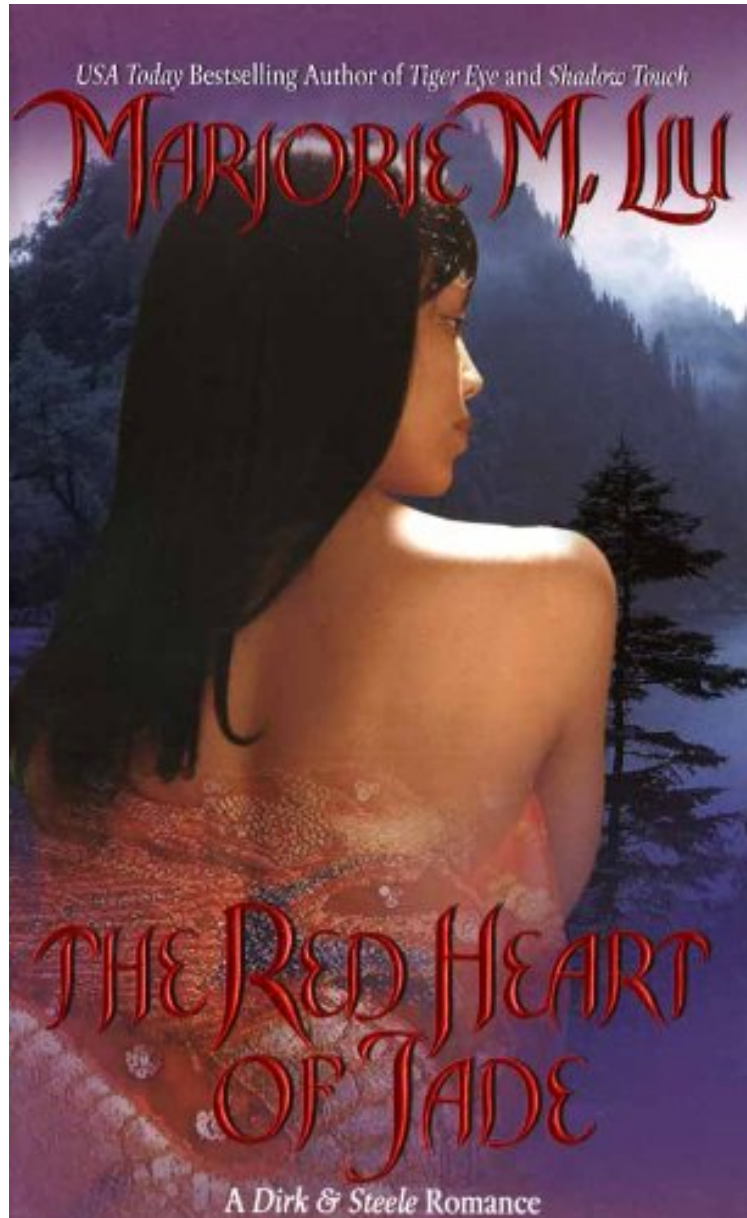


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**Von Marjorie M. Liu : The Red Heart of Jade: A Dirk Steele Novel** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Red Heart of Jade: A Dirk Steele Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Atemberaubender dritter Teil der Dirk Steele-ReiheVon LoveLetter MagazinDean Campbell ist im Auftrag der

