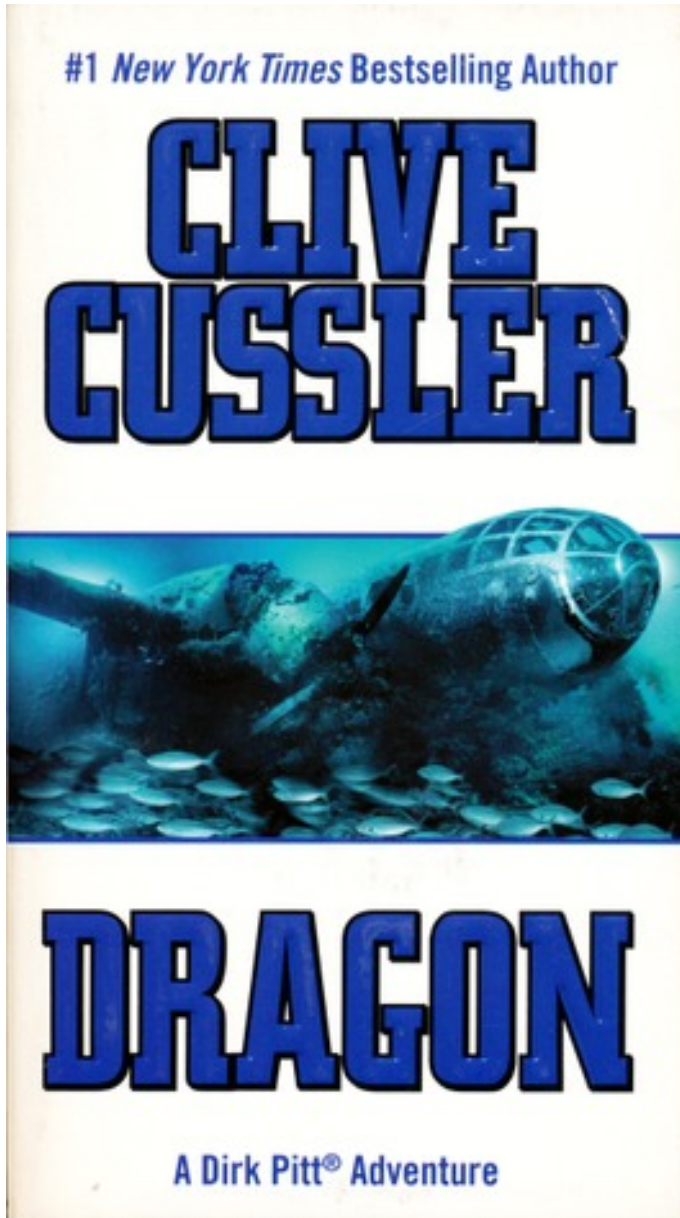

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Description

Clive Cussler, author of over twenty consecutive *New York Times* bestsellers, brings back beloved hero Dirk Pitt in this electrifying, edge-of-your-seat thriller.

Japan, 1945: Two US bombers take off with atomic bombs. Only one gets through.

The Pacific, 1993: A Japanese cargo ship bound for the United States is instantly, thunderously vaporized, taking with it a Norwegian vessel. Japanese fanatics have developed a chilling plan to devastate and destroy the Western powers. From the ocean depths to the discovery of cache of lost Nazi loot, Dirk Pitt is untangling a savage conspiracy and igniting a daring counterattack. While Washington bureaucrats scramble, a brutal industrialist commands his blackmail scheme from a secret island control center. And Dirk, the dauntless hero of *Sahara* and *Inca Gold*, is taking on death-dealing robots and a human-hunting descendant of samurai warriors. Pitt alone controls the West's secret ace in the hole: a tidal wave of destruction waiting to be triggered on the ocean floor!

Insightful reviews

Neil: This is a fun read, because it is so crazy. Plus, it is fairly dated now in that it deals with American fears over Japan owning the United States due to our debt and the Japanese buying up so much land and property in the United States [kind of reminded me, in some ways, of Crichton's *Rising Sun*]. But a crazy read it is.

It starts off with not one but two B-29s on the way to drop the A-bomb on Japan. Neither mission is aware of the other; this is General Groves' way of preparing for the worse [if one bomber doesn't complete its mission, the other one should]. The B-29 in Cussler's novel gets shot down off the coast of Japan and is forgotten by history. Jump ahead fortysome years and the we discover a Japanese cargo ship sinking at sea before exploding. And thus begins the story. It covers an undersea lab deep on the ocean floor [remind me of some of the *Meg* stories], high tech mixed with low tech, a crazy shootout in a hardware store, CO Congresswoman Loren [in a couple of cameos], an aggressive Japanese economy and industrial complex, Luftwaffe fighters hidden in an underground bunker in field, buried treasure and artwork, nukes hidden across the globe, robot armies, robots helping to hunt humans, samurai swords, double-agents, a futuristic city, and bad guys who get theirs in the end. The ending threw me the first time I read the book; I had to read the last couple of chapters a few times to figure it out.

