

The Emerald Buddha
by Leonie Campbell

As reviewed by New York Times best selling author Ellen Tanner Marsh

Intrigue, romance and exotic cultures permeate this riveting novel that will have you glued to the edge of your seat. Author Leonie Campbell has created a strong female heroine who is caught in a spider web of deceit and danger. When Michelle Maxwell's beloved husband Paul dies, she is shocked to discover that he had led a secret life in Southeast Asia. Furthermore, she soon comes to realize that his past concealed deadly activities involving mercenaries and a cache of stolen diamonds.

While Paul's life might be over, suddenly Michelle's is in grave danger. As she navigates a new love and sets out to investigate the mystery of her husband's past life, she invariably opens up a Pandora's Box of deadly suspense. What was her husband really doing, and was it truly so evil? And what is the secret of the emerald buddha that Paul had given her?

Campbell has melded a tender romance with a gripping mystery that unfolds like a Chinese puzzle box. Strong and complex, Michelle Maxwell is an ideal heroine who readers will root for as she strives to uncover the mystery of her husband's life and death and build a rich new life for herself. Deftly written, *The Emerald Buddha* is an unforgettable story of the secrets we hide from loved ones and the truths that can indeed set us free. Campbell is clearly a writer to watch.