bernatrlichen Detektivagentur Dirk Steele in Taipeh, um eine Reihe von grausamen Morden zu untersuchen. Der grte Schock ist fr Dean jedoch das Wiedersehen mit seiner Jugendliebe Mirabelle Lee, die er seit 20 Jahren tot glaubte. Schnell wird deutlich, dass eine Aufklrung der Verbrechen nur mit Miris Hilfe mglich ist. Der Schlssel scheint ein mysterises Stck roter Jade zu sein, das in einer 4000 Jahre alten chinesischen Mumie gefunden wurde. Die Spur fhrt tief zurck in die bersinnliche Geschichte der Menschheit sowie in Miris und Deans eigene Vergangenheit und bringt sie nach Hongkong und schlielich nach Tibet, immer auf der Flucht vor ihren vor keiner Brutalitt zurckschreckenden Verfolgern ...Auch der dritte Teil der Dirk Steele-Serie begeistert mit ungewhnlichen Charakteren, exotischen Schaupltzen und atemberaubender Action. Miris und Deans Geschichte steht fr sich, doch noch mehr Spa hat man, wenn man auch die ebenfalls sehr empfehlenswerten Vorgnger "Tiger Eye" und "Shadow Touch" kennt. Marjorie Liu prsentierte eine neue Art von paranormalem Liebesroman, der sich nicht nur auf die altbekannten Vampire und Werwlfte konzentriert, sondern eine ganz andere Tr in bernatrliche Welten ffnet. Die Bcher bestechen zudem durch ihren wunderbar frischen Ton und ihr modernes Heldenbild. Man kann nur hoffen, dass die Serie auf demselben hohen Niveau fortgefhhrt wird, denn das Ende von "The Red Heart of Jade" macht klar, dass die Schlacht der paranormalen Wesen um die Zukunft der Erde gerade erst begonnen hat und selbst Miris und Deans Geschichte scheint noch nicht zu Ende erzhhlt zu sein. (BL)1 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Couldn't finish it Von Helen Hancox I really wanted to like this book. I had read "A Taste Of Crimson" by Marjorie Liu and I loved it. That book was about werewolves and vampires but it had some really strong subthemes such as racism within minorities (such as werewolves) and the way that minorities can be ignored by governmental agencies. I so enjoyed that book that I ordered the only other Marjorie Liu book available through my county's library system - and voil, "The Red Heart Of Jade" appeared. I was disappointed. Firstly it wasn't another vampire/werewolf book - this one was a "Dirk Steele Romance" which (I now discover) is a series Marjorie Liu has done about a kind-of detective agency staffed by people with different paranormal powers. The hero of this book, Dean (a very unheroic name!) has a psychic ability to `read' objects and environments and can find out what has happened in them. Our heroine, Mirabelle Lee, is an archaeologist in Taiwan. Dean and Miri were childhood sweethearts but both thought the other died twenty years ago and their lives have moved on since. Dean is sent to Taiwan to investigate some grisly murders that appear to be the fault of a shapeshifter. Whilst in Taiwan various things happen to him and he eventually meets up with Miri - and drags her into the fray. There's a piece of red Jade that's been found in an archaeological body find and it seems everyone is after this Jade. About this point I found I just had to give up with the book - I couldn't work out what was going on, couldn't get interested in either Dean or Miri, couldn't always understand the descriptions of the shapeshifters, didn't really see where the book was going and found I didn't care anyway. The setting of Taiwan was unusual and I felt was an excellent choice but I just couldn't engage with this book. I gave up halfway through, read the last five or so pages (which confirmed I was right to give up on it as evidently the ending would have REALLY annoyed me if I had read it all) and gave it back to the library. Now some of you reading this might think it's a really good book - perhaps it is - but I read widely and I just couldn't like it. If you want to read a book by this author read "A Taste Of Crimson" - I can't recommend any more of her books as I won't take the effort to find them.

Kurzbeschreibung If you have yet to add Liu to your must-read list, youre doing yourself a disservice. Booklist Marjorie M. Lui has created a most unusual investigative organization in the Dirk and Steele Detective Agency a collection of shapeshifters, psychics, and other uniquely gifted individuals and in doing so has revitalized the paranormal romance genre. In *The Red Heart of Jade*, an ex-cop with extraordinarily heightened senses follows a trail of death to Taipei and finds the woman of his heart there, the childhood love he once believed dead, whom he must now protect from an unspeakable evil. Thrilling, sensuous, surprising, remarkable *The Red Heart of Jade* is all that and more. No wonder Christine Feehan says, Anyone who loves my work should love hers. From Booklist Psychic Dean Campbell is on the trail of a killer who burns his victims alive. Searching through the streets of Taipei, he finds a link to the possible next victim: the love of his life, Mirabelle Lee, whom he thought had been dead for 20 years. Mirabelle is in Taipei doing archaeological research when a colleague discovers an artifact that could alter the world's knowledge of ancient China. When their paths finally cross, they discover the artifact could change the world itself. Liu's third entry in her Dirk Steele series (*Tiger Eye*, 2005; *Shadow Touch*, 2006) cements her reputation as an irrefutable force in action-adventure romance. By combining comic-book thrills with passionate descriptive prose, Liu has carved out a unique voice not unlike the writing on the titular stone. The only flaw in the jewel is that there is so much going on, one aspect of the plot gets left behind. In its entirety, however, the novel superbly holds its own. Nina Davis Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved Kurzbeschreibung If you have yet to add Liu to your must-read list, youre doing yourself a disservice. Booklist Marjorie M. Lui has created a most unusual investigative organization in the Dirk and Steele Detective Agency a collection of shapeshifters, psychics, and other uniquely gifted individuals and in doing so has revitalized the paranormal romance genre. In *The Red Heart of Jade*, an ex-cop with extraordinarily heightened senses follows a trail of death to Taipei and finds the woman of his heart there, the childhood love he once

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