Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow James Rollins Reviewed by: Leo Takagi, 14 Star Teen Book Reviewer of the Be The Star You Are! Charity www.bethestaryouare.org

Jake Ransom and the Skull King's Shadow was a great adventure book. It is about Jake and his sister Kady, who are the children of famous archeologists, who disappeared after a amazing find, only leaving them a half of a Mayan coin each. After a corporation invites them to be part of the opening of a museum that their parents founded, they magically get transported to a world where time and place has gone haywire. In this city there are cultures from all over the world and from the B.C.'s to the present world. There they also have to survive with the overlord Kalverum Rex who is also known as the Skull King. He is a old leader who once betrayed the city in order to create a new race of monsters. For some reason, Rex has a grudge against Jake and Kady, but they eventually defeat him and find a way back home.

All in all, this was a mediocre book. In my opinion it was away to normal. There was nothing separating it from any other book and was just way too normal and bland. Even though it was very adventurous, it still lacked a little excitement overall. Even though it was normal I would still recommend it to kids middle schools.