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Sarah Sundin says

Wow! What a ride! If you like World War II fiction, if you like a rip-roaring thriller, and if you like Captain America (you do like the Cap, don't you?), you'll love The Methuselah Project. Rick Barry knows his history, and all the details are just right, including Roger's culture shock in modern America. Roger and Katherine are wonderful characters, and the suspense is smartly paced. Enjoy!

Victor Gentile says

Rick Barry in his new book, "The Methuselah Project" published by Kregel Publications introduces us to Roger Greene.

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There will always be a group or someone who feels that they can live your life for you better than you can. This is what happens to Roger Greene. He crashes behind enemy lines and then is used for a science experiment that works. He is held prisoner for seventy-two years and then escapes. Or does he really? "The Methuselah Project" is filled with tension and many twist and turns that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Mr. Barry is highly talented and keeps the story moving at a very high level of quality, though every so often it does slow down a touch. And did I mention that there is a romance? Roger and Katherine are well drawn and interesting characters. Not only will this book keep you flipping pages as fast as you can read them it will also have you asking all kinds of questions. Well Done!

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write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

Narita says

I wasn't sure about reading this book as it was by a man, and I thought it would be too "macho" for me. I also never read sci-fi but after reading the back of the book I was curious. I am so glad I decided to give it a chance.

It is WWII, 1943 and Captain Roger Green, already a hero in his own right, is doing what he loves most, flying. After many successful missions, he is shot down over enemy territory and with his piloting skills averts what could have been a fatal crash. He thinks he will go into survival mode and be rescued but finds himself quickly captured and whisked away to an unusual prison. There he finds himself and a handful of other men, as part of an evil experiment. It is top secret even among the Nazi's.

When the prison is bombed by Allied forces, Roger not only survives but completely heals. Roger becomes priceless to them as a human guinea pig because he is proof what they are trying to achieve worked: a human that can live forever. Over the next 70 years he is kept like a caged animal. His only human contact is a few scientists. This gave him a great deal of time to examine his relationship with God he had abandoned years ago.

Finally through a suspenseful escape, he returns to America in the year 2015. He is a modern day Rip Van Winkle. Being in a time warp is the least of his worries. He is still in great danger. A young woman, Katherine who is trying to rescue him, has no clue she is his enemy and neither does he.

This story is electrifying! We know technology has moved ahead rapidly in a short time, but do we ever stop to think how much? Seeing the 21st century through the eyes someone from the 1940's was shocking. To make it even harder, Roger couldn't share his story with anyone as it was too insane. Who would believe him? He had no identification, and everyone he knew was dead, or so he thought. His newly renewed faith was put into action right away!

This book has so many things going for it. It is well written, super action filled, historical, and exciting! I had trouble putting it down and read it in record time. I look forward to reading more of Mr. Barry's books! Trust me; you do want to read this book!

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Rondi Olson says

I've been on a WWII kick lately, so this book looked interesting and I thought I'd give it a try. The concept ended up being more science fiction than history, the title should have given me a clue, but I like science fiction too, so it worked out fine for me.

I would describe this book as an origins story. The last quarter of the book was especially good and seemed like a setup for future books, which I hope will come.

My only significant complaint with the book is that the female lead seemed to be defined by one trait most of the book, wanting a boyfriend. Seriously. Uncle Kurt likes this guy, he doesn't like this other one, why don't I

try a dating site? Fortunately she does grow in complexity toward the end of the book.

Clean and appropriate for younger age groups. I would recommend for YA readers, especially young men.

Joan says

This is a WW II novel with a captivating twist. I really liked it.

Roger Greene was shot down over Nazi Germany in 1943. He was taken prisoner and became part of a bazaar experiment. Called the Methuselah Project, an eccentric scientist injected Roger and six others with chemicals and submitted them to treatments.

Roger was the only one who survived. He's lived for decades in a basement cell. And he has never aged. He's been lied to by his caretakers and believes the war is still going on, although at somewhat of a stalemate. The only thing that has kept him from going crazy is the Bible he reads.

