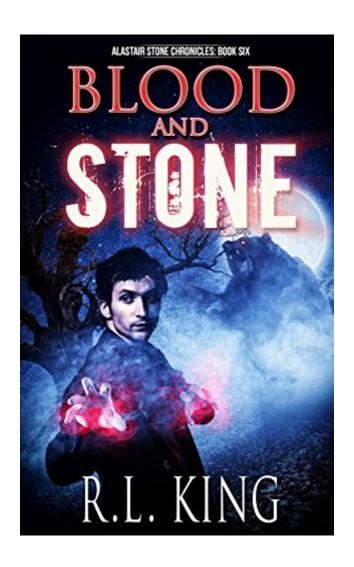
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Synopsis

BOUND IN BLOODWhen his friend Jason Thayer disappears after heading to his home town to attend a wedding, the only clue Alastair Stone has to his whereabouts is a cryptic phone message about "something weird" Jason saw shortly before he vanished. Stone travels to the picturesque tourist town where Jason was last seen and is soon caught up in a horrific web of murder, malevolent magic, and a mysterious and ancient force that's resurfaced even more powerful than ever after a long dormancy. What is it, how is it connected to the town and its residents, and why has it returned now? What does it want with Jason? Alone and without his usual resources, Stone must find a way to track down and defeat the malignant entity before it cuts a swath of death across the town--and before it uses its insidious powers to destroy Stone's reputation, his livelihood, and his life. Book 6 of the Alastair Stone Chronicles series

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Customer Reviews

Blood and Stone, an Alaistar Stone novelby R.L. KingA rousing good story with a rousing evil villain.

It was nice to see (a) Stone working as an individual mage (Even though Jason joins him for the last half of the adventure; Verity doesn't appear until after all the excitement is over.), (b) an intertwining storyline (although I wish there were more backstory regarding the Chumash, whether the Chumash were a real tribe or a made up one), (c) more about how the Ojai legends might tie into the central problem in the novel, or at least to the supernatural, and (d) some real action involving non-magical folks who are forced by circumstances to accept the existence of the supernatural world. As usual, King's writing style is easy to read, with the plotting and pacing working seamlessly to create the feeling of being in the story, rather than just reading the story. Editing was good, with no grammar or syntax problems jumping out at me. One thing that I particularly liked was the use (by Stone) of the U.K. term "take-away," for what we here in the U.S. usually refer to as "take-out" food. That doesn't mean there weren't a few off-putting things. For instance, evidently the author's new go-to phrase is "scrubbed at." Stone "scrubbed at" either his hair or his face at least 5 times in the novel (385, 1267, 1927, 5364 and 5422). Something else that seemed unlikely to me occurred very early, at 323 on my Kindle, where Stone takes a phone book and looks up the names of Jason's friends which he'd gleaned from a newspaper article. If Jason has been out of high school about 10 years at the time of the writing (2016), he'd be about 28.

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