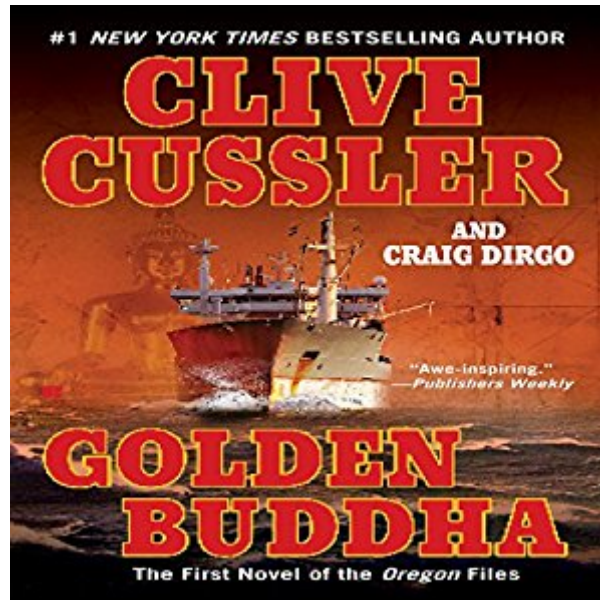




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# Golden Buddha



## Synopsis

Juan Cabrillo's first adventure with the Oregon - a state-of-the-art spy ship disguised as a nondescript lumber hauler - takes him and his crew into dangerous waters as they try to put Tibet back in the hands of the Dalai Lama by striking a deal with the Russians and the Chinese. Cabrillo's gambling chip is a golden Buddha containing records of vast oil reserves in the disputed land. But first he'll have to locate - and steal - the all-important artifact. And there are certain people who would do anything in their power to see him fail....

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## Customer Reviews

I have read most of Cussler's Dirk Pitt books and decided to start on the Oregon Series. I looked over the reviews for the 1st and 2nd books in the series. For both books the 1-3 star reviews outweighed all others. Hint! I started with book 3 and finished the series. I decided to take a chance on Golden Buddha. I don't know who wrote this book but it wasn't Cussler. Way too many characters called operatives with little or no description. I'd go as far as to say there were more operators than an old Bell South switchboard. If I hadn't read later books in the series I would have never known what was going on, who was who or finished the book. Many of the chapters had multiple sub chapters causing me to pause and figure out what country I just got transferred to. The book was also filled with useless filler info. I am not a great book reviewer but this book threw me for a loop. I never thought a Cussler book could be this bad. Gave it 2 stars because I am a Cussler fan. If you must read it, buy used paperback for a few dollars. Note: Book 3 and on are great.

Many authors are now using additional writers in their book efforts. And thus some are not as good story tellers as the original author. This was quite good and the story did move well, with enough realism and suspense.

This was my first exposure to the Oregon Files, but based on previous Cussler books, I was looking forward to another interesting adventure. At first glance, the book is packed with excitement, good character development and fast paced story. Unfortunately, I found all the different story lines difficult to follow. Maybe I am not used to so many things going on in one chapter, or maybe the writing is truncated and choppy. Despite this, I was able to enjoy the book and look forward to my next Oregon Files adventure.

Perhaps because this was the first of the "Oregon" series (and read only after reading all the others to date), Buddha didn't seem to have the tight scripting, flow continuity and relative attention of background details that I've come to expect of Cussler's yarns. Fanciful tales are fanciful tales, after all, and this is what we are looking for when reading Cussler's works, but "suspension of disbelief" can only be stretched so far! There are numerous elements to this story that simply don't "hand together" to put in the same class as subsequent Oregon novels.

ANOTHER great book from the mind of Cussler

Had a hard time getting in to the book. The author's writing is sophomoric. If the research is correct, it was interesting how the Dali Lama went into exile, and sad, this man is truly a good man. I know, he is considered to be a god, but even so, he is wise and compassionate. The story line was confusing, hard to follow. The author himself seemed confused as to which characters were doing what: there were a lot of "the first man" and "the second man" references. He seldom called characters by name, so I was getting lost. I'm trying to hang in there and see if the plot ever gets better. The crew is on this decrepit old ship, but that is only the exterior. It is supposed to be state of the art in technology and they go on missions (mercenaries). However, if they are supposed to be professionals, they go on these missions poorly planned and by the seat of their pants. Sorry I can't give you more details, the book is confusing, the plot is so convoluted as to be impossible to follow, the characters are poorly written, the dialogue is similar to first grade literature.

One of his best.

Excellent, story , book in new condition very satisfied with it, great addition to my collection.

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