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As twins Rachel and Adam are pursued across Europe by terrifying forces, they realize they can trust no one — and must draw on their special powers to survive.

After the shocking revelations in *Triskellion*, being guests of the "Hope Project" might seem like a relief. But Rachel and Adam soon figure out that they're being held prisoner, and that the program has more sinister goals than archaeological research in mind. A hideous discovery at the funeral of their grandmother makes it clear that the teenagers must flee from England to Paris, Seville, and finally Morocco, evading not only their former benefactors but also the followers of "The Englishman," a zombie-like figure with a frightening agenda of his own. It will take all of their special abilities and courage to stay alive until their journey reaches an explosive climax — and they unearth, on the North African coast, an ancient secret even more startling than the first.

The Burning Details

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Samantha Boyette says

This was a pretty interesting book. It was also fairly good. I dunno, I agree with a couple other people who say it's 3 and 1/2 stars. It's just not quite a 4 star book for me.

The first book read like a fantasy, but this one shows the true science fiction in the plot that was only barely revealed at the end of the first book. Maybe it's just that I like fantasy better, but I enjoyed the first book more.

There's still lots of questions left out there at the end of this book. I will need to finish the series, because I'm invested enough to want to know what goes on. However, I was able to stop the book halfway through and read another book before finishing it. That's always a sign that the book isn't the best ever!

Mashael Al-Thuwaini says

Read this a long time ago... It sucked.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Kira M for TeensReadToo.com

With the help of the mysterious Gabriel, Rachel and Adam have managed to escape from the village of Triskellion and their mysterious family heritage.

Soon, however, they are betrayed and captured by the mysterious Hope Agency and are experimented on and held prisoner. When more of their "special abilities" start surfacing, the twins realize that staying at the Hope Agency is not safe.

With the help of three other sets of twins, the two escape and are chased across Europe by the Hope Agency and others. Always in danger, the six hone their powers and learn to fight back, but soon realize that no one can be trusted and this flight is a fight for survival, possibly to the death.

Will Rachel and Adam be able to get away from the evildoers pursuing them? Will they learn to use their powers in time?

THE BURNING is a fast-paced adventure that's well worth the read. Readers will be on the edge of their seats on the race across Europe with Rachel and Adam. The plot is well done with lots of twists and turns that keep you guessing about what's really going on and where Rachel and Adam truly come from. The characters are appealing and interesting to follow throughout the story.

Those who like reading fantasy, adventure, science fiction, paranormal fiction, and books like THE LIGHTNING THIEF by Rick Riordan will enjoy reading this book. It is, however, recommended that you

first read book one, TRISKELLION.

Jess - The Tales Compendium says

The sequel to Triskellion is absolutely brilliant! It had been so long since I read the first book that I wasn't sure I would be able to get into the second as I couldn't remember a lot of what had happened, but I found, that even if you can't remember all the details from the first book, The Burning is awesome.

As the first book slowly came back to me, I got more and more excited about what was happening in the sequel. There is far more action, conspiracy and supernatural happenings in this than there were in the first. There are more characters, and the Scottish twins are so lovable! It was also nice reading the small mention of my own home town that one of the characters is from (it's not the kind of place that gets mentioned in books :)).

I highly enjoyed this, much more than the first book and am looking forward to book 3, which promises to have more twists, quests and action.

Carrie says

I was very disappointed in this sequel. While the first book had a fantasy feel to it, this book read more like a Da Vinci Code thriller with science fiction aspirations. It also seemed a very long chase with little payoff. I will stop here and not read the next one, and there is little doubt that there will be a next one.

Gary Murphy says

really enjoyed the 2nd book in the trilogy in the second outing of Rachel and Adam it starts off where 1st 1 ended rachel and adam are trapped in the hope foundation. What do they want from them? They have to get away Gabriel turns up again and has a plan and they set out on another adventure this time the story is action packed and it all ends at a climatic finale all i can say is roll on the 3rd

Laura says

[the kids running from one town to the next constantly escaping capture and death, which began to get a bit tedious. (hide spoiler)]

Dallys says

I loved it. It had a lot of mystery and I was even able to connect and put together some of the mystery by myself. At first I was kind of skeptical, but after a few chapters I was hooked! I couldn't put it down and read a few pages every time I got a chance! Ended up reading about 300 pages in only 2 hours! I loved it that

much! I loved the ending, too.

