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### Editorial Review

#### From Library Journal

Andrew Gavallan, based in Scotland, runs a helicopter company operating in Iran during the Shah's reign. When Khomeini comes to power, Gavallan must get his pilots and their families, and his valuable helicopters, out of the riot-torn country. Complicating matters is his power struggle with his company's secret owner, the Noble House of Hong Kong. The pilots' escape efforts form the basic story but as usual in a Clavell novel the action sweeps across many lives: lovers, spies, fanatics, revolutionaries, friends and betrayers. British, Finnish, American, and Iranian, all are caught up in a deadly religious and political upheaval. Clavell effectively portrays the chilling and bewildering encounters when Westernized lifestyle clashes with harsh ancient traditions. This novel, the fifth in what he calls his Asian Series ( *Noble House*, *King Rat*, *Tai Pan*, *Shogun* ) is certain to be in much demand. A.M.B. Amantia, Population Crisis Committee Lib., Washington D.C.

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#### Review

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"Clavell seems to creep inside the very soul of the land and the people ... A damn good read." -- *Boston Herald*

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"The author handles the plot with all the confident authority of a ring-master, keeping a half-dozen themes and a formidable cast of characters moving along at a cracking pace. By the end I was breathless and lost in admiration at the sheer professionalism of it all." -- *Sunday Telegraph*(London)

#### About the Author

**James Clavell** (1921-1994) was a novelist, screenwriter, director, and World War II veteran and prisoner of war. The son of a Royal Navy family, he was educated in Portsmouth before, as a young artillery officer, he was captured by the Japanese at the Fall of Singapore. It was on this experience that his bestselling novel *KING RAT* was based. He maintained this oriental interest in his other great works: *TAI-PAN*, *SHOGUN*, *NOBLE HOUSE* and *GAI JIN*, and is best known for this epic Asian Saga series of novels and their televised adaptations.

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