After some 70 years of captivity, one of his caretakers turns sympathetic and there is a chance for an escape. But could he ever be free or would the organization holding him captive hunt him until they could take him out? And when he meets a woman who offers to help him, how does he know he can even trust her?

This is great fiction. We have bazaar experiments going on in the last months of the Nazi regime. We have a secret organization of Nazi war survivors who hid their experiments, and Roger, from the Allies. That organization continues today with nefarious intentions and operatives in several countries. And Roger, even if he could escape and get free, how could he ever convince anyone he was nearly a hundred years old, looking like a young man?

The characters are well done. Roger is a well crafted guy out of the forties. He talks like one and acts like one. The gal he meets is a well crafted character too. She is a little naive about the secret organization her uncle has convinced her to join, but she has a good heart.

There is lots of action in the novel. I liked the way the plot developed, as the narrative goes back and forth from WW II to today. Barry has made a conspiracy organization and a bazaar experiment into a believable and very readable story. I highly recommend it.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher for the purpose of an independent and honest review.

Cindy says

The ever-present question of "What if?" abounds in *The Methuselah Project* by Rick Barry. Captain Roger Greene of the U.S. Army Air Corps flies what proves to be his last combat mission on December 17, 1943. Roger loves flying and outmaneuvering the enemy, but on this particular day, he runs out of ammunition during a fight that leaves his P-47 Thunderbolt crippled with two enemy Me 109s still on his tail. He crashes somewhere in Germany with snow on the ground and nowhere to hide from the enemy soldiers who soon appear. Roger is captured and taken to a facility where he joins six other detainees in an experiment

involving human cell regeneration with the goal of restoring the span of human life to that of Methuselah who lived 969 years. Roger spends the next seventy years under lock and key, being studied and analyzed, yet he doesn't age.

Katherine Mueller lives in the present time. She lives with her only living relative, Uncle Kurt Mueller, who has raised her since her parents died in a fire so long ago she can't really remember them. She works as a free-lance writer so she can pick and choose her assignments and work hours, although she doesn't yet have enough clients to be totally self-supporting. She wishes to please Uncle Kurt so she is trying to be gracious about his interference in her love life, which is non-existent since he is so picky about who she dates. She also trains to become part of the organization Uncle Kurt is involved in, an organization her parents belonged to and which she has heard of from Uncle Kurt all her life.

The Methuselah Project was absorbing. The book was well written, well thought out, and detailed without being overwhelming. The plot was intriguing. Could there be a "fountain of youth" such as has been pursued throughout history? Following Roger in his 70 years of captivity created thought-provoking questions such as "What would I do if my living space was confined to a small cell?" "How would I pass the time?" "How would I survive mentally?" "How would I respond to my captors and wardens if they were the only people I ever saw?" I really enjoyed watching the timelines of Roger and Katherine merge, seeing the span of time between them narrow as Roger's time in confinement neared an end, wondering how and when they would meet. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and would highly recommend it.

I received a copy of this book through The Book Club Network in exchange for my honest review.

Lisa Johnson says

Title: The Methuselah Project

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My rating is 5 stars.

This tale will keep readers glued to the pages long after the sun sets! The story is set during WWII before America entered the war, with a young man joining the RAF via Canada. Roger has wanted nothing but to pilot a plane! When he gets shot down in Germany, then captured, he begins to experience a nightmare. For decades he has been locked up and alone, except for the occasional visitor bringing food and sometimes news.

When Roger comes back to the U. S., he meets a woman named Katharine, who then becomes part of the drama that unfolds when people begin attempting to take Roger's life. In time, they grow close to each other, but it isn't until one horrible moment when she realizes one of the men in her life is telling the truth and another is a liar.