Kara says

I am intrigued. Need to read the last one now.

Angie says

started: ok, round 2, and the plot gets weirder. this could be a good thing.

paused: read a few pages to my 17 year old, gave her the back story and now i'm waiting for her to finish it. that's ok i have a STACK of others to read.

Szawanah S says

though some would like to say that they dont really like the book, i shall say that i like the book. it was something else. i had enough of wizardly and vampires. seriously. it takes place in a rural village in England where everybody knows everybody and are skeptical towards the newcomers. i enjoyed reading how Adam and Rachel are not just a twin but share more; well you see, they can speak to each other without having to speak up. and i like the mysterious aura brought by Gabriel though sometimes i find it quite annoying that Rachel and Adam just simply follow Gabriel's order with no hesitation at all.

though i dont find it entertaining at all that the author pictures Gabriel as some sort of god; with all the power that he has. at the 2nd half of the books, i found myself hurrying to finished it in order to know the ending of it and surely to find out the truth that surrounds Triskellion and a lil bit disappointing to the ending. certainly, the author should elaborate more about the so called triskellion than just let it hanging out like that. but by leaving it hanging out, i could not help but to continue reading the sequel of it; triskellion: the burning.

but i could not help to think that the author should elaborate more on these:

the triskellion power obviously (ive mentioned it earlier huh)

the bees. what is the fuss about the bees?

the mummies. the fact that they look like rachel and gabriel.

the green men. god, tell us more man! who they really are?

the twins father? they rarely mentioned him.

and yes, i finished the trilogy in just 2 days.

Miss Clark says

The book has a decent style, believable characters, good action sequences, and a not-totally barmy plot. But above all, it does not give answers. It raises about a thousand questions and gives you no real information that could even allow you to try and piece together the answers for yourself. Instead, you get stuck with an annoyingly open-ended conclusion that has Gabriel and the other twins stuck in a collapsed cave, status as

dead or alive unknown, with a bunch of wackos still after Adam and Rachel because they have alien blood. And Gabriel is as much a mystery as ever. And not in a good way. They tease and taunt you with tidbits that never reveal anything you had not already figured out a hundred pages ago. So, above all else, this book irritated me *and* failed to keep me invested in these characters. If there is another book, I have no idea whether I'll bother with it and certainly not if they just keep stringing you along just to publish more books but without giving you a real story in the ones already here.

Jeremiah Griff says

A great continuation of the first book. More twists, action, and just plain secrets than before, this fast-paced thriller is packed with all sorts new surprises and even more characters! It even reveals that Rachel and Adam (if you remember the first two characters from the first book) can do much more than the average human because of their history.

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Anne says

I wish I could give half-stars - this one's not quite a 4 but better than a 3.

I got the ARC from Candlewick Press through LibraryThing's Early Reviewers. I asked for Triskellion 2: The Burnbing because the first book left me confused. I thought I was reading a run-of-the-mill kids fantasy book right up until the very end of Triskellion. This second book was clear from the get go: it is a science fiction book, not a fantasy book. At first I was disappointed, being a die-hard kids fantasy fan, but the authors (sharing one pseudonym) got the pacing and thrill-factor of this one right. When I first read the pre-release blurbs I thought, "There's no way the authors will be able to get them from England to North Africa without it feeling forced and artificial." I was wrong. The twins and the mysterious boy Gabriel flee from England through France and Spain to Morocco, gathering momentum, additional sets of twins, and more villains in pursuit as they go. It was a thrilling read right through to the end which--happily for me--seems to leave open the possibility for another book in the series. I would recommend this book to kids who like paranormal and science fiction, and, yes, even to fantasy readers.

Meghan Coffey says

This book was just like a sequel--worse than the first. It seemed that throughout the journey, they were barely getting anywhere and were helpless, relying on Gabriel the entire time until the very end where the twins got a hold of their powers. I hope the next one (if there is a next one) is better.
