

Media Angels

“Missing Link: Found”

This was a company that I had never heard of prior to my connection with The Old Schoolhouse review crew. It is a science company, operated by a homeschool family for the purpose of publishing and making available creation science curriculum and resources. In addition to many books (one of which I was able to read and review), they also have other creation science resources, science fair helps, an online creation science class and much more.

The novel that was sent for review purposes is one in a three-part series called The Truth-Seekers Mystery Series. The title gives the clue to the purpose of the books. This is a series of adventure novels, co-authored by a teenaged homeschooled girl and her mother, with a biblical creation science message. If you are a fan of the Jonathan Park adventures, you will probably like these books. I found the story itself to be along the same lines as the Jonathan Park adventures; fantastic story lines that are just slightly outside of the realm of belief (but fun to read nonetheless), a family who shares their adventures together (while they homeschool), a creation science message that educates while it entertains, and a plot that is neatly wrapped up in the end (even though by rights, half of the characters should probably be dead after all they went through!).

The books are written to a tween/teen audience and I believe they would appeal to that audience for the most part. Younger children would get bogged down in some of the scientific information and may be frightened by some of the dramatic action, but for some it would probably be a good read-aloud. The authors are honest about the fact that this is their first foray into writing novels for publication, and there are evidences to that effect, but I think that with additional practice and a loyal audience base, they have the potential to add to the market of Christian teen novels.

I enjoyed the story and found myself returning to it to find out how it was all going to turn out. It is obvious that much research went into the writing of this novel, though there were some technical writing difficulties. You may also find some of the technical data a little askew to what you've read in other places, if you have previously researched this area of science. The authors did acknowledge that they found additional information after publication and had left out some details in order to not bog down the story line. So, if that bothers you, these may not be for you. To whet your appetite for the story, however, let me give you a short synopsis:

Following an unexpected FBI raid on their boat during a family, deep-sea fishing trip off the southern coast of Florida, a teenage girl, her brother and her father find themselves in the middle of a complicated web of people and circumstances. A cryptic email from their archeologist uncle draws them into a secretive dig where the assumed “missing link” has been found. However, things are not always as they seem. A mysterious illness, a rebellious cousin, alligator-infested rivers, and a 30 year old missing treasure all portend of hair-raising adventures for these fearless young people. Join the mystery with them by getting your own copy of the book from Media Angels at <http://mediaangels.com/>