It is pure Dirk Pitt; despite the best attempts of the US Government to fail, Dirk and AI save the day. It is always amusing when the villains have these intricate plans to subjugate some nation and the opposing government can do nothing but fail, but the heroes can do nothing but succeed. Regardless, it is a fun read.

There is not much to say about Dirk's 'love interest.' Well, maybe more that than. She is a highly trained agent who manages to deceive Dirk and then disses him when her identity comes to

light. Yet Dirk still wants her? Sheesh! If memory serves me correct, other than the initial rescue when her submersible is damaged and stuck on the ocean floor, she is no 'damsel in distress.' She carries a gun and knows how to use it. She does manage to hold her own with the other men in the story and not completely swoon like the other love interests Dirk has had. Yet, in the end, she still shows up on Dirk's doorstep, hat in hand, to make things right for deceiving him like she did. Ah, Venice.

I found the banter between Sandecker and the US submarine captain funny. Cussler has a way with words and conversations, at times, and the conversation between these two men was quite funny. I liked how he would explain what the speaker really meant with the words being spoken. I cannot adequately explain it; it was one of the more humorous moments of the book.

I also liked how Dirk walked out of a 'top-secret,' super hush-hush meeting and in a very short period of time discovered more about how to smuggle a nuke in the United States than the 'experts' the Intelligence agencies were using. It must be nice [and not coincidental, right?] to have an Uncle who was a founding member of the United States nuke program from its inception in WWII.

A fun read; Dirk Pitt is definitely the working man's James Bond. I may have to continue reading through the rest of the books once I complete my classes this semester.

Amy: I read this book the first time as a high schooler and remembered it being a strange time capsule to the early 90s, when Japan was going to TAKE OVER AMERICA with their manufacturing and economic success. Since I was a young child during that time period (and obviously know that Japan did not take over America), reading books like Dragon is a bit like watching movies made in the 1950s--surreal and a little funny.

But, now that I've re-read Dragon, I'm not laughing. Even for a Cussler book, it's simplistic and set in a world so black and white that it crosses into straight up racism. Japanese people are evil, sneaky, tech-savvy business men, who are somehow still mentally in feudal Japan. Americans, by contrast are generous, down-to-earth, and forward-thinking. Oh, and uniformly white.

There's a standard Cussler underwater mystery and the usual Dirk Pitt heroics, but the gross undertones (which even include a bit of the classic "They're After Our White Women" trope) make it impossible to enjoy the book as an adult. Dirk Pitt novels don't tend to age well as a rule, but this one takes the cake.

I just wish it would take that cake and fall back into the Mariana Trench, where it belongs.

Asfarian:

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Dragon tidak menceritakan kisah tentang naga. Dragon adalah novel petualangan. Bisa dibilang bahwa Dragon mirip dengan James Bond dan novel karya Dan Brown serta Tom Clancy yang selalu melibatkan konspirasi ([organisasi yang ingin menguasai dunia](#)), teknologi canggih, dan orang-orang yang ingin menyelamatkan dunia. 'Pahlawan' dalam buku ini bernama Dirk Pitt, anggota [National Underwater and Marine Agency](#), organisasi nyata yang didirikan oleh Clive Cussler sendiri. Pitt harus menggagalkan rencana yang disusun oleh kaum kapitalis Jepang untuk menguasai dunia menggunakan kekuatan ekonomi.

Walaupun tema novel ini cukup berat, Cussler tetap menyajikan unsur humor dalam karyanya ini. Karakter Pitt sendiri sering sekali melontarkan perkataan yang mengundang gelak tawa, bahkan di dasar lautan. Walau demikian, Cussler tidak lupa untuk memberikan sensasi ketegangan yang harus ada dalam sebuah novel petualangan.

Buku ini patut dibaca, terutama oleh Anda yang menyukai cerita bertema petualangan. Sekali Anda membacanya, sangat sulit untuk berhenti membaca enam ratus halaman kisah yang seru ini :D.

