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An ancient medallion is unearthed in Pueblo, Colorado, revealing a secret that will rewrite the history of North America—the Vikings somehow made it to the continent's interior, centuries before Columbus made landfall, and there they built a city of gold.

But today the COELHO MEDALLION has been stolen, and a linguist and researcher has been abducted in connection with the crime. Could the abductors be after the fabled city of gold? Or do they have a more sinister plot in mind?

DAN KOTLER is an independent researcher who often finds himself in more trouble than he was expecting. But when his colleague is abducted he finds himself being investigated by the FBI, he must use all of his brilliance and expertise to find her and absolve himself.

ANWAR ADHAM has plans for a terrorist action on U.S. soil, and information from the Pueblo research site can give him everything he needs to put his plans in motion. Unless Adham is stopped, thousands and possibly millions will die.

Whoever wins this contest of wits and wills will hold the fate of thousands in his hands, and will also lay claim to the fabled city of gold.

It's an adventure that can redefine the history of America as we know it. Kotler finds himself facing off against both the FBI and Adham's terrorist network as he struggles to solve the mystery of Vikings in Colorado, to rescue Evelyn and stop Adham's plans before it's too late.

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HERE'S WHAT READERS ARE SAYING ABOUT KEVIN TUMLINSON'S BOOKS:

★★★★★ “[Kevin Tumlinson] is what every writer should be—entertaining and thought-provoking.”
— Shana Tehan, Press Secretary, U.S. House of Representatives

★★★★★ “There was something so fascinating about [Citadel] and the cast of characters [Kevin Tumlinson] put together.”
— Leah Petersen, Author of Fighting Gravity

★★★★★ "I discovered Kevin Tumlinson from The Creative Penn podcast and immediately got his novel,

Evergreen. I read it in like 3 seconds. It's the most fast paced story I've encountered."

—R.D. Holland, Independent Reviewer

★★★★★ "[Sawyer Jackson and the Long Land] was a great read! I love these style of books—magic, science fiction, alternate reality. I couldn't put it down."

—S., Independent Reviewer

The Coelho Medallion Details

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From Reader Review The Coelho Medallion for online ebook

Nigel says

This is Kevin's first foray into the thriller genre and I hope it won't be his last. After the introduction of our protagonist in The Brass Hall, we find Dan being arrested by the FBI and then released to help them uncover what the bad guys are after, throw into this mix of archeology, Vikings, Native American Tribes, the DEA, a kidnapped friend and corrupt officials and some great chases and you have a sold gold winner. A great start and looking forward to many more.

Aloysius Kling Jr. says

I haven't read many thriller novels before. About 20 years ago, I went through a period where I was reading as much Stephen King and Dean Koontz as I could, but that only lasted for a short while. Other than the books by those two, I don't think I've read anything else that could be classified as a thriller.

That is until recently, when I read The Coelho Medallion by Kevin Tumlinson. It's an action thriller that follows the adventures of Daniel Kotler. When his colleague and former girlfriend, Evelyn Horelica, is abducted, Kotler races against time to save her, facing down the FBI, terrorists, and an evil rich guy. Throw in a lost city of gold, gun fights, and ancient vikings in North America and you've got the makings of a good story.

"He had no weapon, and that was a problem."

Including The Coelho Medallion, I've read three Tumlinson books so far. Common to all are strong characters that leave me wanting to know what's next in store for them. Somar from Citadel: First Colony is probably my favorite, but Daniel Kotler is a close second. He's a thinking man's action hero, a modern day Indiana Jones. He fights to save Evelyn not to end up with the girl, because he doesn't, but because it's the right thing to do. Another strong character is FBI Agent Denzel. Kotler and Denzel are pseudo adversaries at the start of the book, but soon develop a mutual respect for each other and start working as a team. I really enjoyed the evolution of their relationship and hope that it continues in future books in the series.

There is a varied cast of bad guys as well. They are the standard types, but Tumlinson uses them well. Without giving anything away, I particularly liked the plans of the terrorist Anwar Adham. And Evelyn's captor turns out to be a lot worse than I initially thought.

I rate The Coelho Medallion four stars. It was an entertaining book to return to the thriller genre with. I'm not likely to change my focus from science fiction and fantasy books, but I wouldn't mind finding out what comes next for Dan Kotler, especially if it ends up in audiobook format.