I found the plot very fascinating and intriguing. There are faith, discerning between truth and lies, along with Roger being alone without human touch for decades. The whole idea of the Nazis wanting to control pertinent areas of a nation because they think they know best is a stunning premise. No matter what group of people, there are always others who think they know best and can tell some what to do better than anyone. The ending was creative, and I wonder if the author will be taking the storyline into a sequel. I loved how Katharine had to face the ugly truth about her caretaker she had for years. The inner turmoil Roger had while in captivity led him to examine faith and prayer issues. This work of fiction shows how many changes can

occur without us really knowing until we look backwards and see all that has happened.

I hope you pick up the book and enjoy a great mystery with intrigue, romance and faith! This is a very well-crafted story!

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Betty says

A "what if" story that spreads its wings and soars. I found this novel to be absolutely fascinating. There is so much history, plausible or not, built into this book. So much to ponder. As a child myself during WWII, my interest deepened throughout. Growing up, I learned as others did, that there were many secrets, experiments, agendas, so to me, this book did have an abundance of historic fact, fiction, what-if.... Yes. What if Roger Greene had not crashed in his plane and lived only to be captured? What if German scientists had discovered a way to appease Hitler's plan for the Thousand Year Reich? What if one experiment actually worked? Herein lies the mystery, the complexity of the story.

The author, **Rick Barry**, has given us a full-blown history of one man's fight to return home to Indiana. This history is decades in the making. In the beginning there were seven, Roger was Number 7. When the lab is demolished by heavy bombardment only Roger remains alive among the seven captives. What does this mean? Will he be rescued? One of his captors, indeed the scientist himself, eventually loosens up enough to provide the airman with reading material which included a Bible. His world opening up and giving him hope through many different writings provides enough to keep him sane, but for how long?

This is an adventure story unlike others. No dashing around, he is in a cage. But he has plans, and God on his side. And he is exactly the same in appearance as he was 70 years ago when he was captured. He is not even aware that the war is long over. On the other hand, is it really over for him? The opportunity he has been waiting for suddenly arises and Yes! he is free, at least he may be free, if he can just get out of Germany and to the US, but will anyone believe his story? This story has everything a person could want. A mix of everything: sci fi, romance, war, history, humanity, inhumanity, christianity, excitement, adventure, a book that will keep you reading as the world takes him through changes, terror, and more. A wonderful, entertaining and thought-provoking book with a surprise ending.

Kelly Bridgewater says

What would happen if the Nazi's invited a medicine that could make someone live for a thousand years? What if they experimented on American soldiers? What if one survived and escaped? That is exactly the type of story that The Methuselah Project is. The Methuselah Project by Rick Barry is a mixture of mystery and intrigue. Even though the synopsis on the back cover really doesn't do the book justice, I really, really enjoyed this book. If you are a fan of World War II history and love a good suspense book filled with chase scenes and bullets flying, then I highly recommend you buying this book.

As a suspense book, Barry hits what I look for in a great thrill ride. First, there are plenty of characters going under disguise to throw off the enemy. Captain Roger Greene, the pilot, has to take on a number of disguises to escape his physical prison and return home to Indiana. With the help of two different ladies, Sophia and Katherine, Roger awakens to a new world in 2015. Second, I loved the idea of The Methuselah Project and what it actually does to Roger. It was a complete original and unpredictable story. I couldn't read the book fast enough. I started it and finished one hundred pages, went to bed, and woke up and finished the book in two more hours. It is fast-paced and rich with action.

I believe it is so good because I got wrapped up in Roger's plight that I wanted to see how it ended. Does he go home? Does he return to a normal life? What happens to him? Do people actually believe him? I held on to the plot, anxiously turning the pages waiting to see what happens to a character that I wanted everything to turn out for him. I felt bad for his struggles and wanted to see justice done.

Romance fans will even be interested. As a man who has been locked up for seventy years with only seeing the male doctors, of course, he is going to be interested in the female doctor, Sophia and Katherine, the accomplice in America. There are moments of high emotions, but nothing that true suspense lovers will cringe at. It is not over the top and cheesy. Very mellow.

