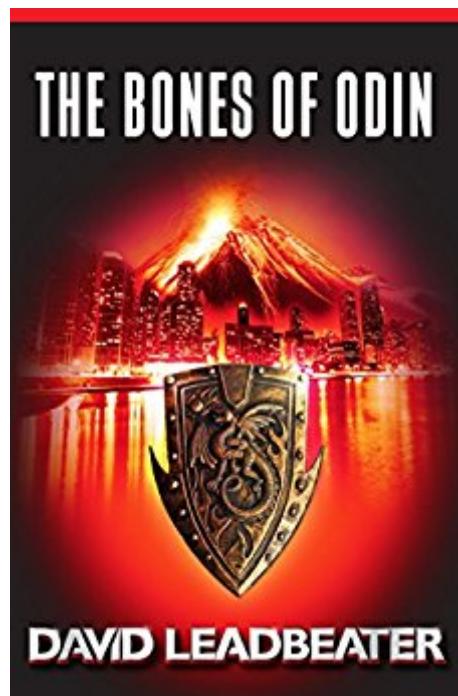


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# The Bones Of Odin (Matt Drake Book 1)



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

"The Bones of Odin" by David Leadbeater (@dleadbeater2011) is an fast-paced thrill-ride of a book where the action starts on page 1 and doesn't let up as hero Matt Drake and his cohorts battle the bad guys throughout locales as exotic as Paris and as dangerous as the inside of a supervolcano. (click here for Mr. Leadbeater's blog). My taste in genres is pretty broad. I like a deep, introspective mystery or epic sci-fi saga as much as the next person, but sometimes as a reader I want to dive into something a bit more straightforward. To grab some popcorn, settle into my seat and get swept away as the bullets fly and bodies fall into bottomless pits. "The Bones of Odin" absolutely delivered and I had a lot of fun reading it. If (when, hopefully) some smart person in Hollywood decides to turn "Bones" into a movie, there is no doubt in my mind it will be a Summer Blockbuster starring the latest stars. There are plenty of big action scenes, starting with the opening set in York, England at -- of all things -- a fashion show attacked by masked terrorists. There is also a mystery here, a riddle revolving around the mythology of Odin, the Norse "Father of all Gods and Men" and the Nine Pieces of Odin, which may spell the end of the world as we know it if put together just right. This mystery propels the action forward, as ex-SAS officer Drake and his team -- including a damaged New York City detective and a naive university student/musician -- race to collect the Pieces before the bad guys. That's bad guys, plural, and they are truly deliciously drawn in their evilness.

Brief Summary - Matt Drake, former SAS man, now working as a freelance photographer gets caught up in a plan to find the nine pieces of Odin, assembling a puzzle which may well lead to the end of the world. His old talents are tried to the limits as he fights to save his friends, find the pieces of Odin, and save the day. The Bones of Odin is not without some charm - the lead characters are fairly likeable, and dialogue is comfortable. However, that's pretty much the only real positive I can find. The basic story is a low-quality version of the recently-popular genre brought into prominence

by The Da Vinci Code. I'll admit to some guilty pleasures in similar books (Preston and Child are favourites of mine), but this is definitely one of the poorer versions. Most of these books run along the lines of: hero stumbles across ancient conspiracy/prophecy, rushes to save the world, gets chased by shadowy conspiracy group, goes from A to B to C to D to collect various pieces/clues (usually just too late, or just ahead of the bad guys), eventually finds the last piece in time to make sense of the whole thing, realises it's a bit of a misunderstanding, saves the day, goes home. Usually gets the girl. So it is with The Bones of Odin. Only, it's pretty poorly done. Getting Drake into the story is poorly handled coincidence of the highest order. The bad guys are phenomenally rubbish. The introduction of the love interest, the shocking plot holes, and the whole chase are disappointing. The McGuffins (the 9 pieces of Odin) which are meant to be assembled to point to something or other are actually nothing, and have no bearing on any of the prophecy or clues.

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