Deedra says

Audible: A medallion is unearthed and put on display. It is stolen and the intrigue starts. It brings into question the true origins of our United States. A fast paced thriller with some twists you just can't work around. Richard Rieman was a fine narrator. "I was voluntarily provided this free review copy audiobook by the author, narrator, or publisher."

Alisa Smith says

Hmm, what did I think. I do believe Nick Thacker pointed this author in my direction to give me a new one to read.. A big thank you to all my authors whom do this for me, I go thru a lot of books as i believe i do not make time to read, there is always time to read.. I am only half way done with this wonderful exciting give nothing away as you read book. It has depth, history, research was done and very well written. I had not read Kevin's books before, but I will do as i always do when i find an author I love, I will read everything he has written.. If the other books are even half as good as this one is turning out to be, I know i will be thrilled at my choice of a new author, and in recommending him to all I know, in person and online. I do not tell about books plots, what I do is tell: is it worth your time to pick it up and read, will it be a great read from start to finish.. This is a big YES!! enjoy.. and if you like, please take the time to write reviews.. us readers want to know.. I will say that the main character DAN KOLTER is wonderful..

Bob says

Out of the box and solo archeologist has is investigating the idea that the Vikings reached the American continent well before Columbus. Using clues from a medallion discovered in a Pueblo site he is advancing his theory. When the medallion is discovered stolen from a museum and his good friend and friend collaborator is kidnapped he sets out to find and rescue her only to become embroiled in several overlapping plots to discover "the city of gold" and to use a newly discovered underground river in an terrorist plot. On top of that there is a problem with the Director of the FBI to contend with. Action abounds in this thriller.

Julia E Glascock says

The Coelho Medallion is the 10th of Kevin's books I've read, and I've enjoyed each and every one. He describes his characters well, so that the reader becomes involved emotionally with both the good and the bad ones, anxious to learn their fate. His plots and sub-plots guide the characters through the many twists and turns. I felt like I was being pulled along in the plot's currents.

Dan Kotler is the primary, well fleshed out character. His good friend, Dr. Eloi Coelho, finds a rare, unique and unusual artifact, named for him, which could change early American history. Dr. Kotler is involved in the dig site, too, for he will dig in the dirt, brush dirt off objects, and even crawl through caves to find treasures.

There are both good and bad characters, some of whom are very misleading and responsible for the thrilling action and mystery in this book. I think you will thoroughly enjoy reading it.

Shanna Tidwell says

I really loved this and the alternate take on history. Very imaginative, well written, fleshed out characters & a few names pay homage to some amazing actors!
I will definitely be looking for more by Kevin.

Great narration too!

I was voluntarily provided this review copy at no charge by the author, publisher and or narrator

Bob Platypire says

I requested and was graciously granted a copy of this audio book for an honest review

This was super cool! The adventure and science that went into the story of discovering new things and places kept me hooked. The characters were well written and made me care what happened to them (even in the cases I was really hoping for pain and suffering), and I wanted to read more about them. Seriously, all in all, this was really a great story, I really enjoyed it and would totally watch a movie about it.

The narrator was good, too! When he went into women's voices, it just sounded like part of the story instead of making me giggle, or at least pulling me out of the story, as often happens. That's always a major issue for me. The stress put on dialogue felt on point for the most part, and I enjoyed his voice. Well done!

Over all, I definitely recommend this for people who like adventure, intrigue, mystery, and basically Indiana Jones-esque tales.

Bob says: 5 Stars overall!

Becky Stephens says

When I read the description about modern day archeologists discovering evidence of Vikings in the U.S., I knew I had to read this novel.

I admit I was immediately smitten with Dr. Daniel Kotler. Not because he is independently wealthy, but because he's brilliant, with multiple PhDs. I was less interested in his relationship with Dr. Evelyn Horelica than with his brewing bromance with Agent Denzel.

With the FBI, DEA, terrorists, greedy and evil men, and, of course, the good guys, this is a good thriller story with a satisfying ending.

From an editor's standpoint:

This book suffers from poor editing/proofreading that slowed the plot and distracted from what should have been edge-of-the-seat suspense.

Grammar and spelling mistakes, using an apostrophe to make a word plural, incorrect dialogue tags, frequent missing and multiple punctuation, and placing asterisks around words for emphasis instead of just italicizing them was frustrating to read.

Susan Freeman says

Great read, I was engrossed with the storyline and really enjoyed the characters in this book. Hope there are

more to follow.

