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Fault Line Details

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Lizpeveto says

If you like geology, you'll like the Em Hansen books. They are all good and most are situated in the western states. Good clean reads w/ enough plot to interest the reader and her people are well rounded. Little violence, profanity and sexual situations.

Donna Maroulis says

Good story and characters, with a lot of interesting information on earthquakes included.

Ayelet says

Good story, Ray's family is pretty crazy, I saw the Jack thing coming right away.

Lester says

Good good book!!!

(read a few books in the last week..but was without computer to update)

Maureen Keimig says

Interesting plot and good characters. Sometimes a little wordy on the geology information but otherwise a good read.

Denise says

Definitely an enjoyable read, especially for rock-hounds. Picked this up because of a recommendation by Lee Allison, the former state geologist of Utah and current state geologist of Arizona. Thanks, Lee!

Kirsten says

I'm reading these SO COMPLETELY out of order! Ah well.

This was a good one. There's something about earthquakes and the terror they cause that I can really

understand (living in Northern CA and growing up near the geysers and all). I like the switch in writing (alternating characters in chapters), and I think my favorite parts were the earthquake quotes at the beginning of chapters. It's natural to feel completely helpless when the ground you stand upon betrays you.

A good, solid murder mystery. Nothing too special, but nothing awful or embarrassing. An easy, enjoyable read!

Laura Chatfield says

I'm hooked on this series about a forensic geologist. There's a great mix of suspense, science/geology, and romance. I've read almost all the books in the series. Easy/escape reading.

Lisa says

Love geology, love Em Hanson.

Marseydoats says

I finished this, but I could never really get into it. It was the first book in the series I had read, maybe you have to read them in order? The only character that I liked in the entire book was Jack the FBI agent. The protagonist came across as not very bright, and the whole thing was kind of boring.

Unwisely says

This one was definitely better than the last one, that's for sure. She manages to cram some geology, but it's much less educational-film-strippy. The protagonist hit a bit close to home, with her unemployment, no career path, and age, but, well.

Plus it finally explained some important developments that I knew about but missed, accidentally having skipped three books. Overall, it was good enough that I requested the next one from the library, whee.

Eunira says

7th in the series

Kate says

"With the Winter Olympics approaching, Salt Lake City is trembling with excitement-literally. A real life

earthquake has torn fissures into the city's preparations, and now forensic geologist Em Hansen has a rare opportunity to get some field work in before her home is overrun by tourists and athletes.

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Again, lots of geological information -- this time it's earthquakes, and our heroine treats us to several detailed 'lessons' on how they work and what causes them, etc. Romantic beginnings and endings, which is one component of why I keep reading this series addictively. Nice plot, and of course a surprise ending.

Kristi says

Ah, so much better than the previous book in the series! Thank goodness!

While somewhat political in nature, this story was not bogged down preachiness or educating science. That isn't to say there wasn't a great geological message to the story or that I didn't learn things about geology that I didn't know before reading the book, but this time it supported the story rather than overshadowing it. In reading these series I find it is fairly common to find a title every now and again that isn't quite up to par with the others and I'm glad to discover that was the case and that Andrews returned to form with this title.
