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!DOWNLOAD EPUB ? Buddha's Money ? This Grisly, Terrifying Thriller Follows CID Agents George Sue O And Ernie Bascom Across The Korean Peninsula In Their Search For A Lost Artifact South Korea, S Retired Army Officer Herman Burkowicz Has Quite A Lucrative Setup Smuggling Rare Korean Artifacts But Then His Nine Year Old Foster Daughter, Mi Ja, Is Abducted, And Her Kidnappers Demand A Ransom Burkowicz Doesn T Have A Priceless Jade Skull From The Age Of Genghis Khan Sue O And Bascom Accustomed To Chasing Felons And Black Marketeers In The Back Alleys Of Itaewon Than Ancient Treasures Go In Over Their Heads As They Agree To Search For The Skull, A Journey That Will Lead Them To A Crime That Threatens The Fragile Peace Between South Korea And The US Army Units Living On Its Korean Soil Another very long winded plot A little girl is kidnapped This leads to S and B trying to find a long lost jade skull that leads to Genghis Khan s grave I m steadily going through the Sueno and Bascom series Unfortunately, there are only 14 books plus a book of short stories I started in the middle, then started reading them somewhat in order I really like this series because they are easy to read and follow and easy to get into It s best to read them in order if you are starting new.The setting is 1970 s South Korea and the protagonists are two 8th Army CID detectives Bascom is a bit like Michael Connelly s Bosch in that he doesn t care for protocol and is likely to antagonize the people he comes in contact with rather than acting like a normal person and that

includes his superiors Sueno is somewhat the same but level-headed. Both are good CID detectives who don't have time for BS and try to solve the crimes they are tasked to instead of slacking off. Another selling point for them is that they try to relate to the native Koreans as people rather than 2nd class citizens to abuse like some other Americans. Limon does a great job of making the characters real including the bit parts, the GI's and the Koreans. That's the character study part that I like. The other good part is the setting. Limon was actually serving in Korea and gives a really good depiction of it from the GI point of view. It's like going back in time with the US Army. Not all of it is good, there's a lot of corruption, poverty, booze and sex, yea, some of it actually reads like *The Virgin Soldiers* by Leslie Thomas. He makes the country and the people come to life. The army police procedural part is only so-so. There isn't a lot of excitement in the cases. The detectives do their due diligence, do their footwork and solve the crimes. There is mystery but somehow Limon just doesn't get a lot of excitement across. The interest I get from reading the books is from the character development. I care what happens to the people in the story than I do about the crimes. That's the basic review. I can't add a lot about this book itself, not that it matters much to me. I find all the stories fairly uniform and as I go through the series I feel like I'm binge watching a TV show. I finish one episode and move along to the next. They are all different stories but in the same format. Overall, I really like the series and highly recommend them.

**PROTAGONISTS** Sgts George Sueno and Ernie Bascom, CID agents  
**SETTING** South Korea  
**SERIES** 3 of 12  
**RATING** 2.75  
**WHY** George Sueno and Ernie Bascom are investigators for the Eighth Army with most of their activity taking place in Itaewon, where soldiers spend their off time. They interrupt the assault of a Buddhist nun by a GI, which causes national upheaval. But their main case involves the kidnapping of a the daughter of a retired Army officer, Herman the German. The ransom was a valuable old jade skull. The Korean history and culture are well rendered, but I had some problems with this book. First, it was hard to read about the brutality towards the little girl and various rapes. The character of Ernie Bascom was really one-dimensional. Basically, all he does is chew gum, pick up women and violently erupt once in a while. I can definitely say that there were some things about this book that truly horrified me and I don't usually get along well with being horrified. This installment deals with how Sueno and Bascom are used/played by some evil people and in the long run, while they tried hard to do the right thing no one ends up any better off and so many end up injured or dead. But it's a strong, well-crafted story. I'm surprised Limon isn't one of those authors that are celebrated but perhaps it's because he does do some not very nice, un-mainstream things that can leave the reader drained and emotionally scarred. Limon's intriguing stories are set in South Korea in the 1970s. Our heroes are CID agents with the 8th Army. South Korea is culturally vivid and populated with fascinating characters. Murder and mayhem mostly mitigated with camaraderie and humor.

