenaline* and *The Last Minute*

"An intriguing, well-told story." – Booklist

Praise for *The Genesis Secret*:

"[*The Genesis Secret*] makes one want to tear through the pages to find out what happens next." – *The Dallas Morning News*

"Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* brought on a flood of tomb-raiding thrillers. I enjoyed Tom Knox's *The Genesis Secret* best." – *The Minnesota Star-Tribune*

"Sinister, macabre, relentless and rich...The ideal blend of both *The Da Vinci Code* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*." – *Bill Loehfelm, author of The Devil in Her Own Way*

"Everything one could want in a thriller: a plot that keeps you hooked, heroes worth cheering for, and a brilliantly maintained air of menace." – *Jon Fasman, author of The Geographer's Library and The Unpossessed City*

About the Author

**Tom Knox** is the pseudonym for the journalist and writer Sean Thomas. He lives in London.

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