Another one of Barry's strength is his descriptive writing. I felt like I was in the airplane during 1943 when the story started. Barry's amount of research into the workings of these old airplanes really made the story ring true to me. I, however, enjoyed spending time in Plainfield, Indiana and all the details Barry had to look up. As someone who grew up just east of Plainfield, well actually Avon, Indiana, it sparked a little bit of homesickness in me. I loved growing up in Indianapolis.

Briefly, near the end of the story, there is even a moment where I had to bat my eyes to keep tears from falling. Don't worry. I won't tell anyone if you have to keep some tears at bay too. Our secret.

Fans of suspense in any time period and fans of World War II novels will lose themselves in the plot. I highly recommend this book.

The Methuselah Project by Rick Barry is a fast pace non-stop action story that begins during World War II and brings Roger and me to the present day. This is a gem of a story, and I honestly can't wait to see what else Rick Barry plans to write. I am hooked on his writing.

I received a complimentary copy of The Methuselah Project from Rick Barry in exchange for my honest opinion. All the statements in this review are mine, and I was not forced to leave a good review.

Toni Osborne says

This is to be the most captivating book I read in a long time. Pulse –pounding action from page one, this fiction is so enthralling I hated to do anything else but flipping pages to see the outcome, it is simply that captivating. The story is quite original and starts during WW11 with Roger Greene, a fighter pilot, who becomes a study subject in the Methuselah Project by Nazi scientists after his plane was shot down behind enemy lines during WW11. It is also the story of Katherine Mueller, a freelance editor, living in Atlanta in 2014. Destiny eventually brings them together.....

The story moves from the time Roger is shut down to the present day and is told by the two players as the

narrative switches back and forth between them. This is mixture of mystery and intrigue filled with chase scenes that all started with an experiment for longevity.....What a great thrill ride this story gives. Imagine languishing behind bars for 70 years and not aging at all, being able to escape only to be relentlessly hunted by the Organisation (bad guys) while trying to orient yourself and figure out all the modern gadgetry of the 21st century....The premise may be far-fetched and implausible in many ways but what it does well is to give us pause on some of the war's atrocities. The characterization is well-done: Katherine is a real Southern belle and plays a good role especially when the chase is on. Our hero Roger is simply an ace, what else can I say.

"The Methuselah Project" is well-crafted to provide a bit of everything and captivated its reader from page one.

Jesseca Wheaton says

Oh, this book!!!! One of the most amazing, sweet, interesting books I've read! Roger was so sweet and funny and Katherine was just adorable! The book reminded me somewhat of Captain America, which was awesome! Definitely a favorite! :)

Staci says

Fantasy or Science Fiction isn't my typical read.

The Methuselah Project is about a WWII pilot that undergoes a scientific experiment in Germany after being captured. As a result of the experiment, the pilot, Captain Greene doesn't age. His story was told in tandem with Katherine's in 2015.

I found the first half of the novel to be more interesting than the second half. Overall, it was a good read and I recommend it for fantasy readers.

Jennifer Davids says

When Captain Roger Greene crashes his fighter plane in Nazi Germany during World War II, he resigns himself to the fact he won't be going home for a while. But he never imagines that 'a while ' will end up being seventy-two years later and that he won't have aged a day since he was captured.

I genuinely enjoyed reading Rick Barry's The Methuselah Project . Captain Roger Greene jumped – or I should say, flew – right off the page as I was immediately immersed into a World War II dogfight. Rick's attention to historical detail is superb from the twists and dives of Roger's P-47 to the 40's era lingo that raises a few eyebrows in 2015.

Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go..." is beautifully put into action in the spiritual development of Roger's character. When he is first imprisoned and experimented upon he turns to his memories of his childhood Sunday school teacher who always admonished him and his classmates to pray. It is from that foundation that Rick builds Roger's spiritual arc, taking him from indifferent God-fearer to devout Christian. Particularly touching is Roger's regret over how the world has changed since he last saw it.

