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During World War II, in a secret Nazi submarine base, containers crafted entirely from looted wartime gold were hidden away. The treasure was not the solid gold chests, but the cargo they carried--an artifact so lethal that whoever possessed "Pandora's boxes" held the power to unleash hell upon the Earth... In the unforgiving wastes of Greenland, geologist Philip Mercer uncovers a long-abandoned U.S. Army base buried under the ice--and a long-dead body still hot with radiation. But before Mercer and his colleague, the seductive Dr. Anika Klein, can investigate further, a flash fire engulfs the base. Ordered to evacuate, their plane is forced to land when a bomb is discovered on board, and they must seek shelter from the murderous weather in a hidden ice cavern.

That's where they learn the startling truth. A powerful German corporation has launched an operation to destroy evidence of its Nazi past. But one of the corporate mercenaries knows what's inside the Pandora's boxes, and he plans to hold the entire world hostage--unless Mercer can find a way to stop him...

## **Pandora's Curse Details**

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## **From Reader Review Pandora's Curse for online ebook**

### **Shaft says**

This is the fourth outing of Phillip Mercer and a far more enjoyable romp than the previous book. The story is more interesting and the characters a little deeper. I agree with those who compare Du Brul favourably with Clive Cussler and so does the man himself it seems as they now work together. This is a return to form for Mercer and definitely worth a read.

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### **Gordon Wulff says**

#### **Another Riveting Winner**

An entertaining and entreating blend of History and fiction. Phillip Mercer is lovable rogue that uses a combination of experience and intellect to vanquish his evil foes.

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### **David says**

This is a really interesting action\adventure novel that is pretty much a Clive Cussler novel. I enjoy those novels to an extent, never elevating them to a level of greatness, but I find the plots interesting.

This one has a plot that rivals ANYTHING Cussler ever came up with. A clever Nazi scheme, mysterious radioactivity, and a modern mining engineer sent along to make certain an old American base remains secure and safe to enter.

From there it follows the Clive Cussler formula writing that has to include odd locations, a big chase scene, and macabre deaths for the bad guys... (okay, I don't think that's a real spoiler-- we expect the good guy to win)...

Good pulpy writing, and a nice change of pace for me. I felt that the author dragged the conclusion out a bit much... I would've preferred that the unit used to escape have been used in a different manner, one in which it was designed to do, to stop the bad buy and end the story there.. but NOOOOOO!

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### **Steven Allen says**

These Mercer books have been really good fiction books with some excellent action. Although, I can pick exactly which woman Mercer is going to have a brief affair with. The women that Mercer briefly has a relationship with is getting to be like the red shirts on the old Star Trek TV show. Not hard to figure which woman is going to be the one as the author leaves enough clues.

I like how Mercer is shown as fallible and full of doubts like the rest of us. Not the untouchable superman, Mercer is approachable. His treatment of his neighbor is more like that of a father, which with Mercer's background is appropriate.

With such an intelligent character, you would think that Mercer would speak more than one language. Perhaps because his mother died early in his life, she did not have time to impart another language to her son other than English.

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### **Lee says**

Phillip Mercer is sent to Greenland to help unearth a buried US Army base. When they start finding bodies both new and old, as ties to a German company and the Nazi's are revealed will a long dormant superweapon be unleashed upon the world. Good read.

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### **Vickie says**

This is a mondo book of adventure. One should suspend belief reading thrillers even more so than one usually would while reading fiction. Nonstop action, no rest, amazing feats of marksmanship, death-defying crashes, etc...

That said, the history one can learn from a book like this made me keep reading. I tend to have to pace myself between thrillers as I can become exhausted just reading what the characters are up to.

There is a convocation of world religious leaders that is never completely fleshed out to my satisfaction. That one felt like it was an attempt to make the book reach its 472 page mark. Padding. It did add to the eyebrow lift while I read the part of the characters jumping from a U-Boat to the hew-gah ship that the convocation was being held on.

Like I said above, suspend belief even more so that your usual fiction while reading a thriller, this one in particular. It took me a while to read due to the many characters to keep track of, some "huh" parts, the exhaustive action.

It will likely be a while before delving into another thriller for me.

I can recommend this book and author to those who like eyebrow raising adventure.

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### **Theresa says**

A strange deadly substance is the prize in this story as three group's battle to claim it. One wants to destroy it, one to cover it up and a third to use it for profit.

I love the idea of the Surveyor's Society. Not sure if it's real, but I wouldn't be surprised.

I was never sure how the Convocation fit in. It had some interest moments, but wasn't really necessary to the story other than as filler and an additional place for action. Though it finally added some useful situations at the end. Tommy Joe & Lorna Farquar were hilarious.

The number of people in here got so complicated that I had to make up a chart to remember who belonged to what and how they were connected. Also the final chase seemed to go on and on until at the end I just

wanted it over.

Footnote: 1) They should put a guide rope around the entire perimeter, so that if you lose your grip on the rope between buildings you'll run into the perimeter rope before headed out into nothing.

2) The whole situation of boarding the cruise ship was very farfetched to me. There's the size and height differences, the speed, the timing and even the implausibility of a guy with a broken leg jumping in time. The two ships would be going opposite direction which cuts down on the time available. And Hilda should have been pulled under. All makes it just too bizarre.

Fave scenes: portable vs potable, escaping the Camp, hiding the submarine and the airship-sub tug of war.

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### **Paul says**

A great thriller! Kind of unrealistic and extreme at parts, but had me on the edge of my seat the whole way through.

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### **John Cameron says**

#### **Excellent read**

I found this book to be an excellent story, just the right combination of fact, history, plausibility and fiction. Personal interactions in stories like this one are one of the things I truly enjoy, and Du Brul seems to have found the right formula to keep the story moving along. I am an amateur military historian and archaeologist/geologist by hobby, and found the information about the area of the mine and the Underseaboaten (SP ??) to be fascinating. The story line was very refreshing, bringing in a very plausible idea of an asteroid/meteorite of unknown substance. All in all a good read for a rainy night!

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### **Lisa says**

Listened to this with my son...definitely a 'guy' book.

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### **Kristin Lundgren says**

Nice entry in the Philip Mercer series, although this one takes place on the high seas, and you miss the supporting cast, although one of his later friends emerges this trip around. Set mostly in Greenland, with some high seas events, this one gave me a lot to think about, unusual in a thriller. For some reason, many of the things he was talking about resonated with me. But when the hero had to take action, it is an action book, and the consequences were grave - millions if not billions of lives lost, I think it's okay if you break a wrist, or even shoot a bad guy. But the heroine, a doctor, keep looking at him with disgust and horror. Yet they still enjoyed a trip to the Loire Valley at the end. Go figure. I would have dumped her in Iceland.

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**Shawn says**

I really enjoyed this thriller by Jack. I hope to see a new book by him soon.

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**Enoch says**

Mr. Mercer is not as good as Mr. Pitt. The characters were a bit choppy compared to Mr. Clive Cussler's characters.

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**Rita McDowell says****Excellent and Extremely Interesting!**

Strongly recommend this read to anyone who enjoys excitement! While maybe not historically correct, it will definitely tweak the imagination as to the possibility of what might have happened?? Excellent writing and well worth the time to read! Some characters will be loved and some?? Enjoy!

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**Dark Star says**

First time I've read anything by Jack Du Brul but I will definitely be checking out more. The main character, Mercer, a geologist gets caught up in Nazi pillage, meteorite pieces that can destroy the world, and the wilds of Greenland. Great story with lots of action and a great plot. Great ending too.

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