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The author of the bestselling NUMA(r) and Dirk Pitt(r) series returns with an all- new novel of adventure and intrigue featuring his unbeatable hero of the high seas-Juan Cabrillo...

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Talia Colley says

This is my second Juan Cabrillo novel. He's okay, but I think he's #3 of my favorite Clive Cussler heroes. But I still look forward to reading book one in this series.

Joe Borg says

Floating docks gold mining in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and the use of mercury riding the snake and Gold mountain a good adventure book. Henry V "We few, we happy few, we band of brothers." Nelson "England expects that every man will do his duty.

I felt the part about the gold bankers irrelevant just to give a reason for the story.

John Fiala says

Dark Watch, one of the Oregon Files novels, is pretty much what you expect from the cover. Clive Cussler's books are a general type - adventure happens, horrible bad guys do horrible things, upstanding good guys (usually Juan Cabrillo and his crew) do good and risky things to stop them, a few capers are put on with interesting misdirection, and by the end of the book the bad guys have been put in their place and the righteous have prevailed, and usually, made a profit as well.

If you haven't read the books of the Oregon Files, they're about a ship full of good-guy secret agents who have retired from government service (usually American, but sometimes another allied country) and do freelance jobs for the government when there's something that needs to be done under the table, as it were.

I'm not sure how much of these books are written by Clive Cussler and how much by Jack du Brul, but they read pretty similarly to when Mr. Cussler was writing them solo, and I recommend these to a fan of the old books who aren't sure of the collaborations he does.

Honestly, why isn't there a *GURPS Cussler*, I don't know. :)

David Roberts says

I am reviewing the novel *Dark Watch* by Clive Cussler et al which is a very good adventure story and which I bought from a car boot sale. This book is part of the Oregon series about a state of the art state which contains mercenaries with hearts of gold who do work for money but are the heroes of the story and are led by Juan Cabrillo. The ship is nuclear powered and almost like a warship disguised as a freight vessel. This story sees the North Koreans siding with the Syrians in capturing vessels in the far east and doing people trafficking from China to the west. Lots of vessels are being captured by pirates and plundered and their crews being massacred regardless whether they put up resistance or not. The Americans are worried if they

wade in with military action they will get problems with terrorists not to mention anger the international community so they hire the Oregon. It does turn out many of the refugees are being murdered by the pirates and that this suits the traffickers just fine. I enjoyed this book and their is a happy ending. This book also does a good job of explaining some of the political problems in the far east. The refugees have to pay upwards of \$30,000 to travel with these people traffickers which normally is paid off by the refugees working in places like sweat shops on favourable terms to the traffickers. If these people quietly disappear the family is enslaved and the traffickers have a win win situation. If these people just disappear the traffickers save a load of money that would normally go on travel, food and accommodation etc. This book was written in 2005 when there was also bad feeling in certain quarters about Saudi Arabia siding with America in the First Gulf War. There is a little bit about that in the story.

Carol says

4.5★'s

This has to rank as the best of this series thus far. Clive Cussler teams with adventure/thriller writer Jack DuBrul for the this...the third book... in the "Oregon Files" series. Non-stop action throughout and plots and schemes by the Oregon crew to bring the bad guys down that would equal "Mission Impossible" or an episode of "McGyver". The authors juggled complicated, multiple plots throughout the story and tied them together into a believable, exciting, and interesting package at the end that pulled the Oregon crew out of the frying pan and the fire....while offering a special surprise for them all. Looking forward to the next adventure with Juan Cabrillo and friends.

Laura says

Borrowed from my dad. So not my thing. Made it through to the end, but didn't enjoy it at all.

The biggest thing that bothered me is that the women were just window dressing or plot devices, and there were a few really terrible lines thrown in for good measure. One line about how in his younger CIA days, Juan slept with a Russian operative, not to get information from her because she was too low level for that, but because it made him feel like James Bond. Gross. And another line about how one of the guys that work for him didn't have much luck with women, "if one overlooked the occasional Goth girl he hooked up with. But a girl with more piercings than a pincushion and who was impressed with a guy who could catch air on a skateboard half-pipe wasn't much of a catch..." So Juan doesn't think of women as real people and doesn't have much respect for one of his employees either because he skateboards. Let's not forget Tory, whose sole purpose in the book appears to be getting rescued at the beginning and be someone for Juan to sleep with at the end. But she's also apparently smart and capable because she used to be some sort of British intelligence operative, because we couldn't possibly have Juan stoop to hooking up with a lame Goth girl, could we? Not that Tory got to actually do anything cool in the story.

