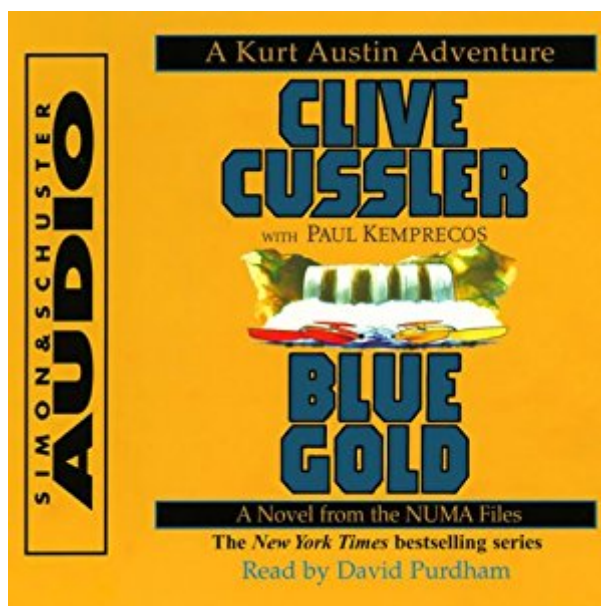


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# Blue Gold: A Novel From The NUMA Files



## Synopsis

KURT AUSTIN -- CLIVE CUSSLER'S NEW HERO FOR THE MILLENNIUM -- BATTLES TO STOP A BILLIONAIRE TYCOON FROM ACHIEVING WORLD DOMINATIONBLUE GOLDAn investigation into the sudden deaths of a pod of gray whales leads National Underwater & Marine Agency leader Kurt Austin to the Mexican coast, where someone tries to put him and his mini-sub permanently out of commission. Meanwhile, in South America's lush hills, a specially assigned NUMA team discovers a mysterious tribe, a mythical white goddess, and a murderous cadre of bio-pirates intent on stealing medicinal secrets worth millions. Soon, Austin and his crew realize they're working opposite ends of the same grand scheme and must race against time to save the world's freshwater supply from a twisted eco-extortionist. But every step toward salvation takes them deeper into a dense jungle of treachery, blackmail, and death. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

HOT TAMALE CLIVE you sure got a winner with this here Masterizzazione. From kidnapping and 10 years with a White goddess amongst the wild cannibals to a majestic Norseman war ship then a Flying wing buried in an Alaskan ice Cave with a 50 year Protocol and a tunnel under the wood shower. And finally arriving on old paddleboat steamer and the death of a 7 foot tall evil bitch and the unfortunate death of the HERO of this book whom I will not reveal for future readers.HA HA.

Not Cussler's writing. I have read many, many Cussler books but this is not his writing. His writing

puts me on the edge of my seat. This writing had me dozing off. My guess is Cussler came up with the plot, and the other guy wrote it. It should be advertised as such if Cussler is going to do this. Clive should be sued for false advertising! I will never buy a co-written book of his again!

Kurt and Hi are two of my favorite characters. They have been well developed over the life of the NUMA series, but is always fun to fill in New biography information. I thought I could feel water during the yacht race. The color and humidity of the jungle were palpable. It was a farfetched plot but only too believable in today's world. On to the next Cussler collaboration.

Assignment series. Yet in both of first two series books we never really understand Kurt Austin's motivation except that it's the right thing to do. I think there's needs to be a more in depth character development of both Kurt and Joe. I enjoyed the book , yet I look forward to learning as much about Kurt Austin and Joe Zavala, as Dirk Pitt and Al Giordano in other Clive Cussler novels.

Big time Cussler fan. (34th read). This one easily makes the top 5 so far. Good plot line with world-wide water piracy the theme and the NUMA team as the stopper as you would expect. Boat race segment was a bit of a stretch for belief, but was minor in comparison to the strong characters and great adventure woven into the rest of the tale. A tale that involved Bio-medicine exploitation, a long disappeared scientist discovered to be a living white goddess jungle queen and sinister corporate conspirators joining a 'Nordic' giantess in attempted world subjugation as sub-themes . Very enjoyable!

Blue Gold is again a great adventure read. Cussler once again weaves a strong story line along with previously characters whose development have brought familiarity to the reader's enjoyment.

Let's get one thing straight: I LOVE Cussler's books. I have read every one of them more than once. The problem with \_Blue Gold\_ is that it ISN'T Cussler's book. Yeah, he probably outlined the plot - and you can tell this, there's some neat ideas in there - but it is handicapped by a stilted, highly contrived, cliché-ridden, juvenile style. Every plot twist requires an incredible amount of faith on the reader's part. This book reads like it was written as a high school creative writing assignment. I honestly had to force myself to finish it. I won't reveal the ending, but it was probably the silliest and most implausible ending ever seen in a Cussler novel. (And if you've read them all, that's saying something! I recall a bathtub in the Caribbean, which was a LOT more plausible than most of the

stuff in this book.) I am more than willing to suspend disbelief, but I can't suspend incredulity. In summary: This book is an insult to Cussler fans. Don't these big publishers have editors any more? Clive, you are capable of so much better.

Fast paced as always and a few pathways defy logic but otherwise a good read. Controlling water supply a real scary yet very real premise.

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