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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. At the start of Burdett's superb third mystery-thriller to feature Thai police detective Sonchai Jitpleecheep (after *Bangkok 8* and *Bangkok Tattoo*), Jitpleecheep shows old friend Kimberley Jones, an American FBI agent, a vicious snuff film he's received depicting the murder of an ex-lover of his named Damrong. Jitpleecheep and Jones maintain their complex platonic relationship as, helped by Jitpleecheep's assistant Lek, they pursue Damrong's killers. The trail leads them to an important banker, an American teacher, a Buddhist and an exclusive men's club called the Parthenon. Jitpleecheep, who now lives with Chanya, a former prostitute pregnant with his child, is visited in an erotic way by Damrong's ghost, while his corrupt superior, police colonel Vikorn, orders Jitpleecheep to help start a porn film business. Expertly juggling elements that in lesser hands would become confused or hackneyed, Burdett has created a haunting, powerful story that transcends genre. *75,000 first printing; 6-city author tour. (June)*

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Sonchai Jitpleecheep, the hero of Burdett's Bangkok-based thrillers, is a unique police detective. A Buddhist as closely attuned to karma as to crime, Sonchai is profoundly aware that the latter is only an expression of the former, and, accordingly, he finds answers in places that logic-hampered Westerners would never know to look. In his third adventure to date, a murdered prostitute proves to be—even more in death than she was in life—a femme fatale of special magnitude. As in previous episodes, the pleasures derive less from Burdett's baroque plotting (in this case including former Khmer Rouge hired killers, a pornography ring debased even by Bangkok standards, and a death by torture involving elephants) than from the vivid portrait he paints of contemporary Thai life and mores.

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John Burdett, a British writer living in Asia, adds another intriguing mystery/noir novel to the genre with *Bangkok Haunts*. Like its two predecessors, the novel melds Eastern and Western culture while taking readers on a wild ride through Bangkok's seamy underworld, where morality takes on shades of gray. "Imagine a Conrad novel transformed into a video game," notes the *Boston Globe*, replete with all of the successful clichés of the genre, including fast-paced action and heart-turning plots. Sonchai becomes deeper and more intelligent with each novel, as do Burdett's portrayals of a city where ambiguity reigns. A less-than-convincing ending and some stock characters bothered a few critics, but overall, *Bangkok Haunts* is a compelling, worthwhile read.

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