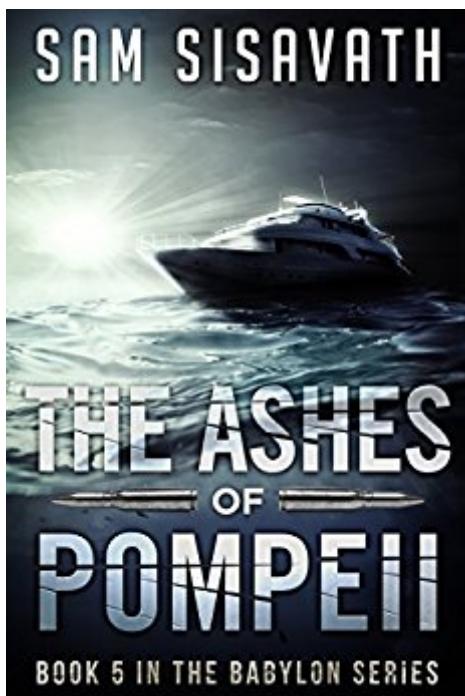


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Customer Reviews

The Purge of Babylon started with a bang in the eponymous Book 1 and has kept firing on all

cylinders - - engine purring, pedal to the metal - - through six installments (including the two Lemuria novellas). I love the series but have to say that the engine seems to be coughing a little and the transmission a bit sluggish in the latest addition - - The Ashes of Pompeii. Will and Danny are back, along with Gaby and Lara, and Keo, the hero of the Lemuria books, is now a full member of the Song Island Crew. Danny and Will remain probably the two most engaging characters in the expanding post-apocalyptic genre, and Sisavath's other characters are still compelling. It's the plot that seems to be running on fumes. Ashes concludes a plot line that started in Book 3 (Angkor) and has wound its way through the last two installments. That's a lot of time and pages devoted to one narrative path, and Ashes feels a lot more spongy and less taut than the earlier books. More chase and - - for the bulk of Ashes - - ongoing preparations for the imminent attack by the human agents of the blue-eyed ghouls. I guess one of the problems with this book is: how does an author maintain the suspense of "preparing for an imminent attack" for so long? Here, it feels too long - - and the pages devoted to Song Island are replete with internal debate, exposition, compulsive self-doubt and other forms of jogging-in-place. This part of the story could have used a haircut. On the other hand, how long can a search-and-rescue plot stay fresh without falling into repeated car crashes, routine encounters with incompetent militia, etc. In Ashes, there's at least one incident of capture-release-capture - - a usual sign of narrative anemia.

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