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The portals are closed. The Evil have lost their pathway between their home and ours. No longer does humanity need to worry about extradimensional bodysnatchers with a thirst for pain and terror pouring through to wreak destruction on Earth.

So that means Stone, Jason, and Verity can rest for a while, right?

Yeah, maybe not.

The problem is, while there might not be any new Evil coming through, a whole lot of very powerful, very angry Evil are still stuck on our side. Desperate now, they're forced to put aside their differences and work together to come up with an ambitious plan to get their pipeline of soldiers up and running. And now they've got a dangerous ally on their side: a black mage with a longstanding hatred of Stone.

Will Stone and his friends figure out what the Evil are up to before they can set into motion something that can't be stopped--and that will end up killing thousands of people in the process?

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Kat Lebo says

The Source, Alastair Stone Chronicles, #4
by R. L. King

Finally. A book in the series that depicts Stone as actually having the talent he has been rumored to have, but that never seemed to show up in the past three books.

I almost rated this book 5 stars, but was held back by the nagging feeling that: a) we will never be through with The Evil and I, for one, was ready to be done with them and move on after the second novel; b) the feeling, in the climatic end, that there was just too much going on and that was distracting for me (and I found myself skimming pages, having to make myself go back and read to make sure I didn't miss any important parts); and c) this one did have a sort of cliffhanger ending. Yes, the situation the novel centers on is resolved, but it leaves Stone himself in a limbo state. If I didn't already have the 5th book in the series, I would have dropped the series right then and there. Grrrrr

I almost relented and gave that 5th star just because the author finally stopped using "p'raps" as part of Stone's speech pattern. But, nah. It stays at 4 stars.

I do really like Alastair Stone, even though a lot about the author's writing drives me a bit nuts (see above).

In this episode, Stone and his gang of 3: Jason, Verity and Sharra, are going to Burning Man. Based on some mysterious activity involving stolen magical how-to books, they believe The Evil are planning to either build a new, permanent portal to their world/dimension, or planning a summoning of an entity that can produce said portal. After a study of places where ley lines cross, they think The Evil's plan will take place at Burning Man. So, it's off to the outfitters for supplies and off to the car dealership for an RV and then it's off to Burning Man.

Present in this episode are many of the lesser Evil possessed, plus most of the more powerful Evil possessed, including a blast from Stone's past, Trin, the young black magic mage from the first novel. Also, there's a big baddy from another dimension, lots of eclectic and eccentric characters populating the Burning Man site, and action that runs the gamut from annoyance to danger. It will take all of Stone's strength and more if the group is to escape with their lives. And, in the end, is the cost too much?

As I said, I loved that Stone is depicted more powerfully in this novel than in previous novels, and also, more determined and sure of himself. The ending climax was, as it should have been, chaotic, but so chaotic as to be a bit frustrating to try and keep everyone's location and doings in order. Yes, I am moving on to the fifth (and currently last) in the series as I already have it. It will be interesting to see how Stone's predicament plays out.

David J says

The series continues to improve. This is the best one yet

Linda says

The characters and the story line just get stronger and better with each book. Love the burning man set.

Joy says

well written book and interesting story, but I got a little tired of the same evil grin the other books not being defeated. something new and fresh for Stone to fight wild have been nice.

Lybo Buchanan says

What a ride!!! With the portals destroyed, hopefully our heroes could rest & move on to other things. But a lot of the Evil still existed on our side, & a black mage, with a long standing hatred of Stone, plans to "rally" their soldiers & create a new pipeline that would once again allow them to enter our realm.

Stone, Jason, & Verity have their jobs cut out for them. Will they be able to overcome such odds, & save humanity?
