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About the Author

James Clavell, who died in 1994, was a screenwriter, director, producer, and novelist born in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. Although he wrote the screenplays for a number of acclaimed films, including *The Fly* (1958), *The Great Escape* (1963), and *To Sir With Love* (1967), he is best known for his epic novels in his Asian Saga.

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