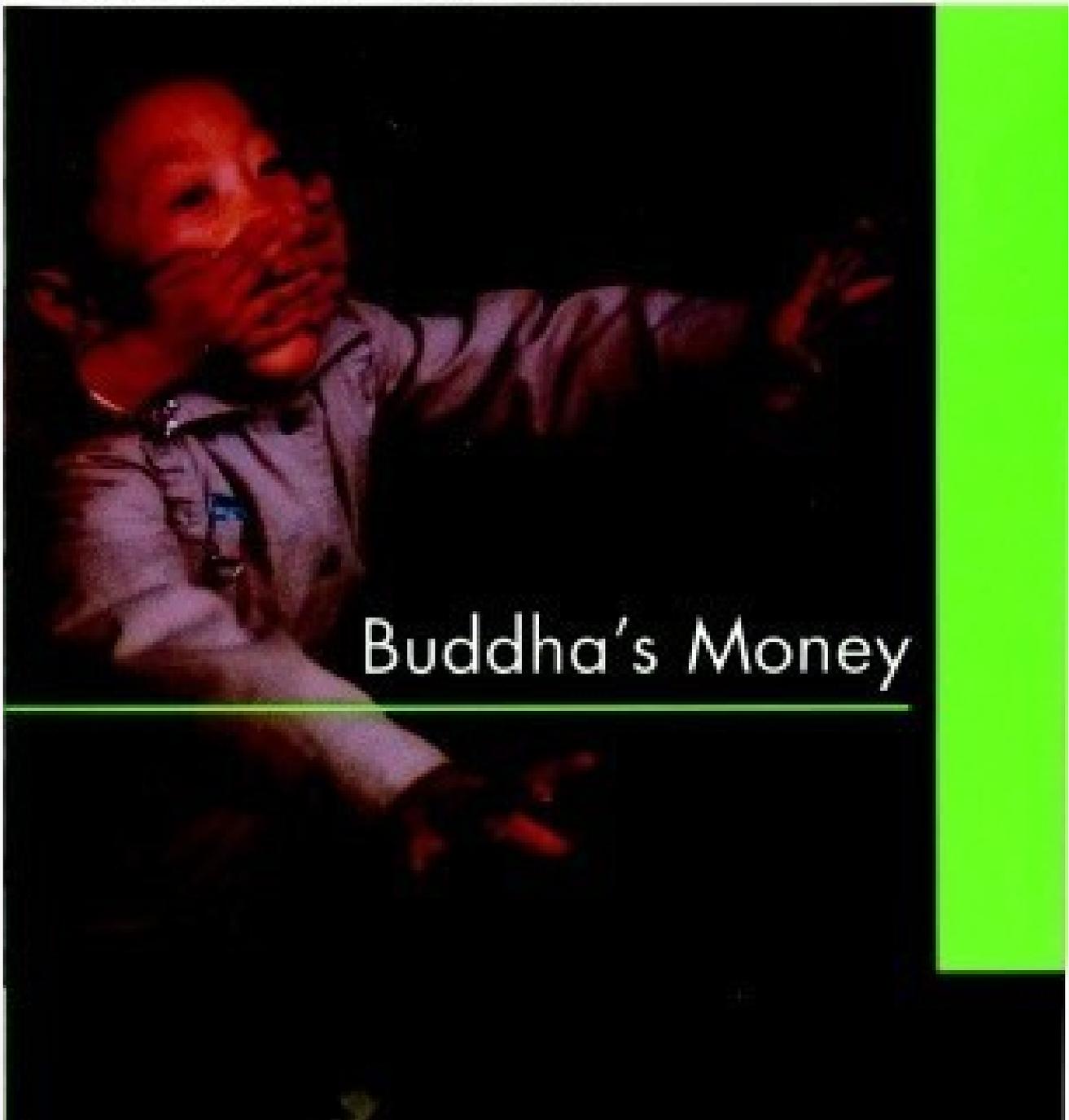
Review from Asia Thrills: cops George Sueno and Ernie Bascom meet Indiana Jones, or so it seems, in this over-the-top adventure, the third in Martin Limon's great series set in 1970s

Korea. An attack on a Buddhist nun, along with the disappearance of the daughter of a retired US serviceman, set the pair off on a hunt for a jade skull that shows a map to the lost treasures of Genghis Khan. They are not the only ones looking. Also involved are some bad Buddhists from Mongolia, some good Buddhists and a mysterious woman named Lady Ahn. It seems the skull is being guarded by monks and by a giant sloth on a distant island. Many fights, some rather horrific violence, chases and other adventures ensue. And as usual the whole book is dripping with the dissolute atmosphere of Itaewon, the greatest GI village in the world. This book offers action packed excitement, and will satisfy Lim's many fans which include me. But it is still a little too far fetched, and not one of his best. I liked the first two books, but didn't care for this one. Too close to fantasy for me. Unbelievable coincidences. I'll read the next, but if as divorced from reality as this I wouldn't go further.



