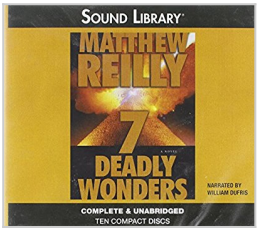

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Editorial Review

Amazon.com Review
Mathew Reilly's *7 Deadly Wonders* is a lot of things--fast-paced, clever, action-packed. But mostly it's perfect for a Jerry Bruckheimer treatment. The novel reads like a screenplay meets video game with one harrowing chase after another.

The breakneck action stems from an Egyptian sun cult which has hidden pieces of the capstone to the great pyramid in the husks of the seven wonders of ancient world, leaving clues that would flummox Indiana Jones. Here's the deal: whichever nation can locate and assemble the capstone in time for a cosmic event designed to end life on Earth will rule the world. Enter a ragtag team of commandos representing non-superpowers (read, in a *Da Vinci Code* context, not the European Union, the United States or the Vatican) who stand to lose in this eventuality. The team pits itself in a race against the formidable forces of the western world, cosmic calendar, and traps set by ancient-wonder-hider, Imhotep V. Complete with Mario-Brothers-style drawings, the book lurches from one great escape/victory/defeat until its final climax atop Cheops' Pyramid. It's a thrilling ride, perfect to enliven a lazy vacation or long plane ride. The real question is: Brad Pitt or Matthew McConaughey?--*Jeremy Pugh*

From Publishers Weekly
Full-stop "Screams. Splashing. Crunching. Blood" punctuate and come to epitomize Reilly's (*Area 7*; *Ice Station*) latest video game–style thriller about a race to find the seven pieces of the Golden Capstone that once sat atop the Great Pyramid at Giza. Two millennia ago, Alexander the Great broke the Capstone into seven pieces and hid them in the seven ancient wonders of the world. According to legend, whoever finds and replaces them during a rare solar event called "Tartarus Rotation" (predicted for March 20, 2006) could secure a thousand-year reign of absolute power. The race is on, and among the contenders are the United States, a coalition of European nations (and the Vatican), an Islamic terrorist group, and a team of smaller nations (including Canada, Ireland and New Zealand) led by the novel's hero, Australian Jack West Jr., a next-generation Indiana Jones. The Europeans, goaded by evil Jesuit Francisco del Piero, and the U.S., headed by Jack's nemesis Col. Marshall Judah, want the Capstone for their own aggrandizement, while Jack's noble team believes it's too potent to belong to any one superpower. The "greatest treasure hunt in history"—a nonstop roller-coaster ride that lurches around the globe—might make a summer blockbuster—if American audiences will swallow their compatriots as the baddies. *(Jan.)*
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From Booklist
Starred Review Some readers might look at Reilly's new novel as a calculated attempt to cash in on the success of *The Da Vinci Code* and its ilk. Someone with a less-cynical spirit will see it as a wildly fast-paced, hugely entertaining caper novel. The story is perfect for the big screen, assuming certain logistical and plausibility problems can be solved: a small international team of commandos, plus a scientist and a 10-year-old girl, dash around the world in a retrofitted Boeing 747. Their objective: to navigate through ancient traps set by an Egyptian architect and find the far-flung, long-lost Seven Wonders of the Ancient World and, with them, the seven pieces of the golden capstone of the Great Pyramid of Cheops. Their competitors: large, heavily armed contingents from the U.S. And Europe. At stake: the fate of the world. Many thriller writers are accused of producing first-draft screenplays that pretend to be novels. Reilly, on the other hand, writes movies in book form: his storytelling is almost purely visual, made up of scenes that leap off the page and project themselves on the screen in the reader's mind. Combine that with likably larger-than-life characters and an engaging, no-frills prose style, and you have a novel that grabs readers by the hand and pulls them

along until they're out of breath. It is impossible (even for hard-core cynics) not to love this big, boisterous, action-filled adventure. *David Pitt*
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