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Steel's Treasure

By Nick Auclair

What won't U.S. Air Force Captain William Steel endure to find the treasure of the "Tiger of Malay," the infamous General Yamashita, including F4 strafing runs, assassin attacks, the murderous rage of a rebel army commander, and

pygmy-led jungle death marches? With nothing standing between him and the hidden fortune, Steel is on the hunt for billions in gold and precious gems. Nothing except for the rugged Philippine jungle, a psychotic pedophile with a mysterious and murderous vendetta, sexy bar girls after his cash, one lusty Filipina journalist after his

heart, and his own team - a rag-tag band of Negrito pygmy tribesmen whose legendary tracking skills turn up trouble as often as treasure. Set on and around Clark Air Base in the 1980's, *Steel's Treasure* is a thriller adventure, mystery, and work of military historical fiction that weaves Auclair's experiences as an intelligence officer with firsthand

accounts of the war between the New People's Army and the American-backed Marcos regime.

Follow Steel as he risks his career, his freedom, and ultimately his life to uncover the legendary plunder of the Tiger of Malay, WWII General Yamashita.

Author Nick Auclair currently lives with his wife on a small farm in Virginia and teaches counterinsurgency at the Virginia Military Institute. He has over 20 years' experience as a U.S. intelligence officer, five of those in the Philippines where he spent his free time chasing after the Tiger of Malay's treasure himself.

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Steel's Gold

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Steel's Gold, the sequel to *Steel's Treasure*, is set in and around U.S. Clark Air Base in the 1980's at the time of the Philippine's People Powered Revolution.

The book tells the story of U.S. Air Force Captain William Steel, an intelligence officer with serious authority issues, and his hunt for billions of dollars of lost WWII Japanese treasure hidden in the mountainous jungles of the Philippines.

He has the help of Jo Jo, his best friend, a Kuntaw martial arts expert; Cham, a quirky Thai military officer with connections in the Asian underworld, and a rag-tag band of pygmy Negritos. But he's not the only one hot on the trail.

Right-wing American "commie-fighters," corrupt CIA officials, President Marcos's henchmen, ruth-



less bandits, rebel soldiers, and old enemies conspire against and collide with Steel as he and his compatriots go for the gold.

Even a WWII Japanese Army officer, unaware of his country's surrender 40 years earlier, launches guerrilla assaults on Steel's jungle treks. With his love life a mess, Steel can't seem to go more than a couple of days without someone wanting to beat him senseless. Nothing finding a little gold wouldn't make better, however.

Or so Steel thinks, until violence rocks the only home he's ever known and he finds himself questioning what, and whom, he's willing to sacrifice to get his hands on the treasure he seeks.

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Judge #22 at the Annual Writer's Digest Self-Published Book Awards (2014) said of *Steel's Treasure*:

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is a novel sure to be enjoyed, especially by readers looking for an intriguing, adventurous, down-to-earth novel with an excellent story, and details about what it was really like to serve at a military base in the Philippines in the 1980s.

The fact the author bases his story on his own experiences is evident and definitely adds to the enjoyment and authenticity of the book.

Readers who don't know a lot about the Philippines will no doubt learn much from this novel.

There is a great deal to appeal to women readers, but men should especially enjoy this story because they'll have a deep understanding of and empathy for the hero.

All readers will be rooting for this well-rounded protagonist to find the treasure.

As for production values, the vibrant colors and off-putting image of a skull wearing a military helmet were nevertheless fascinating to me as a potential reader.

I think the cover will motivate readers to investigate the book. The back cover copy is well done.

I like that the blog address is shared so readers wanting to know more about the author can investigate. Nice touch that the author lets us know another book is in the works.

I am convinced his many fans will be looking for his next work. I feel confident that with his writing talent and background, Nick Auclair can anticipate an excellent career as an author.

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