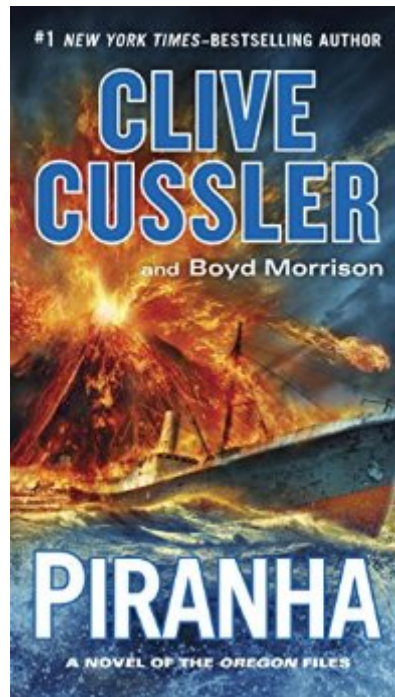


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Piranha (The Oregon Files)



Synopsis

Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon return in the extraordinary new novel in the #1 New York Times “bestselling series by the grand master of adventure.” In 1902, the volcano Mt. Pelée erupts on the island of Martinique, wiping out an entire city of thirty thousand and sinking a ship carrying a German scientist on the verge of an astonishing breakthrough. More than a century later, Juan Cabrillo will have to deal with that scientist’s legacy. During a covert operation, Cabrillo and the crew meticulously fake the sinking of the Oregon but when an unknown adversary tracks them down despite their planning and attempts to assassinate them, Cabrillo and his team struggle to fight back against an enemy who seems to be able to anticipate their every move. They discover that a traitorous American weapons designer has completed the German scientist’s work, and now wields extraordinary power, sending the Oregon on a race against time to stop an attack that could lead to one man ruling over the largest empire the world has ever known.

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Customer Reviews

I Miss Jack DuBrul’s writing style. It became apparent 50% through the book that any device would be used to make this story sound like an Oregon story. Jack DuBrul brought a certain life to the

characters that was missing here; he fleshed the characters out. There was depth to the Oregon characters with Jack DuBrul. This was a good Oregon story. It had all the bells and whistles of all the Oregon stories rolled up into this one book; maybe because it had a new author in Boyd Morrison. I did notice a little more than half way through the book how the characters did not come to life the way they were in all the other Oregon stories. The characters were not fleshed out like the previous stories; they were just there as devices. And, I was disappointed there was no depth that obviously Jack DuBrul brought to the Oregon stories. I realize I am not giving a synopsis of the story here just a difference in the writing style, however I feel justified in that I have read, invested my time in the entire series. I have also read the entire Dirk Pitt series and that was obviously Clive Cussler's writing style; can't be missed, it had a certain bombastic nature to it. Each author has a style an engine if you will in the way they write. The reason I keep coming back to read another book in a series. Oh, I'll come back and read another Oregon story when it gets written but I have also picked up the Jack DuBrul stories now with his first book published "Vulcan's Forge", the Philip Mercer series, his first in this series, I think of seven. I like DuBrul's style of writing.

Piranha is just what I would expect a Clive Cussler novel to be - non-stop action and plenty of high-tech thrills on and off the water. He and co-author Boyd Morrison deliver the goods with a wild ride. This book is for fans of Cussler, Morrison, Tom Clancy, Ian Fleming, and James Rollins. The first half of the book is really a mystery: who is behind the Venezuelan smuggling operation Juan Cabrillo and his crew disrupt and goad into 'sinking' the Oregon? How is this adversary tracking their every move? And why are they so desperate to assassinate them? Solving the mystery involves action, close calls and quick thinking. The characters are likable and pretty believable. The technobabble is rich and realistic. Of course there is a megalomaniac with an implausible toy out to rule the world. The second half of the book is the quest to hunt him down and outwit him. Accept the premise and it's a fine action adventure, worthy of James Bond or Mission: Impossible. One complaint is that there are too many crew members on the ship to keep straight in my head. I just had to ignore the diversity and focus on the mission. Another distraction for me was the inconsistency of the bad guy's toy. It didn't operate like I would have envisioned. But those are quibbles. Strap in, hold on, and watch for the appearance of Morrison's hero, Tyler Locke.

Not one of his best by a long shot. I have always enjoyed the "Oregon Files" Series and the characters are compelling, but this time he chose a topic that I couldn't in my wildest imagination to be believable. I love science fiction with all the special effects but this special telescope used to spy

on everyone no matter where they are (unless they are underwater) was a bit hard for me to handle. Loved the characters, as always. But I'm not giving up on him, he can't hit it out of the park every time.

Juan Cabrillo and the crew of the Oregon return in another fast-paced adventure. In 1902, a German scientist is killed when the ship he is on is destroyed in the eruption of Mt. Pelee. Claiming to have found Oz, the scientist was on the verge of a dramatic breakthrough. Fast-forward to over a century later. Cabrillo and his crew become entangled with a Venezuelan admiral intent on sinking their ship. The female admiral is in possession of stolen American technology known as Piranha; a small undersea craft which can drill perfect holes in the hull of a ship. The admiral received her technology from a traitorous American weapons designer. To make matters even worse, this same person seems to have also completed the work started over a century earlier by the German scientist killed in the volcanic eruption. Now, this person has the ability to see practically anywhere at any time. Intent on taking control of the U.S. government, the designer's next target has become Air Force 2; the private plane of the vice-president of the United States. Meanwhile, Cabrillo has faked the sinking of the Oregon to throw the weapons designer and his accomplices off their trail, but will Juan and his team be able to stop this madman before it's too late? I found "Piranha" to be a great read. I miss Jack Du Brul's writing style, but I feel that Boyd Morrison did an excellent job telling this story. The characters are as lively as ever, and the story is well-conceived and full of action, adventure, and surprises. Highly recommended.

Another Oregon Files hit! I love this series with all the high-tech wizardry and Piranha doesn't disappoint. Really had trouble putting this one down. The scary thing is most of the technology is in use now and some, like the Sentinel, can't be far off if not already in development or use. Cussler really makes one wonder where our technology is taking us. Well written and action from beginning to end. Very entertaining read.

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