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After a daring robbery, Rei and Gideon Quinn are recruited by their boss to recover a lost family heirloom: a letter written by St. Paul that could rewrite the history of the Church. What they discover is that an old journal, also stolen but little thought of, was the real object of the theft. An art preservationist, Rei begins to decipher clues in the journal, and finds that they lead to a treasure: the long lost throne of King Solomon. As they embark on a treasure hunt, following the Portuguese Spice Route through east Africa, the Middle East and into India, they must rely on letters from a long dead Jesuit priest. They must also keep one step ahead of the secret militant order that carried out the robbery and is after the same goal: the prize of a lifetime.

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## **Solomon's Throne Details**

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### Patricia says

An adventure story that spans centuries and the globe from Lisbon to Goa (India), the Cape of Good Hope, along the Indian Ocean, Iraq, and back again looking for Solomon's throne.

No sex

Little violence

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### Sarah Aisling says

Solomon's Throne is a treasure hunt that spans countries and centuries. The author intersperses events from the 1600s into the present day. I admit to being a bit thrown by this at first, but it soon settled into a comfortable rhythm that seemed to run in tandem with present day events. I grew to enjoy the layered stories for the most part. I did have a bit of a hard time believing Gideon Quinn, a mere employee of the "keeper of the secret," would be willing to take off to another country with his wife, risking life and limb to chase a treasure for his employer.

I enjoyed the journey and found the different locales Gideon and Rei visited interesting. Jennings Wright has a way with descriptions that drew me into the story, and I felt like I was on the journey with her characters.

A thorough edit would have taken care of numerous typos and punctuation errors, which went beyond what I think is acceptable from a published work.

As the story drew toward its close, I wondered what twist was coming, what big secret or shocking event would be revealed. This never happened; thus the end fell a little flat for me. I found this to be a cozy "find the treasure" sort of tale. An enjoyable debut novel.

3.5 stars

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### Brenda M. Spake says

#### Solomon's Throne

I loved this book ! Was very much action packed with ancient history, and suspense...would love more reads like this!

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## Jasmine says

### Solomon's Throne by Jennings Wright

*-From The Back Cover-*

An impenetrable safe is breached and a secret artifact is stolen. Containing information that could change the course of the world, its desperate owner sends Gideon Quinn, his head of security, and Gideon's wife Rei, an art preservationist, to find it at any cost. What they discover is a clue to the lost throne of King Solomon, the real object of the theft. They are thrust out on an adventure that leads them halfway around the world. Following letters left by a Jesuit in 1681, they must weave through ancient sites along the Portuguese Spice Route, keeping ahead of a secret militant order that is determined to be them to Solomon's Throne.

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This book was a bit like a married Indiana Jones minus the snakes, booby traps, and melting people.

Action and adventure. Exotic locations and historical facts. Chases and mysterious clues. And some very strange dudes dressed in black. What more could you ask for?

This book features some historical tidbits from little known locations. I had never heard of the Portuguese Spice Route or the Stone Houses before. The locations and history mentioned are sending me on a search for more information, I'd really like to learn more about these fascinating places.

This will sound a bit strange, but the thing I liked best about **Solomon's Throne** was the author's writing style. She wrote more like a man, much like the famous Montana author Dorothy M. Johnson. Some women can't write action/adventure and some can and **Jennings Wright** is a woman who can.

**Solomon's Throne** was a very enjoyable adventure and I am looking forward to reading the next book.

**Tell Tale Book Reviews** (my blog) gives **Solomon's Throne** a 3+ Bark (4 Star) Rating.

**Note:** This book did have some language issues in a few spots.

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## Johnny says

### WON THIS GIVEAWAY COURTESY OF GOODREADS FIRST READS!

#### *Post-Thoughts:*

Like what Robert Newell said on the front cover of the book, "Buckle up and enjoy!" I'd like to say, "Buckle up and relax..." Because rest assured, nothing will happen and everyone will be safe.

Initially in the beginning chapters, we find out a precious letter is stolen from an impregnable vault that has significant ties to religion and ultimately a monumental treasure, Solomon's Throne. This letter dates back to

the late 16th century when a dying Jesuit gives the letter to Father Eduardo in hopes of protecting its secret and from a society named Congratio a Achalichus. Luis Xavier, the descendant of Father Eduardo, is outraged and sends his head security, Gideon Quinn and his his wife, Rei, to retrieve the artifact. In the process they discover a clue that sends them spiraling into a convoluted adventure, with their enemies at their side.