Tidak sisa-sisa mendaftar jadi anggota

Jim: In my quest to learn all of Clive Cussler's novels i started with the Dirk Pitt Adventures, Cussler's oldest and longest series. I had learn 3 of his different books within the sequence that come afterward prior to i made a decision to learn the remainder in sequence. as much as this point, Cyclops was, in my opinion, his most sensible one so far. It nonetheless is yet Dragon comes an in depth second. it really is 1945 and a 3rd B-29 Superfortress takes to the air from Alaska with an atomic bomb referred to as Mother's Breath, headed for a predetermined objective in Japan. in basic terms moments clear of the objective the Superfortress and her staff come lower than assault from a lone eastern fighter. regardless of the heroic efforts of the B-29's staff to accomplish their venture the assault by way of the japanese plane takes its toll and the bomber, its crew, and their lethal shipment are misplaced within the Pacific. speedy ahead to 1993. Japan is attacking the US back yet this time they're utilizing fiscal warfare. A small workforce of mysterious eastern conspirators are hatching a plan to deliver the USA and her financial system to it really is knees. utilizing shipments of nuclear bomb encumbered cars positioned at numerous destinations round the nation the japanese plan to strength the United States into submission turns out virtually flawless. regardless of having a likely foolproof plan the only contingency the japanese have been ignorant of was once Dirk Pitt. including the aid of nationwide intelligence and specified brokers with his good friend Al Giordino and boss James Sandecker, Dirk Pitt needs to conflict a vicious Samurai assassin, neutralize a military of robotic sentries, and visit the ground of the Pacific ocean to retrieve the single weapon that might result in the destruction of a brand new eastern empire. yet will Pitt survive? I love the best way Clive Cussler takes heritage and mixes it including the entire components that make a superb experience mystery after which drops a larger-than-life hero into the center of it. Dirk Pitt might be virtually too huge to be plausible yet so are Indiana Jones and James Bond. yet that is what makes all of it fun.

Joshua: Let's face it – given the truth that the journey style is stuffed with clichés and never normally given to introspection, a one megastar booklet during this style has to be very, very bad. And certainly *Dragon* is the main atrocious factor I've ever read, and I've learn various atrocious things. This ebook is racist to a virtually miraculous level. no matter if *Dragon* used to be no longer offensive on each point attainable and various that aren't, it's going to nonetheless be a contemptible, disgusting piece of literature. the actual fact that this e-book even exists is a humiliation to all mankind. The greatest challenge with this book, of which there are many, is its horribly offensive therapy of eastern people. Cussler makes use of each offensive stereotype that ever existed to symbolize his villain, a jap government who one way or the other didn't get the memo that his state misplaced international conflict II. stated government enjoys searching the main risky video game (with robots!), turns out to think he can negotiate on behalf of the japanese government, and has a fiendish plan related to nuking things. I'm telling you, this can be a very painful ebook to check and read. Now it's real that Cussler has made foreigners villains before. the vast majority of his villains, in fact, are foreigners. However, acknowledged villains constantly have been performing on their very own (except for the Soviet ones, yet that barely counted simply because what else may perhaps you predict from the age of the chilly War?). This one has the implicit approval of his government, and, moreover, no longer a unmarried individual of his nationality is gifted positively. this can be not anything greater than an Orientalist tract disguised as an experience novel. And it's no longer even a superb experience novel. additionally fairly stressful is the absurd nature of the plot. ok – I'll admit it, many Cussler books have an absurd plot. yet this plot is not just unlikely, it actually makes no sense. The villain's plan to nuke each person into accepting Japan will simply make humans invade Japan and placed it down for good. His plan to smash all electronics with an EMP pulse used to be a very good one, I'll admit. yet he didn't fairly imagine issues through. Japan simply didn't have sufficient troops at that second to take over the area at a moment's notice, that's what they needed. This publication is a manufactured from that very xenophobic and short interval within the early Nineties whilst american citizens have been fearful of being overtaken by way of Japan. i'm going to admit that *Dragon* isn't really as difficult as, for example, Crichton's *Emerging Sun*, yet that's no longer asserting much. Obviously, there are books that I've learn which are worse than *Dragon*, yet few which are extra embarrassing. by way of offensiveness, this reaches close to *Tintin* within the Congo levels. and also you most definitely are larger studying not only anything else, yet something else.

Animal: total "*Dragon*" appeared a bit drawn out, yet by some means it controlled to maintain me engaged with plenty of experience and mystery. Many components appeared unrealistic and much fetched in commonplace Cussler fashion. i used to be struck through how exact Cussler brought the know-how defined during this booklet supplied it used to be written over two decades ago: mobile phones, fax machines, robotics, submersibles, etc. if you are a Cussler fan and revel in experience stories, this one does not disappoint. i will be able to simply see this made right into a Hollywood blockbuster film.

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