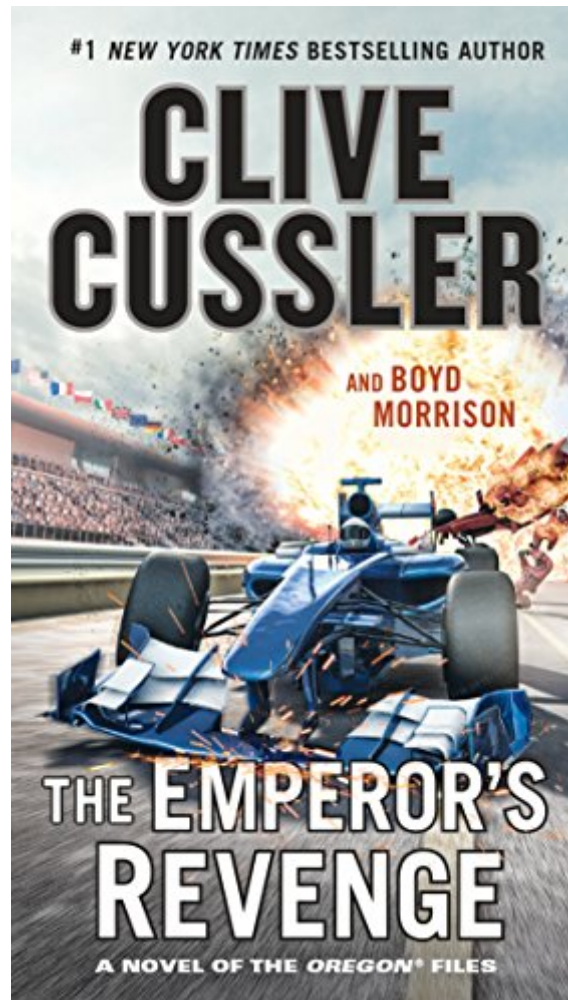




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Synopsis

The Oregon crew must work without their usual resources when a rogue hacker empties their bank account in this action-packed installment from the #1 *New York Times* bestselling grand master of adventure. When a bank heist during the Monaco Grand Prix decimates the Corporation's offshore account, Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon find themselves unexpectedly vulnerable. Without his usual financial assets, Juan must trust a woman from his past, an old friend from his days with the CIA, to help him keep his team safe. Together, they face a mysterious hacker with a brutal vendetta. It is only after the hunt begins that the enormity of the plan comes into focus: the bank theft is just the first step in a plot that will result in the deaths of millions and bring the world's economies to a standstill. The catalyst for the scheme? A stunning document stolen during Napoleon's disastrous invasion of Russia. But two hundred years later, it may be the thing that brings Europe to its knees. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

As with all of Clive Cussler's books it is plain enjoyment from start to finish. It is lovely to get back and see what the "family" on the Oregon are up to. Again they find unexpected challenges which they rise above and eventually solve in their inimitable way. If you like putting on comfy slippers, this is what reading Clive's books are like. You go back and meet "old friends" and catch up with all their new adventures. I always anxiously await the next instalment of any of the series that Clive writes. I can't say I really have a favourite when you have choices like Dirk Pitt and Al, Kurt Austin and Joe, Isaac Bell, Remi and Sam Fargo and all the wonderful characters on the Oregon it would be like trying to say which child you like best. So sit back and enjoy the ride with this amazing group of characters on the Oregon and then like me wait till the next lot of adventures from any of the "children" come out. Thanks to Clive I have such fun reading these days.

While this was an interesting story, it does not even begin to measure up to any previous Clive Cussler "Oregon Files" series. I have read them all and this is the one I almost closed the book before finishing. I suspect it is because the co-author is new and different from any previous co-authors of this series. If I would see the same co-author on another book I would likely not buy it. I have not found this style of writing in any of the other 4 main series of Cussler books. Some people may like it, but it is just not Cussler's style of writing, and I use his books as a benchmark when I review any other books except military action books, then I use Dale Brown as my benchmark. If you are a Cussler fan, I suggest you go to the library, check it out and read 2 or 3 chapters before spending money for it. If you like the sample read, buy it then.

Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison have put together a fast paced, action packed adventure story. There are several plot threads that for a while look completely disconnected, but eventually it's revealed they're all linked. The bad guys include the megalomaniac you expect in a Cussler story, but there is some background on how he came to be that way that lets you understand why. What I liked the best was Juan Cabrillo and his crew had to be very clever and inventive instead of just relying on the amazing technology of their ship. There was also a lot of double crossing and outright betrayal that keeps you guessing as to who you can trust. Also, at the risk of this being a spoiler, triumph for the good guys comes at high personal cost. One chapter was quite interesting. It was a scene that was also in the last NUMA story, "The Pharaoh's Secret." That scene included both Kurt Austin and Juan. It was written in that book from Kurt's POV of course. In "The Emperor's Revenge" the scene is written from Juan's POV. Overall this book is a fast moving, involving adventure that leaves you eager for the next one.

THE EMPEROR'S REVENGE CLIVE CUSSLER AND BOYD MORRISON A NOVEL OF THE OREGON FILES. I've said it before and I'll say it again I LOVE Cussler novels and this one is no different. From page one you get a slice of history and an action packed deadly game of cat and mouse between the Juan Cabrillo and the Corporation and two modern day pirates who are not stealing booty but bucks, as in dollars, the Corporations dollars and Juan and his crew is NOT happy. In the latest adventure Juan join forces with the feds to find the bad guys and along the way one of the team will not make it home, and that's the only spoiler i'm giving out! Fast paced high adventure, Cussler has never disappointed and with THE EMPERORS REVENGE is no exception. A must read of a thrill ride.

I always find any Oregon File books great reads. This one was no exception. It was filled with action from the first page to the last. It of course is always sad when a crew member is lost, but it makes the story more real. Maybe Juan's love life will eventually give us a baby Juan. Who is to say.... Because of the age we live in, I enjoyed the large part our computer geeks played in the book. They were really the main focus, with the other story lines playing a minor roll. This was different from other books. Maybe the Oregon will incorporate some of the advanced weaponry or engine capacity found in the yacht so they can be better prepared in future books.

For some reason this one drug a little more than previous - normally I can't put them down and finish in one day - but I did really enjoy this book. The premise is a virus to take out the electoral grid to cover up a bank heist.... All based on mathematical formulas hidden in a lost treasure. Add to that a conspiracy plus battles and you have all the things that make an exciting novel. The book does lose one more character though. :(In this type of series the books are a little more believable with some injuries and fatalities. Additionally new characters are brought in as well as some favorites from Cussler's other lines (this one is the Oregon tales, but it pulls in characters from another book and actually overlaps another recent book) - Reading the other book isn't necessary, but it was interesting when I recognized the overlap!

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