Julie Stafford says

Best Thriller I've Read in a Long Time!!!

Kevin Tumlinson did it successfully!! He wrote a thriller that will keep you engrossed from the beginning and leave you wanting more when your done. This thriller is written by an author who has never written one before. He is one of the best sci-fi writers out there. I've read a lot of them and they were all 5 star. It's amazing how he switched genres like he has been writing thrillers all along. And for it to be a 5 star all the way. I'm not going to go into the story line because to me that spoils the book for the next reader. But take it from me, Kevin will really surprise you with this one. You will think he has been at the top of the thriller list all along. Thank you Kevin for an amazing read. Please give us a series out of this success. I along with many others are waiting, not so patiently, for the next one. Congratulations on a job well done!!

Rosemary says

The Coelho Medallion - a review by Rosemary Kenny

The eponymous medallion, found in the Pueblo lands of North American Indians and displayed in a state of the art museum exhibition vanishes as if by magic. Then Dan Kotler's on-off girlfriend Dr Evelyn Horelica is kidnapped and forced to work on documents relating to the Medallion and the decryption of its inscriptions. Desperate to find her, Kotler is first accused of complicity in the theft of the Medallion and later in Evelyn's kidnap.

Who does Kotler work with to clear up the accusations against him? How is this person involved in the case? What second plot is uncovered by Kotler and his associates? What group of security operatives does Kotler encounter for the first time?

What is the secret of the so-called City of Gold? What important part is played in the story by a river?

How does Evelyn communicate with Kotler? How does she escape her captors?

Who is the mole in the excavation team? What happens to this person once exposed?

A most exciting all-action adventure for Dan Kotler that shows him to advantage as a hero in the mould of Ethan Hunt, Jason Bourne and Dirk Pitt, The Coelho Medallion will keep you reading til the very end, this unputdownable winner for the excellent Kevin Tumlinson - don't miss it!

Julian Rasbury says

I absolutely enjoyed this book. Great plot and suspense. The characters were nicely developed and the pace was just right. I like the feel of a modern day Indiana Jones story; this was excellent. This goes further, however, triggering ideas and real-life implications for today. I've already bought the next installment and look forward to more Dan Kotler adventures in the Atlantis Riddle.

Jan says

I was hooked at the idea of Vikings roving all the way to Colorado, and the action and adventure never stopped. Does this make it speculative fiction? And I rubbed my hands with glee over the issues involving one of the feds (skirting the spoiler problem here). In fact, the only problem I had was a vignette at the beginning that was never really addressed later on. Otherwise it was a real brain grabber.

Loved Richard Reiman's audio interpretation of the plethora of male characters, it was a tough task, but he really aced it!

I requested and received this audio free from the publisher, author, or narrator courtesy of AudioBookBOOM.

Brian's Book Blog says

An action-packed thrill ride from beginning to end

A medallion has been discovered that could rewrite American history and shock the research community to its core. While this is happening, a group of terrorists are also after the same artifacts that have been recently discovered and their reasoning is completely lost on everyone including the FBI. Dan Kotler is a researcher and a jack-of-all-trades looking into this recent change in historical fact when he stumbles across the real reason for the terrorists peaked interest in the Coelho Medallion.

The Coelho Medallion was narrated by Richard Rieman who does a great job. He allowed me to get completely immersed in the story which is pretty awesome considering I was driving to and from work when I was listening. His narration provides the perfect timing and "feel" to grab the user and keep them interested.

I love stories like this. I have no idea what genre they actually are, but the action-packed-treasure-hunting-with-lots-of-clues-and-intrigue genre I guess. But in all honestly, the way that Tumlinson set this story up really hooked me. It wasn't a slow burning book by any means. It lit a gas fire from the start and didn't burn out until the book was finished.

The main character Dan Kotler was really fun and easy to follow along. He was the perfect mix of egotistic and actual real and helpful kind of person that was needed for this role. The supporting roles around him were also well thought out and executed. Everyone in this book felt real and necessary.

Overall, The Coelho Medallion was an enjoyable action-packed ride from beginning to end. Tumlinson's writing was reminiscent of Dan Brown and Boyd Morrison.

You won't see me say this too often, but I really hope that I see more books from this series.

This book was gifted to me by Audiobook Boom!

If you want to see more reviews like it, check out Brian's Book Blog.
