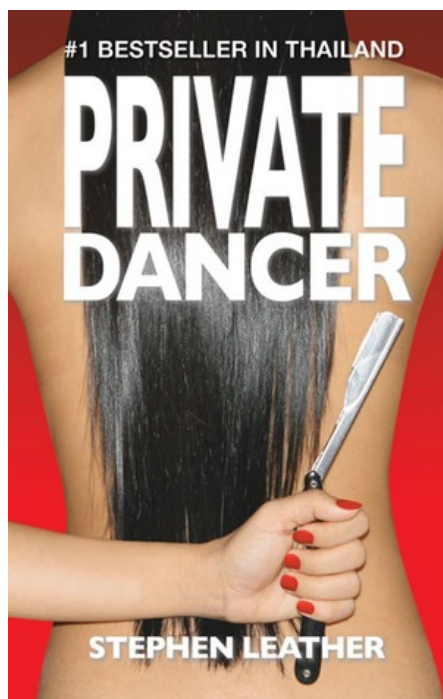




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Pete wanders into a Bangkok go-go bar and meets the love of his life. Joy is young, stunning, and a pole dancer. In a roller-coaster ride of sex, drugs, and deception, Pete discovers that his own very private dancer is not all she claims to be. Far from being the love of his life, Joy is his own personal nightmare!

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Dina says

I bought this book from the duty free as I was leaving Thailand - it was my first visit and it was such a wonderful country - BUT, your eyes need to get accustomed to seeing things you're not used to back home, sometimes your mind rejects it. A "what happens in Thailand, stays in Thailand" kind of thing. I met alot of locals through our many night outings..

Reading this book gave me great closure and understanding to what life is like there and why it is the way it is, specially because it refers to areas and places I've been to. It was easy to imagine.

I love it. I love Thailand.

Az Lina says

Couldn't put the book down once I've started. Was even late for work a couple of times cos I was reading it in bed and forgot about the time.

Mark says

I would strongly recommend this book to anyone who is thinking of going to Thailand for the sole purpose of picking up a bargirl for sex or even thinking of marrying one.

All's not what it seems for the unfortunate protagonist Pete who falls in love with the beautiful pole dancer Joy against the advice of his so-called drinking buddy's at Fatso's bar. Drink, drugs, sex, violence and deception all abound in this intriguing thriller which shows the darker side of Bangkok's notorious red light districts, notably the Nana Plaza complex.

I like the way Mr. Leather has divided the book up, not in chapters but sections for each character in the story, so we get to know in detail every character and what they are thinking. The author seems to have a lot of knowledge about the nightlife in Bangkok, I know this because I used to live in Thailand many years ago! Some parts of the story may be exaggerated a little to make it more exciting, but a lot of what goes on in the book is true. (many bargirls really do have Thai husbands...beware!) Stephen Leather has nailed it with this book and the detail is spot on!

By the way Nana Plaza didn't exist when I lived there in the 70s. Patpong had no street market and the bars had only a few tourists and American Servicemen, so we had the run of the place! Soi Cowboy was a pleasant little tree lined Soi behind Sukumvit with only a couple of bars, you could even take your wife in for a quiet drink if you wanted to!

...and as for the Grace Hotel coffeeshop, well, you could write a book about that place!

Matt Carrell says

it was once suggested that single men should be issued with a free copy on arrival at Bangkok Airport. It's a "how not to" guide for sex tourists but its also a good story with some interesting twists. "Everyone" who likes books and has a passing interest in the Thai bar scene has read Private Dancer and will probably have a strong view on its merits. The harshest critics are those who have steeped themselves in the ex-pat lifestyle and feel the story is too simplistic. I really enjoyed it and particularly liked the technique by which each key scene is described from the perspective of different characters. It's an ingenious way of demonstrating the cultural gulf between the various players. The same circumstances can be interpreted in totally different ways depending on whether they are being viewed by a Thai or a westerner.