Olivermagnus says

Juan Cabrillo, captain of the Oregon and Chairman of the Corporation, accepts a job to find and stop a ring of pirates that are preying on ships in the Pacific Ocean. Their state of the art ship is disguised to lure the pirates. When that inevitably happens, they sink the pirate ship and manage to save a large container that had

been on the deck. After they open it they discover it is filled with dead bodies, probably migrants trying to escape to better conditions. They also find a sinking ship that still has one passenger alive and must perform some tricky steps to get her out before it sinks.

Dark Watch is action-packed and never slows down until the final scene. The story line feels more like a Mission Impossible movie than a novel, but is fun to follow as Cabrillo and his crew save themselves in some pretty tension-filled scenarios. I was not much of a fan of the first two books in this series, which Cussler wrote with Craig Dirgo. The change to new co-author Jack du Brul was a great move and added some real character development to the mixture. Fans of the Oregon Files will enjoy this latest adventure to stop an international banking syndicate who plan use murder as a business tool to build up their human slave trade.

Vaelin says

4.5 stars

The start was fairly disjointed despite the multiple story threads but it ended up coming together very nicely in the end

Dan says

I think I am starting to like the Oregon books better than the original Pitt ones. I could totally see their adventures becoming a tv series. It contains a very good cast of characters and real life stories that people could connect to.

Millerbug says

This book was a little darker than the first two. But I enjoyed it. It was much more indepth. The characters are becoming more rounded and more relatable. Lots of action. A fun read.

Bradley Hartman says

Anyone who can read a Clive Cussler novel and not have the urge to read another is either nuts or lacking imagination. He is the king of Story Telling, as his adventures grip you from the first word and hurl you through worlds of sheer excitement and interesting characters. This is my first from the Oregon series and I loved it. Juan Cabrillo is one enigmatic captain with one of the coolest ships roaming the high seas. The fact that Cabrillo is handicapped, lost a leg and has a prosthetic, is both interesting and in Cussler's hands a unusual asset to him. If you have been looking for an adventure series that will leave you wanting more, go no further, Clive Cussler has you taken care of.

Brenda H says

This is the 3rd book of the Oregon Files series by Clive Cussler. With this book, he has changed his co-author from Craig Dirgo to Jack duBrul. While the first two books were good, this one was so much better. The writing style was stronger, the plot had more tension and there was significantly more character development (yea!). Those who have read the first two books and gave up, I urge you to give the series another try.

I rated the first 2 books 4 each as they were fun, easy reads that kept my interest throughout in one of my preferred genres - despite rather anticlimactic endings. This one is well on its way to being 4.25 to 4.5 (assuming we could give partial stars) as it was a much more enjoyable read due to the improvements mentioned above.

Book Summary from GR: Cabrillo and his motley crew aboard the clandestine spy ship Oregon have made a very comfortable and very dangerous living working for high-powered Western interests. But their newest clients have come from the Far East to ask for Cabrillo's special brand of assistance: a consortium of Japanese shipping magnates whose fortunes are being threatened by brutal pirates trolling the waters of Southeast Asia.

Normally, such attacks on the high seas are limited to smaller ships and foreign-owned yachts-easy targets on the open ocean. Now, however, giant commercial freighters are disappearing. But when Cabrillo confronts the enemy, he learns that the pirates' predations hide a deadly international conspiracy-a scheme of death and slavery that Juan Cabrillo is going to blow out of the water.

Wendy says

If Dark Watch was only the first half of the book, it would have been an excellent beginning. It was like there was a deadline and the last chapter was a recap of the last half of the book. So, it needed to be finished. These superstars who lend their names to others who actually write the books with the approval of the primary author should make sure there is some quality control or at least a complete manuscript. What I read I loved, but I want the complete story. If you want great Cussler books read the ones he writes with Paul Kemprecos-those are complete and excellent.

Jim says

Dark Watch by Clive Cussler was not as interesting as his other works. This abridged audio book was the story of modern day pirates who take not only the cargo of a captured ship but they also?take the ship itself. Throw in some international slave traders and you have what seems like two books going at the same time with only minimal interactions.

The book would have been better if it focused on one story and then developed it in greater detail. I am still a big fan of Cussler. This one is not his best work.

C says

I had to travel all day today, and this was a great book on tape to enjoy and be kept awake by. I find it very amusing how people are always miraculously escaping death in Cussler's books.
