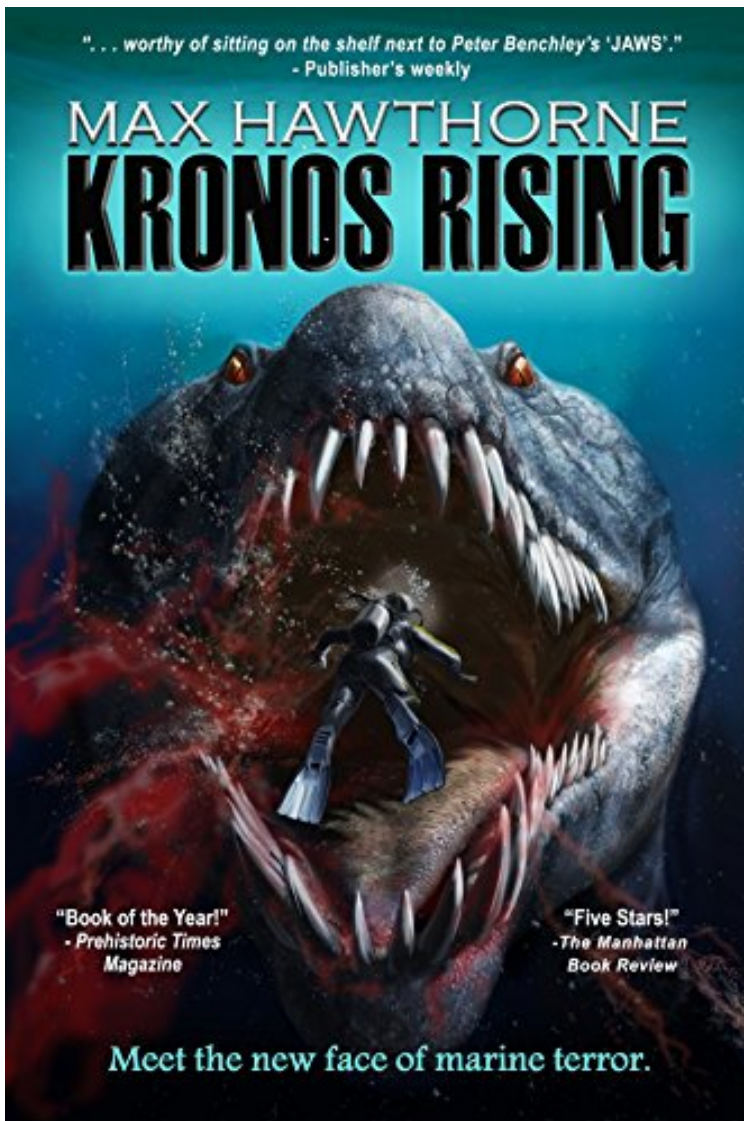


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Revue de presse "Freed by chance geologic events from the refuge that saved its kind 65 million years previously, a Mesozoic horror rises to engulf a quaint East Coast Florida town. An 80-foot eating machine that's neither fish nor mammal, the relentless beast wreaks havoc in the already-complicated lives of several disparate people: a former Olympic fencing champion turned small town sheriff, a conservationist/marine biologist and a psychotic politician. Some other Mesozoic dietary staples of this monster make cameos along the way, as well as some familiar sea monsters of modern oceans. In addition to the horrific predations of the unstoppable beast, several interesting themes are explored in the human drama: post-traumatic stress related to domestic abuse and alcoholism, strained family relations when members are on opposing sides of marine conservation issues and too much power leading to megalomania. This is a fun, entertaining thriller in the tradition of so many greats before it: *MOBY DICK*, *JAWS*, *BEAST*, the writings of Steve Alten. However, it is not derivative of those works and stands on its own merits. At 562 pages, it is not just a pulp novel, either. The characters are well-realized and help carry the story in a compelling fashion. Portions of the novel also carry you back to cataclysmic events in the Age of the Dinosaurs that are as exciting as the modern day drama. I highly recommend *KRONOS RISING* as a great summer read, just in time for sea monster season at the beach! Max Hawthorne's debut novel is hopefully the beginning of more, equally compelling work in a similar vein in the future." - Scott Mardis on April 28th, 2014 (Cryptomundo)

Dragons, dinosaurs, huge killer sharks. I've always loved monsters. It's one of the reasons I enjoy the Meg books by Steve Alten. Meg stands for Megalodon, a giant shark that lived during prehistoric times. It was huge, the largest carnivorous fish known to exist. It wasn't, however, the only predator of the deep. There was *Kronosaurus*, a marine reptile characterized by a thick head, short neck, and oversized flippers. Its ecological niche appears to be similar to the Great White Shark. It ate squid, turtles, fish, and smaller dinosaurs, anything that swam into its path. *Kronosaurus* ruled the seas during the Cretaceous period, but that was millions of years ago. It couldn't possibly exist today. Or could it? The oceans' depths still remain mostly unmapped. It's said we are more familiar with the surface of the Moon than our planet's oceans. Maybe, just maybe, something has survived from long ago. Max Hawthorne wonders this very thing. In *KRONOS RISING*, a small, breeding population has survived. One of these prehistoric predators rises from the depths to terrorize a coastal community that won't be idyllic soon. A series of disappearances and horrific deaths sends waves of panic through the small town. The local sheriff begins to investigate what might be murder, but when a full-grown whale carcass surfaces, the true terror begins. Marine horror isn't new. Peter Benchley started the modern trend with *JAWS*. Steve Alten gave us Meg, and now we have giant lizards gnawing at our fears. It still works. I love the genre, but it's hard to do anything new with it. Max has managed to give me a couple surprises. *Kronos Rising* is a well-written story, better than it had to be to deliver its biting horror. There are flawed heroes that are likeable. Villains that I looked forward to being eaten, and a back story that's both feasible and well-researched, and most importantly, it's fun.

- Kevin Coolidge, Blogger: From My Shelf Books

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