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Blood Codex: A Jake Crowley Adventure (Jake Crowley Adventures Book 1)



Synopsis

An ancient order. A deadly conspiracy. A race against time. When Jake Crowley rescues Rose Black from assailants on the streets of London, the two find themselves embroiled in a mystery that could cost them their lives. People are dying, and all the victims have one thing in common with Rose: a birthmark in the shape of an eagle. From beneath the streets of London, to castle dungeons, to the heart of Christendom and beyond, Jake and Rose must race to stay alive as they seek to unlock the secrets of the Blood Codex. Praise for David Wood and Alan Baxter: "Blood Codex is a genuine up all night got to see what happens next thriller that grabs you from the first page and doesn't let go until the last." • Steven Savile "Rip roaring action from start to finish. Wit and humor throughout. Just one question - how soon until the next one? Because I can't wait." • Graham Brown "A page-turning yarn. Indiana Jones better watch his back!" • Jeremy Robinson "A story that thrills and makes one think beyond the boundaries of mere fiction and enter the world of 'why not'?" • David Lynn Golemon, "A twisty tale of adventure and intrigue that never lets up and never lets go!" • Robert Masello "A fast-paced storyline that holds the reader right from the start, and a no-nonsense story-telling approach that lets the unfolding action speak for itself." • Van Ikin "With mysterious rituals, macabre rites and superb supernatural action scenes, Wood and Baxter deliver a fast-paced horror thriller." • J.F. Penn "Wood and Baxter have taken on the classic black magic/cult conspiracy subgenre, chucked in a toxic mix of weirdness, creepshow chills and action, and created a tale that reads like a latter-day Hammer Horror thriller. Nice, dark fun." • Robert Hood

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Customer Reviews

Having read most of David Wood's Dane Maddock and Bones stories, I was intrigued by this departure and gave it a go. I wasn't disappointed and thoroughly enjoyed the story. It's a break neck thrill ride featuring a new kind of hero (former SAS soldier, Jake Crowley turned history teacher – although he hasn't lost any of his SAS skills) helping a museum researcher who's being pursued by sinister forces bent upon enacting a diabolical rite to gain a lost/stolen artifact. It's a well researched story with many interesting locales, plenty of action, intrigue with many twists and turns. The writing is fast paced and done in an easily flowing style making this difficult to put down once you begin reading. I certainly look forward to more stories featuring this new hero.

Blood Codex is the first in a new adventure book featuring adventurer John Crowley. It is written by David Wood and co-written by Alan Baxter. While this book is an adventure by David Wood, it feels slightly different from his other adventure books. A group of wealthy Norwegian businessmen lead by Halvdan Landvik are determined to bring back the worship of the old gods of the Vikings. To that end, they are looking for any who carry the Blood Eagle birthmark. There is a reason they are looking for this specific birthmark. It is actually quite interesting. Landvik's henchmen are after Rose Black, who happens to have the mark. John Crowley has recently met Rose Black and was successful at thwarting the kidnappers first attempt. Being ex-military, he decides to stick with Rose until they figure out what is going on. This story moves along very quickly. It's easy to read and entertaining. I found it interesting because it touches on things I'm interested in, such as Viking mythology and illuminated manuscripts. If you like adventure and history you will like this story.

Newest book to date from David Wood, and Alan Baxter. A bit of a departure from other books that the author has written, and a completely different feel. New characters, and adventures await, with lots of interesting historical data. There are enough other reviews to give you an idea of the plot, and synopsis, so I'll skip that here. Honestly, it took me awhile to warm up to the new characters, and

tone of writing, but the shift of feel and perspective, gave the book a completely different vibe from other books from this author. A good beginning to another series and different settings, while incorporating interesting historical information, with which this author excels. I didn't rate it 5 stars because I promised an honest review, and while it was good, I think that what comes next will be better, as the characters become more fully developed. I think that there should be more relevant history included, but that's just my own neediness, and curiosity speaking. I'll be looking forward to seeing what comes next. Very much worth reading, and sucks you right down into the vortex that is David Wood. Note, this review is based on ARC from the author. It is an impartial, and honest reflection of my opinion.

So glad to see a new adventure series from David Wood. The main character, John Crowley, is a former SAS soldier, who's had his fair share of battle in Afghanistan. Leaving the military for a simpler life, he's now a mild mannered history teacher, taking his class on a field trip to the Natural History Museum, where he is enchanted by historian and tour guide Rose Black. Starting out with a simple first date, it quickly escalates for John and Rose into a high speed race to figure out exactly why her unique birthmark would make a group of men hell bent on attacking and capturing her. Seeing an opportunity to help Rose travel around Europe in search of clues, we are taken through history that leads back to Viking legend, Ragnar Lodbrock, the Devil's bible, or Codex Gigas, past life regression and an ancient society still in existence- the Sons of Ragnar. This book was non-stop thrills and I can't wait to see what John gets himself involved in next!

Blood Codex is the newest adventure novel from authors David Wood and Alan Baxter. In it we meet a new hero, John Crowley, a history teacher with a military past. When his first date with the beautiful museum guide, Rose Black, ends in an attempted kidnapping, Crowley is compelled to help her discover why she has become a target. Together, they follow the trail of clues from Rose's strange birthmark to the elusive book known as the Devil's Bible. Blood Codex is an exciting tale that is sure to be loved by fans of the *Dane* and *Bones* series, as well as readers who are new to Wood's works. An excellent read!

David Wood and Alan Baxter make an outstanding team. I've read all the *Dane* and *Bones* adventures and thoroughly enjoyed them all. This book brings us a new hero, John Crowley former British Special Air Service (SAS) officer. Crowley is now teaching history and trying to live a quiet life. The chance encounter with, and ultimate rescue of Rose Black, a woman with a mysterious

birthmark, leads them both down a whirlwind rabbit hole of adventure. Viking gods, an evil Norwegian businessman with a nasty plan and equally nasty henchmen, and action, action, action! I've now got yet another reason to look forward to more books from Mr. Wood!

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