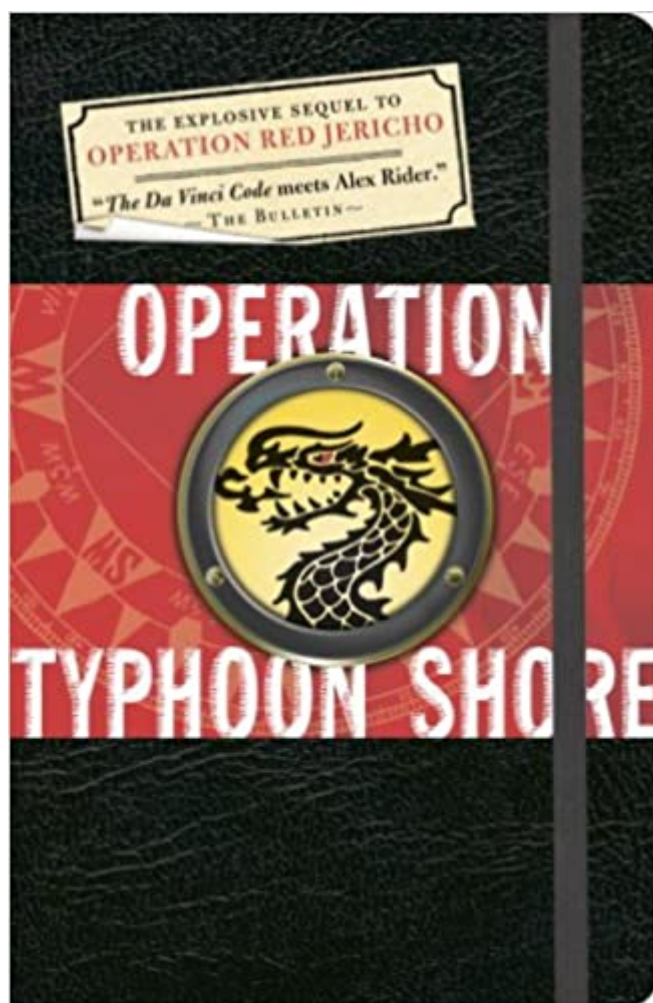


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Synopsis

Get ready for Book II of the thrilling, novelty-packed Guild of Specialists trilogy. After being lashed by a typhoon on their uncle's ship, *THE EXPEDIENT*, intrepid siblings Becca and Doug MacKenzie want nothing more than to escape from the volcanic island on which they're stranded and resume the search for their parents. But their uncle, Captain MacKenzie, seems more concerned with the missing gyrolabe than their missing mother and father, and he refuses to discuss the role the mysterious Guild of Specialists played in their disappearance. As the formidable Kalaxx warriors close in on their hidden cove, Becca and Doug unearth a riddle linked to a 1533 painting, which may hold the key to the Guild's dark secrets and to finding their parents. But how can they possibly solve the puzzle and escape with their lives — before their enemies attack?

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Customer Reviews

Grade 5 — In this second adventure, Becca and her brother, Doug, have escaped Wenzel Island, but find themselves right back in the action. Their ship is struck by a powerful typhoon and is driven ashore on a group of islands. There the two teens; their uncle, Captain MacKenzie; and his brave crew find themselves once again facing their nemesis, Pembleton-Crozier, and his army of Kalaxx warriors. It takes all of their ingenuity, bravery, and wit to figure out his intent and why the islands are so very important to these enemies of the Guild of Specialists. This book rolls along with plenty of action and fun. Readers will be captivated by the story line, but also will be intrigued by all of the sketches, photographs, newspaper clippings, and foldout information on

technology. Encourage fans of Alex Rider and Eoin Colfer to try this series. —•Tasha Saecker, Menasha Public Library, WI Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

After escaping from pirates at the end of Operation Red Jericho (2005), Doug and his sister, Becca, along with their uncle, the captain of a science expedition ship, find themselves run aground on an island. The kids don't have time to feel claustrophobic because they are quickly plunged into adventures that take them into a skeleton-strewn jungle, through glass-lined tunnels, and into a battle against Kalaxx warriors. Mowl's elaborate documentary-style novel includes snippets from Becca's diary, Doug's sketches, and materials from the files of the organization to which the children's parents and uncle belong--and against which villains are waging war. Readers unfamiliar with the first book won't have sufficient background to appreciate this one, but fans of Operation Red Jericho will be well pleased. Francisca Goldsmith Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Lots of nice illustrations, the author clearly researched the period and setting. The goofy gravity-control maguffin is presented interestingly. However, I've never really liked the "secret powerful organization centuries old, with secret technology and secret magic, secretly super-rich and able to control governments ... and they're the good guys" meme. The organization has secret ninja friends, secret fighting techniques ... the author doesn't want the protagonists to have negative or critical thoughts about their organization, I suppose. I got this (and the other two) as a gift for a friend who's running a role-playing game. The background and historical information should prove useful.

Having grown up with Edgar Rice Burroughs - this is exactly the sort of high adventure I loved. These are more sophisticated technically (no need for strange powers etc). I thoroughly enjoyed the first book and am not disappointed with the second. The presentation is superb, with excellent facsimile documents and photographs, made to look like a real journal, beautiful fold out maps and schematics of Ships, and submarines, captivate. The story is fast paced and has an authenticity to it. A real Indiana Jones meets the league of extraordinary gentlemen. Enough to stimulate the imagination of any reader, adult or child.

One of my favorite children's books. I ordered multiple copies for gifts.

An excellent book.

The Kids love it!

Fabulous Series

Great series!

I enjoyed Operation Red Jericho, which despite some pedestrian writing at points, I highly recommend. Operation Typhoon Shore is better written and tells a more engaging, if more fantastic, story. New truths are revealed and, on the whole, I found this book much more satisfying. I'm looking forward to the concluding book in what is supposed to be a trilogy. I must say, I hope that Mr. Mowll doesn't stop there!

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