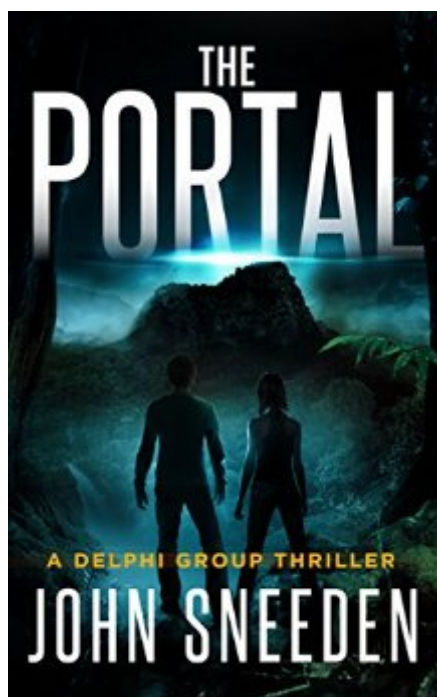


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The Portal (A Delphi Group Thriller Book 2)



Synopsis

The stunning follow-up to the bestselling novel *The Signal*. While recording sound waves across the universe, NASA makes an astonishing discovery close to home. A strange audio transmission is detected in a remote region of northern Brazil. The transmission has no known source, and the signature has only been recorded on two other occasions: once from inside the Andromeda Galaxy. Determined to discover if the sound was produced by alien intelligence, the US government turns to the Delphi Group. Senior Delphi operative Zane Watson is tapped to lead a select contingent of academics, locals, and US Army Special Forces deep into the heart of the rainforest, seeking to unlock the mystery of who or what is hidden there. Stalked by a shadowy group with their own agenda and facing terrors both ancient and modern, the team follows a trail of clues to a dark corner of the jungle, a place so horrifying that even the indigenous people fear crossing its borders. From a high-rise apartment building in Taiwan to the mountains of Idaho and the jungles of Brazil, the stakes for Delphi have never been higher.

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Customer Reviews

I was excited for this one, but SPOILER Alert. It is basically a 90% trip through the jungle with your piranha death, and a local tribe attack and at the end we finally got to the good part, which I am sorry but it surprised me, that these guys can influence people's thoughts but cannot protect their own vessel from intrusion. For me that was just too hard to swallow, there was some explanation, but I did not buy it. Overall a quick read, but in my opinion not as good as the first book in the series.

This second book by John Sneed is even better than the first. I cannot say much as I do not wish to give spoilers. I can say, I hope this series continues a long time. Along the lines of David L. Golemon and James Rollins and just as good! Be sure you read book 1 The Signal first. If you do you will be reading him for some time.

John Sneed did not seem to know what to do with his plot. This is the second book in series that began with "The Signal". I enjoyed reading the first book and ordered the second book, "The Portal" with interest and to see how the plot would continue. The characters are likeable and the plot development was reasonable and then "the wheels came off". The main character has been built up to be this competent, well-trained operative that can handle anything. He made so many obvious mistakes in judgement in this second book that as a reader, I kept thinking what's wrong with him? How could he be this stupid and unaware? There were plenty of situations that unfolded and kept me turning the pages to see who would get killed off next. The one time in the book where there is some "sexual attraction or mild sexual content" between two characters happens at a point in the story where you could care less except to think what a ridiculous time to have this happen in the storyline. The final premise of fallen angels/aliens I found to be absurdly disappointing. It's too bad, I did enjoy the first book but can not recommend proceeding on to this next book.

We still have a kind of James Bond sort of story, but there is more adventure as we invade the jungle, meet both friendly and hostile natives while being chased by the Chinese. The goal is to discover the source of the noise produced in response to the CERN noise. We find evidence of alien invasion that might be related to biblical stories. Our adventurers barely get out leaving some minor players on the battlefield. The story is well written with few editing problems. The author has a broad imagination as to the kinds of problems our adventurers can get into, and not all escape unscathed including the main characters.

A continuation of book 1 with the characters resuming their roles. The storyline is unusual, but to me, believable. There is some tie in to book 1, but this book can stand on its own. It is well written, hard to put down, and leaves you wanting more. There is a lot of action to keep up your interest and the lead character is not without troubles of his own mistakes. I hope the Delphi Group have many more adventures and don't have to wait too long for the next.

I was expecting a good read, as the Signal was great, but the author has outdone himself with the Portal: best book I have read in some time. This compelling narrative is a global adventure which was brilliantly conceived and stunningly crafted. This blend of the paranormal, ET and reality is just ingenious, with punching twists and turns and replete with non-stop surprises. If you enjoy science, science fiction, archeology, ancient history or NASA-oriented stories, woven together with wonder in an action-packed, edge-of-your-seat story, this book will grip and hold you until the last page. It would make a wonderful film with vivid scenes and well-drawn characters. Can't wait for the next one.

It was kind of interesting until, suddenly, it wasn't. I usually like 'things hidden in the jungle, what's this? aliens!' type books but this totally failed to hold my interest. And then people started dying for no discernible reason and I just couldn't bring myself to care enough to finish it. Which is rare.

This is pure escapist fiction and totally enjoyable. Thrilling, yes. Intriguing, yes. Hard to put down, yes. Enjoyable, YES. A mysterious site in the untracked jungle of Brazil, a race to get there first and find out what made the signal that came from there. That's just the beginning.

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