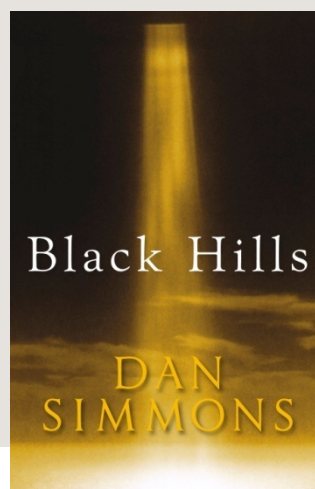


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**A richly imaginative tale of foreign cultures set on collision course**

**Description**

Paha Sapa, 'Black Hills', is a Red Indian shaman who as a young boy at the Battle of Little Bighorn takes the ghost of the dying General Custer into his own body. Sixty years later as an old man working as a dynamiter on Mount Rushmore, he plots to blow it up.

Meanwhile, Custer finds himself trapped in a strange, dark place and begins to write sensuous, heartbreaking missives to his beloved wife. Thus begins an intricate narrative that sweeps across decades of American history, building up a portrait of one country's relentless expansion and what was lost and destroyed in its path.

*Black Hills* is historical fiction with Dan Simmons' trademark twist. He weaves in real places, events and people with his own uniquely weird take on reality to create a portrait of a world that is hilarious and tragic, spiritual and disturbing.

**Sales Points**

- 'I am in awe of Dan Simmons' – Stephen King
- Simmons' previous book *Drood* was a *New York Times* bestseller and the trade paperback sold out in Australia immediately
- Guillermo del Toro's next project after completing *The Hobbit* will be to film *Drood*
- Praise for *Drood* (ISBN 9781847249326, RRP \$24.95):
  - Simmons, a master of otherworldly suspense, cleverly explores envy's corrosive effects' – *The New Yorker*
  - 'Despite the book's length, readers will race through the pages, drawn by the intricate plot and the proliferation of intriguing psychological puzzles, which will remind many of the work of Charles Palliser and Michael Cox' – *Publishers Weekly*

**Author Profile**

Dan Simmons is the author of over 20 books including the multi-award-winning popular science fiction tetralogy *Hyperion Cantos* and the historical thriller *The Terror*. He has won the Hugo award, the World Fantasy Award, the Locus award (three times) and the Bram Stoker award.