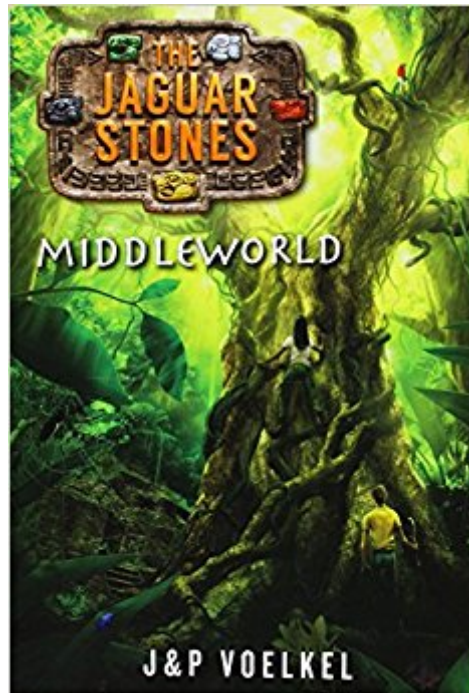




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Synopsis

Fourteen-year-old Max Murphy is looking forward to a family vacation. But his parents, both archaeologists and Maya experts, announce a change in plan. They must leave immediately for a dig in the tiny Central American country of San Xavier. Max will go to summer camp. Max is furious. When he's mysteriously summoned to San Xavier, he thinks they've had a change of heart. Upon his arrival, Max's wild adventure in the tropical rainforests of San Xavier begins. During his journey, he will unlock ancient secrets and meet strangers who are connected to him in ways he could never have imagined. For fate has delivered a challenge of epic proportions to this pampered teenager. Can Max rescue his parents from the Maya Underworld and save the world from the Lords of Death, who now control the power of the Jaguar Stones in their villainous hands? The scene is set for a roller-coaster ride of suspense and terror, as the good guys and the bad guys face off against a background of haunted temples, zombie armies, and even human sacrifice!

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Customer Reviews

More Praise for MIDDLEWORLD: "A simply awesome read. Different to any book I've read because of all the Maya information. I definitely look forward to the next two books in the series!"

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cheer along with Max as he rescues his parents, gets the girl (well, gets the girl as his best friend) and saves the K'in (the Mayan word for day). Parents will love what the book provides to their teens: a glimpse into the world of archeology, an educational look at another culture and several valuable life lessons." --Upper Valley Life Magazine "I predict this trilogy will be popular with fans of Anthony Horowitz, Roland Smith, and even Harry Potter fans... Plenty of action and humour will keep readers on the edge of their seats." --Teens Read Too - Five Star Review --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Here are some more things you should know before you read on . . . The Ancient Maya called our world Middleworld, because it was sandwiched between the upper world of the heavens and the underworld, which they called Xibalba. The Jaguar Stones are fictional, as are all the main characters except for Friar Diego DeLanda. He was the true-life Spanish priest who, in 1562, reduced the sum of Ancient Maya knowledge to ashes by making one huge bonfire of all their hundreds of folding bark books. (As far as we know, only three books and a fragment of a fourth survived.) San Xavier is a fictional country based on present-day Belize. Maya or Mayan? We have followed the scholarly precedent of using Maya as both noun and adjective to describe the people and their culture, reserving the word Mayan for the family of thirty languages still spoken by the six million Maya living in Central America today. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Excellent book, kept me interested all the way through. Reminded me of my days living in South and Central America....a bit more exciting though!

I bought this for my grandson who is 11 years old and an avid reader (he just read all of LOTR and Hobbit for instance). But I also bought it because I share the last name of the authors ! (no relation though I don't think). Well he loved it and now I think I'll buy them for myself to read too. I also bought him the next 2 in paperback and when I asked if he wanted to wait for the 4th one in paperback he said "no way!" (he does not use a Kindle or any other book reader - he is a true bibliophile and only likes hardcover and some paperbacks)

Jon and Pamela Voelkel have created a tale set in the Central American rain forest. This is a great adventure story. A great tween book full of action. It has a lot of ancient Mayan history facts that wove through out the adventure. Max Murphy's parents are archaeologists that leave Boston to go

to San Xavier to study the Mayan archaeology. With the help of Zia, their housekeeper, Max is sent to San Xavier. When he arrives he meets his Uncle Ted and finds his parents missing. The adventure has begun. The mysterious Jaguar Stones are at the heart of Max's journey to find his parents.

I teach the uppermost reading group in fourth grade. The students love this series and read it quickly. I highly recommend the series. I contacted the authors for teacher's support information which was very interesting and helpful. I am moving to fifth grade and plan to use this series again - excellent entrance into Mayan culture...kids really interested in this subject.

This is a novel that truly captivates the audience in the world of the Maya and allows for everyone, young readers even, to learn more about the Maya in a non-school-like manner. I was amazed at how much historical Maya fact was woven into the book and one can even picture the story like a movie! Kids will learn, adults will love it. Truly a book for all ages.

We are going to Tikal and Belize this summer with our kids. They are so excited to go, after reading the Jaguar Stone. They loved it. It was the perfect reading to introduce them to the magical world of XibalbÃ¡.

Nice series in the realm of Divergent, Maze Runner and the Giver. My son likes to read these series that are not as popular Mockingjay. A nice read and he likes it. He recommends it.

I am reading this to my students in 6th grade and they love it. I am incorporating it into the study of MesoAmericans with the lessons from "the Jaguar Stone" plans.

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