Leander says

It's a best book of a Farang with a beautiful Thai bar girl who's more than what she seems !Some interesting facts about Thai culture in between the lines.....a quick read with a few surprising plot twists.

Simon Palmer says

After travelling Thailand, returning back to Blighty and missing Bangkok's musk and mystique, I was handed a copy of Stephen Leather's 'Private Dancer.' This was one of the first Thai-based books I ever read and in my opinion, still the best. It inspired me to write my own book and I did. It's out on Amazon as you read this!

Written by a successful crime writer, Leather has obviously experienced the seedier side of Thailand for himself or at least, has a very good source.

Action from the get-go, this book hooks you from the first line. I'd heard some sob stories from farangs I'd met and Leather's take on what can and still does happen in 'The Land of Smiles,' rings very true; perhaps it even serves to educate those horny guys that come to Thailand and leave there brain at the airport!

'Private Dancer' captures an unfortunate tale of a travel-writer who falls in love with a beautiful working girl. He sees her dancing in a hostess bar, is instantly drawn to her and later pays her bar-fine and takes her home.

Told perfectly through the eyes of the girls and the guys as they speak in their own voice, their distinct viewpoint gives a believable interpretation of the events as they unfold. Each of their voices adds another layer to a story which, in the end, is that of two young people caught in a conflict of cultures that they really don't understand. A roller-coaster ride leaves you with an ultimate twist at the end and a desire to find the next Stephen Leather tale of Thailand.

Extremely fast paced, 'PD' is gripping, funny, sad and un-put-down-able. Each page leaves you wanting more.

AnalogMind says

The main character is so annoying and pathetic. 5 start for the commentary by Big Ron and the Private detective.

Metaphors generally excite me. The most brilliant metaphors I found here

1. Big Ron talks about the way Pete thinks he won the game like a fish got caught that thinks "look at the boat I've caught", "look at me, taking over the boat".
 2. "That girls regard farangs as ATM machines. They press the right buttons and money comes out. And if one ATM machine is shut down, they can easily find another one. "
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Alyse says

When you are jet lagged and can't sleep after a trip to south east Asia, I highly recommend reading Private Dancer. ??

Menno says

Sawadeekap!

I think this book gives a really good view on Thai bar girls and farangs coming to Thailand to score a Thai girl. What I loved the most about the book is that you really get a good view from both sides of the culture and thoughts.

A must read for anybody who wants to visit Thailand.
And a must read for everybody who has visited Thailand.

Trupti Dorge says

If you have ever visited Pattaya, Bangkok, Chiang Mai or any other tourist places in Thailand, the most common sight you'd see is an old white man with a very young Thai girl. You'd wonder what's up with that before you realize that they are actually bar girls or prostitutes and the white men are mostly sex tourists. When I searched for books based in Thailand on the internet, Private Dancer came up many times. I was thrilled when I found out that this book was available as free download on the authors site. A printed version of the book is now available but the author has not taken down the link for this one.

Anyway, I started this book when we went on a vacation to Pattaya, Thailand for the new year. What a great insight it was into the world of this so-called couples I saw around. The entire tourist area in Pattaya is filled with bars and sleaze that is usually associated with it. There are similar areas in Bangkok that are famous, viz. Nana Plaza, Patpong and a couple of others. Private Dancer is set in and around these areas.

Pete moves to Thailand from London for work. He gets involved with a bar girl and prostitute Joy and is naive enough to think it's love. He does everything for her and she in turn is using him, as bar girls do, to get money out of him. She also has a Thai boyfriend who Pete doesn't know about. This book provides a lot of insight into these white men/bar girl relationships. In a way, it's the kind of book a man should read before coming to Thailand and getting involved with these bar girls.

The writer has a very interesting way of telling a story. We get to know about story and the various characters from the characters themselves. So there are a lot of viewpoints in this-Joy, her sister, Pete's friends but most of all Pete. It's refreshing and although there isn't much difference in the tone of the voices, there is a difference in their situations. Since this book is written mostly from the prospective of guys, most of whom are in Thailand for the sleaze, you get a different perspective of bar girls than you would from other people, or woman for that matter.