“Being here feels like going to see an old friend, only to find a stranger living in the house.” (The Methuselah Project, pg 257)

Katherine Mueller is an admirable heroine, hard as nails yet feminine and will not disappoint a female reader. While learning martial arts and the nuances of surveillance, she still longs for a love life and independence. And while she is a bit too trusting about her uncle – understandable since he raised her – she doesn't hesitate to eventually see 'the Organization' for what it is and stand behind Roger.

The Methuselah Project was an enjoyably unique read and I wouldn't object to seeing what else the 21st century holds for Roger Greene and Katherine Mueller.

Olivia says

{3.5 stars}

I'm totally *not* a Sci-fi reader. Never have been, but this book description grabbed me because World War 2 plays a big part in this book. So I can't say I'm a huge lover of science fiction now, but I did enjoy this one a little more than expected.

What I liked:

- The setting. The first chapter was great!! Too bad Roger didn't get to fly his plane a little more.
- The second half was the best. I was pulled in by the words; intrigued.
- I really liked when Roger got to the "real world" after his imprisonment. Makes you realize the huge difference from the 1950s to the 2010s!!
- Roger's sarcasm made me snicker.
- The escape scene!
- I did like that Roger read the Bible and there were even a few verses quoted throughout the book.
- The one chapter with Walt made me sniff. Definitely tear worthy and I was really glad...never mind. No spoilers :))

What I didn't like:

- I will admit that the first 1/3 of story wasn't that enjoyable. Everything with the experiment made me shiver and feel a little weird.
- More than halfway through the book all Katherine's scenes were basically just about her wanting to find a boyfriend. There was nothing deep about her scenes. Of course she wasn't a Christian, so you just feel like you were reading a clean fiction book.
- (view spoiler)
- At first there was hardly anything mentioned about God or the Bible...toward the middle and end there was more. It wasn't a huge focus.
- There were three uses of "bloody" by a British airman. I understand that this word in America is not a swear word, but having lived in England it was hard for me to read that word without skimming quickly.

What was weird:

- Imagining Roger over a hundred years old and still looking in his 20s really played on my mind!! Especially when an attraction was formed between he and Katherine toward the end.
- The HO organization. Weird, weird.

Overall a good read, but I only raised my rating slightly for the second half because I enjoyed it more. Not a most favorite book, but others may enjoy more than myself.

*Recommended for older teens and up. Mentions of human reproduction (semi-detail), a few kisses, and one attempted rape.

Amy says

This book had me captivated from the get-go! Roger is a pilot in the Air Force in WWII - roger that? (A little book humor) He gets shot down over Germany's Third Reich during a air raid, and becomes number seven in the science experiments Dr. is conducting. The goal, a body that will generate new cells quickly, heal itself, and live a very long life. In that way, the elite will become even more intelligent and able to conquer the world.

After years of living in a cell, Roger finally finds way to escape. He has no idea how the world has changed, believing that all these years the world was still at war. He knows no one and has no where to go. Meanwhile... somewhere in America, there is an elite society, the HO. Few people are eligible to become members, those who do are sworn to secrecy and must past the most rigid of testing to move up in the ranks. Katherine, a beautiful and intelligent young woman is part of this organization. Mostly due to her uncle and the memory of her parents and what they wanted for her. Her most recent assignment - Roger. Little does she know what all this involves and how dangerous it can get.

This book will keep you on the edge of your seat. It started out fast paced, slowed just a little for me in the middle, but that may just have been because I was so eager to get him out of that cell and see what was going to happen to him. Honestly, I had a hard time putting it down. My house work suffered for a few days. The author was creative and fun with Roger's outdated vocabulary and knowledge of the current year and modern times. I enjoyed the reference to God and the Bible. I felt while the author did a great job incorporating faith without making it overbearing.

What can I say? You will not want to miss this one. This is the first time I have read a book by Rick Barry, but it won't be the last I hope.

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