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**Michael Siemsen**

**Dig (Matt Turner #1)**



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## Description

A mysterious woven metal artifact is found at a paleontological dig in Africa. Mystified experts, confounded by the impossible timeline they get from traditional dating methods, call upon a stubborn nineteen-year-old with a unique talent. Matthew Turner's gift is also his curse: When he touches any object, his awareness is flooded with the thoughts and feelings of those who touched it before him. It is a talent that many covet, some fear, and almost no one understands. Despite being exploited as a child and tormented by the unpleasant experiences imprinted on him from the various items he has "read," Matthew agrees to travel from New York to the forests of Kenya. There, threatened by unknown enemies and helped by a beautiful but prickly ally who begins to understand his strange ability, he journeys back in geological time to make a discovery so shocking that it forces us to rewrite all human history.

## Insightful reviews

Michael Long: In *The Dig*, a young man named Matthew Turner has a unique gift and ability to be able to read imprints (memories) left on inanimate objects. He is called to read a man-made artifact from millions ago. The readings reveal an ancient, advanced culture fleeing their home before an asteroid hit.

I found these ancient memories to be fascinating, except for some occasional lulls. There was quite a bit of imagination used here and it really paid off. However, the modern day scenes did tend to be way too drawn out and often times extraneous. While these drawn-out periods did tend to add to the character backgrounds, in the end, they didn't do much to push the story forward. Often times the subplots just hit a dead end (an elephant falling in a pit, a character temporarily disappearing for a few chapters, etc.). The one highlight though was the evil Dr. Reese, who was pretty entertaining through 2/3 of the book.

Overall, the book entertained me well, but had an unrealistic/unbelievable romance, and a poorly executed, poorly planned entry into the second book.

For the audiobook, I felt that the narrator did a superb job, going between different accents, sexes, and peoples. I never noticed any slip-ups and the voices were nicely distinct. [This review was originally posted on MichaelSciFan](#)

Ron: I was very pleasantly surprised by this book. The concept of someone being able to touch an item and get an imprint from it that could tell them a story was very well done. I loved having a story within a story. The characters were well fleshed out and very believable over all. In fact even before I got to the end of the book I was thinking of at least 4 or 5 other stories that could be told based on the main character. Hopefully considering the way the book ended the author is thinking so as well. If I had one complaint about the book it would be that the end seemed a bit rushed. I think another 25 pages would have fleshed out the final few chapters a bit more. Regardless I would definitely recommend this book to anyone.

Rachell Coe: I can hardly find words to express how captivated I was by this unique and

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wonderful story!!!! It had my attention from beginning to end and wouldn't let it go until I'd spent a sleepless night reading the whole thing!

Normally, I HATE reading books that follow two timelines (I like to focus on one thing at a time -- I also don't like my peas and carrots to touch.) But the stories from both the present and the past had me riveted. When it was time to move on from one to the other, I constantly found myself torn between wanting to continue the timeline I was reading, or starting the next one.

I also loved how the author (Michael Siemsen) developed Matthew Turners character and abilities. At first, he wasn't the most likable of protagonists, but when you learn what Matthew had to suffer for his powers and what he had gone through, you understand. Even better, Matthew Siemsen explored many of the questions the average person would raise when learning about this type of ability (it drives me nuts when authors don't answer glaring and obvious questions about their characters that arise while reading.)

My ONLY complaint is that the second Matthew Turner book hasn't been published yet -- so I'm going to have to wait to read it!

Teresa: seeing that archaeology is and paranormal fiction are of my favourite genres, this booklet was once correct up my alley. and that i learn it in sittings. I loved it immensely. the writer balanced the characters and their issues of view very well. Teresa Reasor

Chris: This booklet had loads of potential. Our major personality has the power to learn objects, permitting him to view the lives of individuals who have interacted with it. vintage psychometry. An artifact is came upon that predates mankind, and he is referred to as in to investigate. All very fascinating so far. The challenge is that the ebook is written in third individual omniscient. You get the recommendations and emotions of each personality in any given scene. the viewpoint alterations paragraph to paragraph, and it makes for terribly disjointed reading. I did my best, yet basically made it approximately part means in the course of the book. I do imagine the writer is one to watch. If he wrote in third individual restricted this ebook may were four or perhaps even five stars.

Vicki Elia: Audiobook Review Within the 1st few chapters, you can be cast off from DIG, believing that it truly is myth hog-wash, or younger grownup fiction. yet simply pause for a couple of minutes and open your brain to far-fetched possibilities, the place humans like Matt Turner, a truly younger ultra-rich self-made archaeologic psychic, and 'see' the previous by means of touching an artifact. a person who is ever dabbled in archeology has a few simple feel of the 'feel' of items past. Matt is going prior that to really having the ability to visualize occasions eons ago. If you will get earlier the sci-fi/fantasy idea boundaries, you may be stuck up on a narrative of human life many millions of years ago, those who had related constructs of human culture, society and culture, ones who thrived then have been gone. an exceptional alternate-history paintings of fiction, and a enormously attractive story.

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