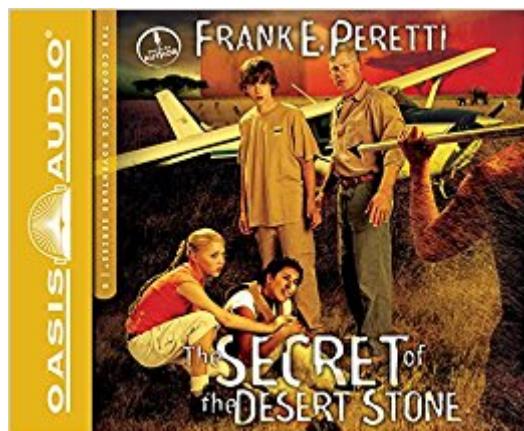


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# The Secret Of The Desert Stone (The Cooper Kids Adventure Series)



## Synopsis

The soldiers stiffened at attention, but there was still a stirring in the ranks. Their faces held wide-eyed fear. Field Marshall Idi Nkromo turned with deliberate casualness and looked across the barren expanse of desert — the same direction the army was looking. His saber fell from his trembling hand and clattered on the stones and sand. Biblical archeologist Dr. Jacob Cooper arrives in Togwana with his children Jay and Lila, and one goal — to discover the secret behind the two-mile-high Stone that has mysteriously appeared overnight. Who could have excavated, carved, and transported the colossal Stone? The Coopers' uneasiness soon turns into dread as they are watched and threatened by the country's new government and brutal dictator, Idi Nkromo.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Frank E. Peretti is a natural storyteller who, as a youngster in Seattle, regularly gathered the neighborhood children for animated storytelling sessions. Frank's adult and children's novels combined have now sold more than 5.2 million copies. The Secret of the Desert Stone is the fifth book in The Cooper Kids Adventure Series®. Frank and his wife, Barbara Jean, live in the Northwest, where they enjoy fishing, bluegrass music, bicycling, and

hiking.

Children love reading these

This Frank Peretti's series for kids is fantastic. My son read one book at school and I purchased him the entire set. He LOVES these books. I wish there were more. There are only a handful and I wish there were more. Buy the series if you can.

This is a good book and an easy read for the youth, typically from ten to fourteen years old. In the beginning chapters, it takes a little patience to lay out the groundwork to prepare the story, but the middle and the end chapters are VERY exciting. A great book report book for students who attend a Christian school or a homeschooled student.

Frank Peretti has blessed his audiences with the audio release of this fun story. My boys (14 and 11) enjoyed the book and have enjoyed listening as Mr. Peretti reads his wonderful story. The Christian message is presented discreetly, so that it's an enjoyable read for non-believers as well as Christian's.

Dr. Jacob Cooper, Biblical archaeologist, and his two young teen-aged children, Jay and Lila, accompany their father to a small country in Africa after being summoned by Brent Anderson, a missionary to Africa, and two solemn costume-wearing Africans. Thus begins a very unlikely adventure for the Cooper trio. In Togwana, they meet Dr. Jennifer Henderson, an African-American geologist from Stanford University, who has also been summoned. They face the new dictator Idi Nkromo, a cruel, heavy-fisted ruler. The problem facing these newcomers is the Stone of Togwana, not a stone of nature, not a man-made stone, but a mountain-size creation blocking the range between two actual mountains. What is more, it appears overnight, fully there. The Togwanians call it a baloa-kota, a curse, a plague. The dictator has called a man of archaeology and spirit and a woman of science to disappear the stone, because the dictator plans to perish the people beyond--the Motasas, stereotypical bone-wearing, spear-chunking Africans. This new "mountain" measures three miles wide and two miles high. Once they begin to measure and test it, all manner of supernatural things begin to occur. The small group flies to the top in a small aircraft to examine the Stone there. When a monstrous snowstorm threatens to annihilate them, they fly off but strong currents force them to land on the cannibal side among the Motasas. Whereas Togwanians on the

other side fear this surreal structure, the Motasas recognize it for what it is: a sign from God. Let it be said that this is just the beginning of a seemingly parallel world in which a Christ-like personage figures into their mythos and religion. The snake bites them to make them do bad. Coincidentally or not, the villagers have built their houses on stone foundations made of the same red rock as this new mountain. They believe that God will send them water through this mountain so their village will survive and flourish. There are many other direct references to events in the Bible. Frank Peretti is a popular Christian writer, who weaves stories of faith tested by trial and tribulations. In this series of young adult Christian novels featuring the Cooper trio, Christian values and codes are at the core. Even in their troubling early teens, Jay and Lila remain children of faith, as reflected through their behavior. This little story is a quiet victory of faith, demonstrated by the Coopers and the Motasas, a seemingly most unlikely people to follow God, which is the point--God can touch all peoples. The novel is a nice read to confirm a young Christian's faith and a reminder of the great working powers of God in all places and in all people. Indeed, God works in mysterious ways to bring about good. But then, you will have to read the book to find out what this Stone brings.

Great book, I recommend it for preteens and teens. Can be read in an afternoon, but will leave you thinking for much longer.

It kept me wanting to read more. It's a good example of a book to keep kids interested in reading.

Great books! These have an Indiana Jones feel with a Christian message. They teach kids to stand up for their faith and also gives more perspective into other cultures.

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