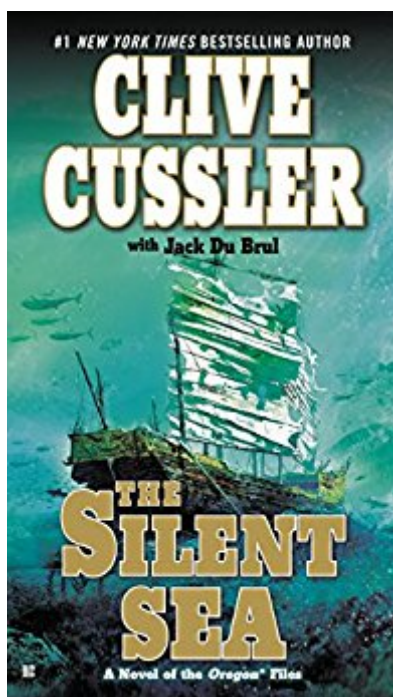


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The Silent Sea (The Oregon Files Book 7)



Synopsis

An ancient curse... A prize beyond imagination... Juan Cabrillo will face one to win the other.

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Customer Reviews

I read this one in one sitting. This adventure had a little less sea action than the other Corporation novels, but it was a great change up. The plot goes like this: Bad things happen, the US gov needs deniability, they send Juan and his capable crew, they solve problem-barely, with some close calls along the way. As simple as that is, this book never slowed down, kept me interested and even managed to get me a little emotionally involved. Go figure. Nothing like enjoying the trials of a fictional character in the freezing cold arctic in sunny 75 degree LA. I'm not sure why people are complaining about the price. Even at its current price on the kindle it's a solid \$7.00 cheaper than at the discount chain I was at this weekend.

The Clive Cussler brand of action writing continues to provide reliable entertainment to those readers who like strong heroes, evil enemies, and lots of adventurous action. In the seventh Oregon series novel titled, The Silent Sea, protagonist Juan Cabrillo leads a team into hostile Argentina to

recover a NASA satellite. Some opportunistic Chinese have been partnering with Argentines in Antarctica, and much of the context for the novel involves ancient Chinese sailing ships. Juan and his team travel the world to confront enemies, solve mysteries, and restore world order. Not bad in 400 pages. Rating: Three-star (Recommended)

This is the seventh installment of the Oregon Files series by Clive Cussler. The series started out as a spin off of characters created in one volume of the Dirk Pitt series, also by Cussler. The characters turned out to be a perfect base on which to launch another successful series of books. To date, I have enjoyed every installment of the Oregon Files series. And *The Silent Sea* is no exception. The story starts on a family owned island off the west coast of the United States. For generations, the family members have struggled to reach bottom of a flooded shaft at the center of the island. At the bottom of which is believed to be an abandoned pirates treasure. But while the young men of the family line have struggled for generations to reach the bottom, none have yet discovered its secrets. How the story spins from the small family owned island of North America to the jungles of Argentina and an ice covered base in Antarctica is something that must be experienced in order to be believed. The story unfolds at an accelerated pace taking the characters on a series of twists and turns that ultimately lead not only the hidden secrets of the family owned island but the discovery of a lost ancient Chinese expedition and a deadly disease. I'm a big fan of Cussler's work. After dozens of compelling and entertaining adventure stories, he continues to release creative and original works that center around powerful and captivating characters. *The Silent Sea* is yet another great example of his work.

This book held my attention. It is probably one of the better of the Oregon Files series. If you have enjoyed previous Cabrillo books, you will want to get this one as well. Plenty of action, from the south pole to the Pacific northwest. One minor disappointment for me -- the number of stupid proofreading errors seems to get larger with each new book. This one has quite a few spelling errors, grammatical errors, and minor factual errors (the east coast is 3 hours ahead of the west coast, not 3 hours behind). I guess since everyone uses word processors, proofreading has become a lost art. And finally, what's up with the obviously coordinated campaign by disgruntled cheapskate Kindle owners? It's just polluting these reviews and artificially dragging the ratings down. Take it somewhere else.

In my opinion, the novels of the Oregon Files have emerged as the strongest Clive Cussler is

currently cowriting. If you are a Cussler fan, you have to like the rough-and-tumble crew that comprises the Oregon. And you have to admire their chairman Juan Cabrillo, one of the few protagonists that I know of that makes it look easy, while sporting a titanium prosthetic leg. Kudos to Cussler for creating this character. We get to know each of the characters; they are well developed and experts in their individual fields. Each contributing to the greater good of the whole. A downed NASA satellite provides the catalyst for the action in the present, but there's always that backstory waiting to seemingly emerge out of nowhere. In this case, it's a buried treasure (think "The Goonies"). "The Silent Sea" is a page-turner and the title is a nod to Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." I think you will enjoy this installment!

As a Kindle owner I will pay anything for my regular authors - for the immediacy of delivery, for the convenience it is fantastic. Now back to the real issue - Oregon files have become my favourite. Ever since Dirk and Al decided to hit the office I have looked to Juan to deliver and deliver he does, This is not so much about the sea time but land based. But does it detract from the story - no way. It is filled with ups and downs and enough thrills to keep everyone happy. Cussler, Rollins, Iles, Coben and Crais are my must reads and this one delivers.

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