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Editorial Review

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Elizabeth Lowell's second book in her trilogy featuring the internationally renowned Donovan family pairs youngest brother Kyle, who featured prominently in the previous book *Amber Beach*, with the illegitimate daughter of a Chinese trading dynasty. Lianne Blakely accepts that she'll never be openly acknowledged as Johnny Tang's daughter, but her expertise in handling the family's extensive jade collection has earned their respect and leads to her realization that someone has substituted inferior replicas for several priceless pieces. Kyle, meanwhile, has been ordered by big brother Archer to investigate Lianne's possible involvement in the sale of jade treasures that may have been stolen from China. With international relations and leadership within the Tang family at stake, Lianne joins Kyle's effort to find the thief and elude some nasty characters, despite the equally dangerous, explosive passion the couple shares. Hot love scenes, relentless suspense, and appearances by the noisy and affectionate Donovan clan keep the reader entertained. --*Ellen Edwards*

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Jade Island is book two of Lowell's new Donovan series, focusing on jade's value to Chinese culture. Lianne Blakely is a jade expert and the illegitimate daughter of an influential Chinese family. Kyle Donovan, of Donovan International, owes the U.S. government a small favor. Lianne and Kyle are drawn together like moths to flames. Unfortunately, Laural Merlington lacks the vocal range required to create noticeably different voices for Lianne and Kyle. She attempts to compensate by using cadence to create marked speech patterns but is unable to effectively sustain this approach. As a result, the story requires very careful attention to keep track of the dialog. Despite the flaws, larger fiction collections should purchase as Lowell is on the best seller fast track. Smaller collections should purchase for demand. Jodi L. Israel, Jamaica Plain, MA
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This delicious tale of romantic suspense involves the lore of exotic jade and the cutthroat trade it inspires. Lianne Blakely, the competent and beautiful illegitimate daughter of Johnny Tang, a member of a powerful Chinese trading family, has never been acknowledged by her relatives, but that doesn't stop them from exploiting her photographic memory and obsession with jade. When she is directed to become acquainted with Kyle Donovan, a prominent gem trader, she is unprepared for the sexual energy that crackles between them. He, in turn, has been asked by his brother, on behalf of the American government, to get close enough to spy on Lianne and the Tangs. They meet at a charity auction, and he agrees to become her protector in exchange for instruction in the intricacies of the jade trade. When an assassin makes an attempt on Lianne's life, the already quick pace of this page-turner moves into hyperdrive as the Donovans help her avert an international incident and finally claim her heritage. Lianne is a marvelous heroine. An authority on ancient jade, she is quick witted, ambitious, bilingual, vulnerable in all the right ways, and, in spite of her petiteness, able to acquit herself admirably in physical confrontations. And Kyle, an ideal romantic adventure hero, is her match on all fronts. *Diana Tixier Herald*

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