

## ***Hollow Bones***

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Wow! That best sums up this wonderful book written by a very gifted author, Stephen Paul. I thoroughly enjoyed this parable designed as a wake-up call to save our world before it is too late. The book is well-written, engaging from start to finish, and written for all levels of spirituality. I have always been a huge fan of using parables to teach important truths to the general population. I hope that this story has as much impact and becomes as far reaching as the “Celestine Prophecies” did back in the early 90s.

The main premise of the story is based on a Native American prophesy that was fulfilled in 1993 when seven delegations gathered at The Cry of the Earth Conference at the United Nations in New York. The author writes about this in his note that Native American leaders and elders took that opportunity to convey prophecies and visions given to their spiritual leaders concerning the state of the earth and the people who live upon it. Their message was a simple one. They warned that a long-predicted time of purification was already under way. They urged that we heed The Creator’s original instructions to the indigenous peoples and voluntarily return to living more simply, respectfully, and harmoniously with all our relations, the people and other life forms, on this planet. If we choose to ignore this message, the Prophecies warn that erratic weather patterns, earth movements, starvation, violence, and war would occur with ever-increasing frequency and with greater and greater intensity. The book “Hollow Bones” was born from this.

The story takes place in the future, not too distant from now. I wondered if maybe it was related to the predictions around 2012. The main character, Matthew, is completely devastated when his beloved wife, Catherine, dies. In his despair, he decides to leave their home and feels drawn to a self-sustaining community he has heard about in Montana. His gardener and friend, Hope, and her daughter Lily, decide to embark on this adventure with him. Because of all the uprisings and trouble, the journey is a very dangerous one. Spirit is with them and leads them on what becomes their life mission.

Along the way to Montana, both Matthew and Hope discuss the strange and similar dreams that they are having. People begin to show up in their lives that confirm these dreams are past-life memories. As the people draw together for their mission, they all realize that this is being orchestrated by something much greater than their selves, by Great Spirit. When they truly find out how to live with Hollow Bones, they find the peace that they have been looking for.

I would highly recommend “Hollow Bones” to people on the spiritual path or those with an interest in pursuing this path. With this book, this talented author has the opportunity and talent to make a huge impact on society with his teachings. This book is a winner and I cannot wait to read more books by Stephen Paul.