**"A slam-bang thriller..."**  
— ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL

**Martin Limón**



Sueno Bascom 3 Buddha s Money by Martin Limon While working the Itaewon red light

district in Seoul looking for black market activity, CID agents Sergeants Sueno and Bascom are contacted by business girl prostitute Sooki, who tells them a nun has been attacked. She leads them to an alley where they hear a fight in progress and stop a black American soldier from beating a Korean nun. The American escapes, and the boys take the nun to the KNP police station, but locals think they are the ones that beat the nun up. There is a big problem now with locals angry at all American soldiers. While at the police station, a retired sergeant grabs them, and reports his adopted Korean daughter has been kidnapped. This leads them to discover there is going on than meets the eye. The attack on the nun and the kidnapping has something to do with Lady Ahn and an antique skull that once belonged to the Dragon Throne of China, and her ancestors. The skull was used by Kublai Khan as a drinking vessel, and has a map to the burial place where much of his treasure was hidden. Buddhist monks are also after the skull. The writing is smooth, the plot is good, and the characterization is topnotch. The author knows Korea. It is fun reading about places that I once knew, and hearing Korean words I once knew. My main problem with the series is the main characters. They are supposed to be Army CID agents, but are nothing like the many CID agents I knew in my twenty year career in the military police. Sueno and Bascom act like private detectives than military investigators, doing what they want when they want. They merely report to a 1st Sergeant, basically when they want. In reality, the CID office consists of agents under the command of a warrant officer. Jobs are assigned, and they work hand in hand with their superiors and local police, when necessary, fellow agents, and the MPs. Something that really turned me off in this story is the office Staff Sergeant. Evidently he has the combination to the safe, but gets so drunk someone gets the combination from him and breaks into the office and steals something from the safe. The next day it was like, well, gee, these things happen. No, they don't. If that SSGT had a drinking problem he would not have been the one in charge of the safe. As it was he would have lost a stripe over such lack of responsibility, but nothing is even said to him about his dereliction of duty. This is the Army, and the CID is better trained and organized than any of these characters are in this series. I love the setting, and the idea of CID agents as the main leads. I can even accept Sueno and Bascom as Army goof offs who get involved in mischief but not as CID agents. Another problem is the man in charge of the armory giving them unregistered weapons and ammunition when they want them. That doesn't happen in the MP or CID weapons armory. All weapons and ammunitions are strictly accounted for. All of this makes for a good story, and the setting is honest. If Sueno and Bascom were anything but CID agents, it would have worked for me. I like learning about life in Korea from the perspective of George Sueno. I think this is my favorite part of Limon's books. I kind of want of that in this book. Like Slicky Boys the story is very action focused. I lost count of how many fist fights Sueno and Bascom got into. If you want a story that feels like Indiana Jones in 1970s Korea complete with a mystical jade skull, than this book is for you. But my preference was for Limon to slow down at times to highlight the background. I wanted to know about the culture of Army retirees like

the character Herman the German who stay in Korea after having served, and about the tension in South Korea that led to those intense and dramatic demonstrations where students and soldiers square of in the streets of Seoul Still, despite missing these elements, it was an enjoyable read. I really enjoyed this one, the third in the series It s unbelievable but at the same time a page turner Our two CID agents,Bascom and Sueno, are involved in a life and death race against time to find a jade skull and deliver it to some violent Buddhist kidnappers of a young Korean girl It s like Indiana Jones meets a Christopher Moore book at times It s flip, funny, and suspenseful with violence and evil thrown in We escape Seoul to Suwon, Taejon, and some off shore islands There are the usual drinking binges, assortment of bar girls, and Sueno meets perhaps the love of his life, all with a Korean student demonstration thrown in Don t know how Limon will top this one with book four but I m ready for the next one.

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