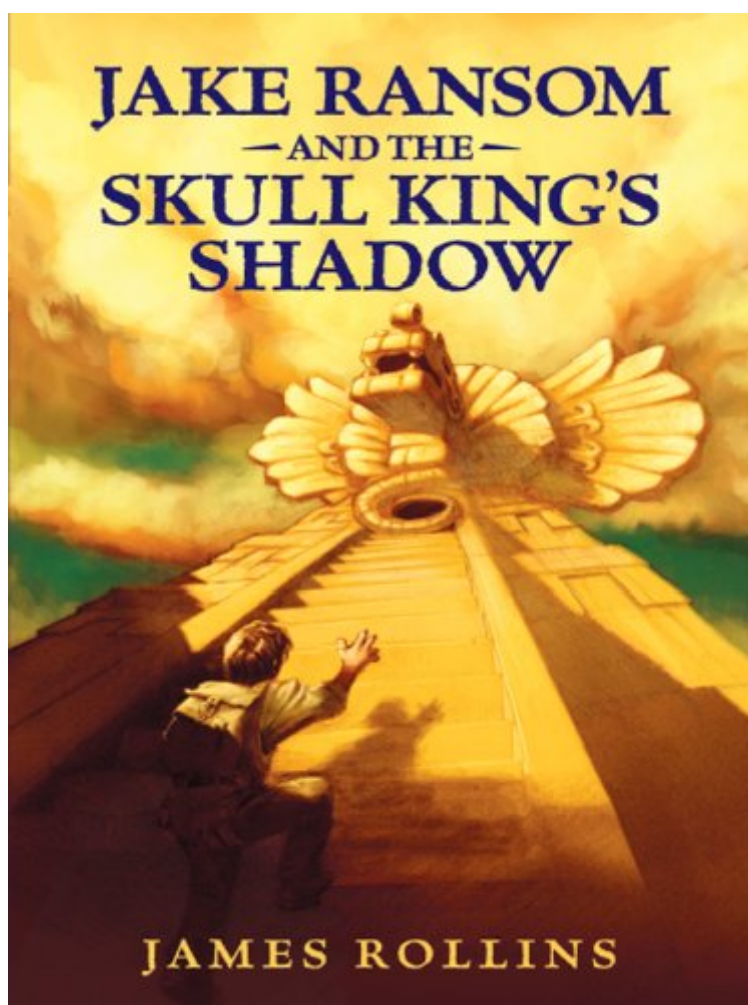


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# Jake Ransom And The Skull King's Shadow



## Synopsis

When a mysterious envelope arrives for Jake Ransom, he and his older sister, Kady, are plunged into a gripping chain of events. An artifact found by their parents—on the expedition from which they never returned—leads Jake and Kady to a strange world inhabited by a peculiar mix of long-lost civilizations, a world that may hold the key to their parents' disappearance. But even as they enter the gate to this extraordinary place, savage gracklys soar across the sky, diving to attack. Jake's new friends, the pretty Mayan girl Marika and the Roman Pindor, say the gracklys were created by an evil alchemist—the Skull King. And as Jake struggles to find a way home, it becomes obvious that what the Skull King wants most is Jake and Kady—dead or alive.

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## Customer Reviews

At first I felt the story to be told for teenagers, and would make an excellent candidate for Marvel comics. This is not disparagement, but rather a comment about my surprise since it is so different from the James Rollins books I had read prior. In fact, I found the introduction of so many sciences and much ancient history, cleverly wound together, to be a wonderful intro to these things in the

classroom. But in the last chapters the delightful surprise contained therein raised the story to a more mature level, and excellent finish. Of course this is just my opinion.

This first book in the Jake Ransom series sets the stage for subsequent books but stands firmly on its own. The characters - like all of James Rollins' characters - are believable and three dimensional. The story moves quickly with enough background and world building to let the reader visualize the setting vividly. I can't wait to read the next book!

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I am so use to reading your thrillers that I wasn't sure what I was reading or who was writing this book. I had to look at who was tho author to make sure I was reading Mr. Rollins. I didn't read that he was writing a new kind of series so I was reading blind. The fourth chapter I was hooked and by the end I was looking for when was the next book coming out then found out it was a new book and all the rest of the information. Well Mr Rollins your chance really paid off. It's a winner. Well done

Good reading

Let me say first of all that I am a Rollins fan. While I liked the characters of Jake and Kady I was a little disappointed the way Rollins introduced a hodge podge of different lost civilizations in one place and the reason they were there. The big battle scene at the end seemed to be missing something, maybe it just was not quite suspenseful enough and the antagonist (Skull King) really wasn't that scary. One of my favorite things that Rollins did was the use of Mayan symbols, modern technology mixed with the fantasy world and the explanation of how things reacted better. With that said I will continue to read to my boys about the young adventurer Jake and his sister.

As always James Rollins is one of the best adventure writers and this book is no exception. This one has pre-teen heroes from lots of different cultures. I don't do spoiler reviews. This is must read adventure book with life and death in the balance.

I truly enjoy reading James Rollins...and I am not a teen. The story line is fantasy about a brother/sister team who lost their parents and now, several years later, decide they need to discover what happened. So begins their journey, following clues left behind by Mom and Dad. Teens/young

adults should really enjoy this series. I do not care for reviews that give away plots or reveal twists and turns, so just let me add I enjoyed getting to know Jake and Kady and will continue to read this series. I've decided I also need to know what happened!! hope this review helped you!

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