The Cusslers Pen A Winning Dirk Pitt Novel

Black Wind continued Dirk Pitts meteoric career with one of Clive Cusslers most audacious, and well-received novels yet. But now Cussler takes an extraordinary leap, with one of his most remarkable villains ever.

Genghis Khan-the greatest conqueror of all time, who, at his peak, ruled an empire that stretched from the Pacific Ocean to the Caspian Sea. His conquests are the stuff of legend, his tomb a forgotten mystery. Until now.

When Dirk Pitt is nearly killed rescuing an oil survey team from a freak wave on Russias Lake Baikal, it appears a simple act of nature. When the survey team is abducted and Pitts research vessel nearly sunk, however, its obvious theres something more sinister involved. All trails lead to Mongolia, and a mysterious mogul who is conducting covert deals for supplying oil to the Chinese while wreaking havoc on global oil markets utilizing a secret technology. The Mongolian harbors a dream of restoring the conquests of his ancestors, and holds a dark secret about Genghis Khan that just might give him the wealth and power to make that dream come true.

From the frigid lakes of Siberia to the hot sands of the Gobi Desert, Dirk Pitt and Al Giordino find intrigue, adventure, and peril while collecting clues to the mysterious treasure of Xanadu. But first, they must keep the tycoon from murder-and the unleashing of a natural disaster of calamitous proportions. Filled with breathtaking suspense and brilliant imagination, his new novel is yet further proof that when it comes to adventure writing, nobody beats Clive Cussler.
My Personal Review:
After the last several books, it was time for a light, entertaining read. And for that, I turned to an author that delivers; Clive Cussler. His books with the Dirk Pitt character are always a fun time, and this book, Treasure of Khan, continues that tradition.

Opening in 1281, a Chinese junk is swept way off course by a typhoon. The survivors reach shore on a Pacific Island, where they are befriended by the natives. A little while later, the discovery of a sea worthy vessel allows some of the Chinese to return home, where they are received as heros and are granted an audience with the great Mongol Khan, Kublai. Since the the surviving Chinese found the island, it is now a part of Kublai Khans empire and he would like to visit a warm, friendly land. Forward to 1937, where an archeologist makes an important discovery only to die after being shot down over the Gobi Desert by a Japanese fighter plane. in China. Next stop, the year 2007 and a water study for Dirk Pitt and his NUMA crew on Lake Baikal. A seiche wave on the lake nearly kills the NUMA crew and sets Dirk off on an adventure to find the people responsible for the wave. The search keeps returning to Mongolia and a mysterious and dangerous Mongol mogul bent on supplying the Chinese with oil while disrupting the global oil market. In true Cussler fashion, the story wraps back around to resolve opening arcs of the Chinese and the dead archeologist.

Dirk Pitt is a long running character for Cussler, and yet he hasnt lost any of his appeal through the years. Teaming with his son, Dirk Cussler, you can tell that there is plenty more to write using the character. And Dirk Cussler seems to have the writing chops to continue using Dirk Pitt. This is a very satisfying novel, much in the tradition of Sahara (which is referenced). Entertaining, fast paced, and built on the Dirk Pitt character (and his recurring friends in NUMA), this book grabs you from the first page and doesn't let up until the final, rewarding page. Along the way, you learn a little something about the great Mongol Khans, Genghis and Kublai, seiche waves, and undersea recovery. For as many Dirk Pitt novels as Clive has written, he could have mailed this one in. However, there is a reason that these books are as successful as they are - Cussler understands that he has a great franchise and does not let his readers down by creating a poor product. Treasure of Khan ranks as one of Cusslers best, most entertaining Dirk Pitt novels.

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