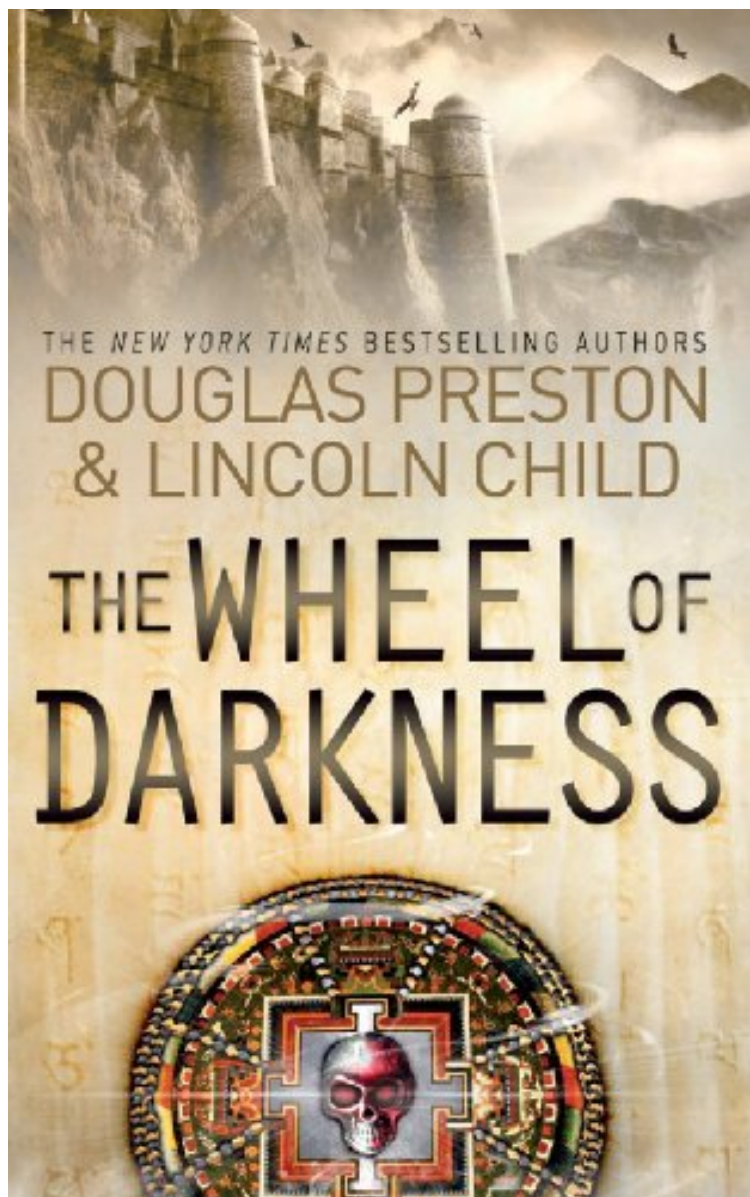


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Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurA breathtaking adventure from the hottest names in US thriller writing.Perched like a black crow on a crag in the most hostile depths of the Himalayas stands a monastery. For a thousand years the monks have kept guard. Now their sanctum has been violated, the secret carried off. After a millennium of hiding from the world, the guardians of the treasure will have to turn to an outsider for help.Luckily Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast is no stranger. Having trained body and mind in Tibet, he knows the land

well. But neither he nor his ward, Constance, are prepared for the truth about what the monks have been protecting. The pursuit of the stolen artefact takes Pendergast and Constance far from the snowy wastes, to where the largest-ever ocean liner is preparing for her maiden voyage. As Pendergast and Constance board, they know they are joined by a cargo of secrets and murderers. As the ship slips into the night, it becomes a deadly race to recover the secret of the monks, or blackness to threaten to fall not just over the ship, but the wider world...A stunning dance of death and mystery, *THE WHEEL OF DARKNESS* takes the most unusual investigator around on his most thrilling mission yet...From Publishers Weekly Hachette once again smartly enlists the services of Auberjonois (who won an Audie Award for reading Preston and Child's *Dance of Death*) to read the latest high-flown supernatural thriller from the bestselling team. His rendition of even the most outlandish adventures of FBI agent Aloysius Pendergast and his ward, Constance Greene, provides exactly the calm, cool atmosphere that makes the occasionally hard-to-swallow story into a tasty snack. On a retreat from their action-packed lives at a Tibetan monastery, Aloysius and Constance are asked by the abbot to save the world. Upon boarding a luxury liner on its maiden voyage, they discover an ancient relic that promises bloody death. Auberjonois brings the three lead characters to life--the crusty Pendergast, the troubled Greene and the Yoda-like head monk. As for the bad guys--natural and supernatural--Auberjonois provides just enough menace to make them really frightening and never goes over the top or makes them cartoonish. This might not be the best of Child and Preston's popular efforts, but under Auberjonois's expert guidance, it should keep listeners very diverted. Simultaneous release with the Grand Central hardcover (s, July 16). Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile The authors supernatural puzzlers feature the fearlessly motivated FBI Special Agent Aloysius Pendergast and his ward, Constance Greene. Recovering from their latest exploits at a Tibetan monastery, they are plunged into another mystery--the disappearance of a sacred relic that could be a perilous threat to humanity. The quest takes Pendergast and Greene on a dangerous voyage aboard a luxury liner. Ren Auberjonois is mesmerizing as he undertakes the large cast--from the heroic Pendergast to his evil brother, Diogenes; a saintly, inspirational abbot; and various ship passengers, some of whom end up dead. Auberjonois plays these characters with gusto, flawless accents, and no false notes. This is not the best book in this series, but Auberjonois makes it a fast-paced edge-of-the-seat experience. M.T.B. AudioFile 2008, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine