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1940-The eve of WWII. Imperial Japan threatens to conquer Asia and the entire Pacific Theater. Supplies and support are flowing into the region. Vital to this effort is the city of Seattle. But now, its crucial role in the supply chain is beginning to attract the interest of some shadowy and exotic international forces.

Following a tip from his mentor Vic Morrison, young Alan Stewart uses his detective skills to track down Tiger Lee, a sexy American operative on a mission to disrupt the Japanese spy network. Working together, the two set out to eliminate the head of their Japanese rivals: a dangerous samurai whose movements are shrouded in mystery. What begins as a hunt for justice quickly turns into a maelstrom of revenge- and a race against the clock as politics become personal and loyalties are tested from every side. Returning to the scene of his first novel, Thick as Thieves, author Neil Low proves once again that in the shadowy underbelly of a city nothing is as it first appears, and what you don't know just might hurt you after all...

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Steven Allen says

I have enjoyed all of these noir detective fiction set in 1930s Seattle. Written by an active Seattle PD captain, these books have enough action, detective work and Seattle nostalgia to keep me interested. I do hope that the White Dragon appears in another book in the series.

Sue Eberhardt says

Thank you to Goodreads for this autographed copy of Sign of the Dragon. The cover discouraged me from starting this book, and first third of the book made me want to put it on my discard pile. Maybe if I were male I would have enjoyed all the references to our hero's aroused state, but I thought those comments could have been just as effective with a little more subtlety.

The author skillfully created a complex and fantastical story in a complicated and intricate setting (wartime Seattle, 1940), and as the story developed it kept me reading. It's a page-turner, all right. There's enough blood and gore for everyone, and an abundance of intrigue. I finished the book and appreciate the author's skill.

Stephanie S Dunn says

Good read

This is reality based on actual conditions that existed in pre war Seattle. The story is fiction but is accurate in that it is something that is very plausible.

David Caldwell says

I won a copy on Goodreads Firstreads.

This is actually the second Alan Stewart mystery. Following the advice of his mentor, Alan joins up with a group of secret agents trying to disrupt a network of Japanese spies in pre-WWII Seattle from shipping some much needed supplies of steel and brass to the Japanese war effort. He teams up with the female agent known as Tiger Lee. What starts as a fairly simple mission of checking on a missing sailor and a fellow agent, turns dangerous and complicated almost from the beginning. They end up facing off against The White Dragon, the female samurai who leads the Japanese spies.

This is not your typical noir spy thriller with the grizzled and cynical male lead facing off against a group of Nazis in some European setting. Alan is only 21 years old and is quite willing to learn anything Tiger Lee wants to teach him. In fact, there are several strong female characters that take the lead while the men

follow. The setting is 1940 Seattle with Japanese spies, which also helps the story to stand out from the pack.

The characters are well-developed and interesting, both the good guys and the villians. The pacing is quick with lots of action making this a quick ride and fun ride. I look forward to exploring other books in the series.

My only problem with the book was the cover. I did not like the illustration on the front cover. Also, I found the red lettering on the back cover hard to read. Printer gremlins did cause a very few number of glitches.