Obviously, the bars and the night life is not what Thailand is all about but it can't be denied that it is a very small yet prominent part of it. Read it for getting to know a world you'll probably never get to know up-close or simply for entertainment.

Elle Chardou says

This is a very satisfying book and well worth the \$5+ I spent for it. The author warned me it was more of a lad's book but since I am not much of a "lady", I read it anyway.

Get ready to step into an alternate universe where anyone can be bought for the price of a cinema ticket, beautiful Asian ladies and lady-boys (aka katoeys) abound and everyone is playing a game on the board known as Life.

Pete falls for drop-dead beautiful Joy but she isn't what she seems. Like that is a surprise. Homegirl plays her farang like a violin all the way up until the end but these leads to murderous consequences no one could have foreseen coming.

This is a great book, not only because there is an obvious amount of research Mr. Leather invested but it is amazing from an anthropological and cultural stand point. Well done, Mr. Leather; I look forward to diving in many more of your gorgeous novels. Us Yanks don't know what we have been missing from not discovering this awesome British writer. Love it!

Author of
Death Wish: Book I (The Vamp Saga)
The Beautiful People series

Gary says

This is a stand-alone novel by the talented Stephen Leather based in Bangkok, Thailand. This book is quite different from the twenty or so other novels that I have read by this author and is not so much about crime as the strange love story between Pete a British journalist and Joy a Pole Dancer. Pete moves to Thailand from London as part of his work. He becomes involved with a dancer and prostitute named Joy and becomes infatuated by her believing that he has found love. He gives her money and helps her survive but she in turn uses him. She is already with Thai man and uses the money she receives to keep him happy.

The novel is told by each character along the way and it is intriguing to see how each person feels and thinks about what is going on at that time. This is particularly prevalent to the different cultures and their priorities. A good solid read and I felt that a little stronger finish to the novel would have made a big difference to my personal opinion.

Suzy Quinn says

LOVED IT! Wonderful, even-handed view of the Thai sex industry, told from the perspectives of several different western customers, a Thai bar girl and a Thai detective. What's particularly great about it, aside from the fact it's extremely entertaining and easy to read, is that by giving such a wide range of perspectives, I felt that a really fair picture of bar girls was painted. They're not just money grabbing horrible people, and nor are western customers 'innocent' victims. There are many shades of grey. Anyway, I loved it and would recommend it to anyone visiting Thailand.

Yeany Dahlan says

A chilling story which resemble more of a reportage about the dark world of Bangkok's gogo girls.

Private Dancer tells a story of a western journalist who is stationed in Bangkok and falls hard for a gogo girl from the notorious Nana Plaza - the largest legally endorsed prostitution area in Bangkok.

The story tells how "sex and fidelity" are viewed from 2 perspectives: the western's notions that sex is the ultimate symbol of love where fidelity is absolute, and from the lower social status Thai people who see it as merely ways to improve their poverty stricken condition.

It's appalling that there are many western men who become naively retarded after they falling under the power of the Orient (the girls) and seem to completely lose all sense and logic. Are we really that good? Or are they such losers in their own countries they are intoxicated with the attention the power of their dollars (and sadly not their personality) can summon in less developing dollar hungry Asian countries.

Yossi says

i loved it.

visited thailand only once ,but i could totally understand and relate to the plot.

i have seen how easy it was to "fall" for those girls..

since i was a bit interested in knowing more ,i joined some of the forums and i did learn a lot..

i guess this is all part of the "magic" there.

one could experience things he would have never do in thaT COUNTRY AND FOR THIS KIND OF "PARADISE" THERE IS ALWAYS A PRIES!!

i do recommend it to every guy ,no matter the age,who plans on a visit there..

some parts may have been a bit exagerated ,however,if one visits it is always a good guideliner.