### *The GOOD*

- Overall, the the dialogue itself is FUNNY! Majority of the time after each scene of event and chapter, someone says something hilarious.  
Pg.252-253 "Honey, listen. We'll be ok. I'm sure these guys have done this hundreds of times. And they're not getting paid the other half of their money unless we all get back alive, right? So that's some incentive, at least." "Wonderful, Rei muttered."
- What amazes me in the book is Father Eduardo's, also known as Joao, keen crafty mind. His letters were scattered across the world leaving clues each step of the way for Gideon and Rei's monumental discovery.
- The number of places that was introduced to the story: Portugal, Mozambique, India, Iraq, and etc... This just shows what a journey the couple had to go through to find the treasure.

### *The BAD*

- I didn't know this book was a light-hearted, cozy, funny mystery-solving treasure story. If I known better, it was written for adolescents. I feel misled by the the opening chapters because it sets up a mood revolving around tension and urgency. The couple is across the world searching for the treasure while being chased by the same killers from the organization since the 16th century. Intense! But not really. Why? Gideon and Rei are popping jokes along with sarcasm in their frenzy mood swings.
- The next thing I found irritating are the monks. From what I've read, these are highly trained technological advance monks that are adept in vault cracking and human tracking. Seems like no matter where the couple goes, the monks manages to track them down. I wish the author explained it because I'm constantly asking myself, "how are they doing it?"  
Pg.288 "Rei glanced over her shoulder...It's one of them!" How can Rei distinguish the monks from the citizens? Is there a CA tattoo plastered on the man's face? Not very discreet, are we?
- Another annoying part in the book are the exceptionally pure-hearted people in each countries who are willing to go beyond measures for some foreigners. Seems like no matter where the couple are at, they were always surrounded by exceptional people with exceptional credentials. If there was a problem, no worries, they'll be alright because someone will come to the rescue and bail them out. This took out all the thrill and excitement because I will always know, in the end, everything will be O.K.

### **Cover:**

Looking at the cover thumbnail at first glance, I thought it was just an oxidized brown paper ripped apart overlaying a red tinted black background. Taking a closer look at the cover,

the old paper resembles an elaborated detailed drawing that appears to be the map leading to King Solomon's throne. The red tinted background is actually a red fabric material of some of sort. I don't think there's any relation to the actual book but it does provide a great contrast with the map's brown-yellowish color. Having that intricate map displayed on the cover is impressive and also an indication to the portentous adventure that lies ahead.

My main and minor dissatisfaction is the message "TODAY CRIME...YESTERDAY SECRET...". How much more trite and cliché can it sound? But then again, all thrillers needs a subtle *bang* to kick start the book. Cool map and overall, great cover!

**Conclusion:**

The dangerous portentous adventure turned out to be a safe innocuous spectacle. If I knew this mystery was more jovial than suspenseful, I would be more engaged. "★★★"

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**Sharon Michael says**

This was a free download for me and I found it an easy, enjoyable read. The standard 'follow the clues' treasure hunt plot was improved by well developed main characters.

I would probably tag this as a 'cozy' action/adventure novel as the storyline is all about the origin of the clues to find the treasure or the 'follow the clues' instituted by the modern day couple. A bit more travelogue than action. A combination of 'backstory' about the original artifacts and the person who is the foundation of the treasure clues and the couple who undertake to track down the clues and find the treasure keeps this from being dull.

Overall, entertaining but rather leisurely.

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**Victor Gentile says**

Jennings Wright in her new book, "Solomon's Throne" published by Jennings Wright brings us into the lives of Rei and Gideon Quinn.

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This is the reason why people tuned in to watch "The Fugitive" for four years. He was being chased by the police while he was chasing the one-armed man. Here Gideon and Rei are trying to translate the clues which will lead them to the next one which will eventually lead them to Solomon's Throne. Meanwhile there is a secret order that wants to get the Throne for themselves and eliminate them. "Solomon's Throne" is one exciting action, adventure. Gideon and Rei are following a notebook written by an ex-Jesuit in 1687. Ms. Wright makes the story jump between what is happening with the Jesuit and what is happening now and does it seamlessly. Now the chase is on across Africa with Gideon and Rei just one step ahead of disaster. "Solomon's Throne" is a riveting, page-turning thriller as the lives of the Quinn's are in deadly danger practically from page one. Ms. Wright packs in a huge amount of action, adventure, and suspense as they try to decipher the clues and stay alive at the same time. Ms. Wright has given us a wild ride to find a priceless

treasure. Give yourself plenty of time to enjoy this book as you will want to finish it before going to bed. "Solomon's Throne" is an exciting adventure from start to finish.

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### **Donna says**

I won a copy of this book through a Goodreads First Reads giveaway.

Overall, I enjoyed this story, although I wouldn't rate it any higher than 3 stars. I particularly liked the various exotic settings and the 'Indiana Jones' feel of the race to find the treasure. However, I felt that some of the dialogue, especially between the two main characters, seemed shallow and unnatural, and this detracted from the story and at times gave it an amateurish feel.

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### **Stefanie says**

I won my copy of Solomon's Throne by Jennings Wright through GoodReads FirstReads. It's about a "shocking" revelation concerning the Catholic Church and an ancient letter from someone stating something that isn't what the Catholics believe to be true but will do anything to keep it from reaching anyone from the church in case someone were to believe it and cause a controversial questioning of Catholicism. Then there's a break in at the home of the owner of the letter, an ancestor to a Jesuit priest who was given the letter, the letter is stolen by a mysterious group who have been looking for it to keep it hidden from being publicized. The owner, a very wealthy man, sends his top security guy, Gideon Quinn, and his art restorer wife, Rei Quinn, on a wild goose chase throughout the world to track down all the Jesuit priests letters hidden along his travels to the ultimate prize, King Solomon's golden throne.

While I did enjoy the story, as confusing as my synopsis is, so is the story. It meandered through the world and the story followed suit. It wasn't as action packed as I was expecting, their travels were a bit tedious and their ability to find the hidden letters seemed a bit too easily done. Also there were a few typos, missing words and foreign words with no translation, which made it a tad confusing at times.

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### **Scott Collins says**

3.5 stars would probably be more accurate, but I don't know how to do half stars. Solomon's Throne is the story of an ancient letter and treasure hidden and kept secret down through the generations, from the beginnings of the Catholic Church to the present day. After the letter and a journal containing clues as to the whereabouts of King Solomon's throne are stolen, Rei and Gideon Quinn are hired to recover the artifacts

and locate the throne. The couple must follow clues left by a long dead Jesuit priest while avoiding monks who are tracking them in an attempt to keep the church's secret and recover the stolen letter as well.

All in all a pretty good plot and characters. I did find the suspense was a little lacking and I was unclear as to how the monks kept finding the Quinns across various continents. It was a fun read, and quick, but I felt there could have been more detail and build-up to the final resolution. I think this would be a good book for an early teen reader as there is no sex and very little violence.

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### **Susana says**

Fast paced, entertaining and full of action, this is a classic adventure novel. The main characters, Gideon and Rei, are looking for a mythical treasure, king Solomon's throne, following the letters left three centuries before by a Jesuit priest, Father Eduardo. So we have all the elements that define any traditional adventure: an attractive couple, a legendary treasure, mysterious clues, unexpected allies and a fierce enemy (a congregation of dark monks in pursuit of the same objective), all taking place in beautiful and exotic landscapes in Africa and Asia.

It is nothing new, but it works. I've enjoyed myself going through the various stages of this quest. Well written and utterly readable, the plot develops two parallel lines, one that follows Gideon and Rei from Cape Town to Goa, as they find and decipher the letters left by Father Eduardo, whom we simultaneously accompany as he hides his letters in a reverse trip from Goa to Cape Town, in the 17th Century. This way, present and past intertwine in a careful mosaic of different characters and ages, resulting in an interesting as well as amusing story.

In short, I recommend this book to those readers looking for a classic entertainment.

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### **Chekita Hernandez says**

What a whirlwind! The author pulls you in from the first page. I loved the plot twists and very descriptive writing. If you are a fan of treasure hunting mysteries, this book is for you. Rei and Gideon are both relatable and believable, and I cannot wait to read of their next adventure.

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### **Coralyn says**

A clever adventure/sleuthing/suspense/mystery along the lines of Indiana Jones except that I liked this better!

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### **Kim Justice says**

Being a minister this book was very interesting to me. But be it as it may the book was an engrossing book that keeps you on the edge all the way thru.

To read more of my review: [link: Breath of Life](#)

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## **Belva Shelor says**

This was a great beach read. Full of adventure, treasure hunts, mysterious monks. Great book to do dig my toes in the sand with

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