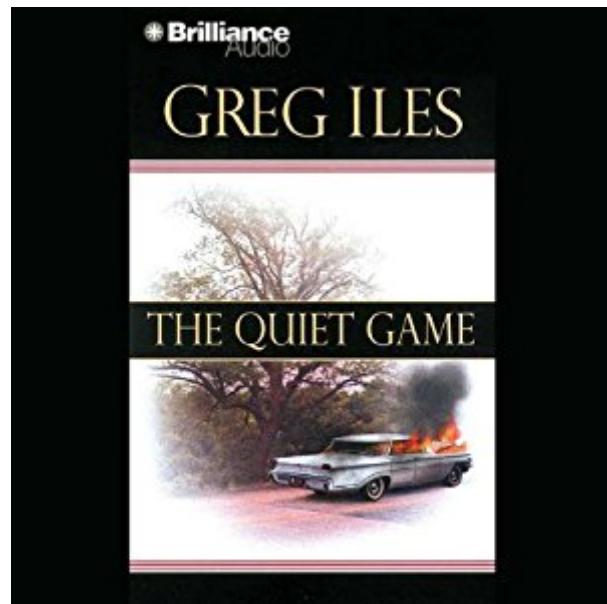


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# The Quiet Game



## **Synopsis**

Penn Cage is no stranger to death. As a Houston prosecutor he sent sixteen men to death row, and watched seven of them die. But now, in the aftermath of his wife's death, the grief-stricken father packs up his four-year-old daughter, Annie, and returns to his hometown in search of healing. But peace is not what he finds there. Natchez, Mississippi, is the jewel of the antebellum South, a city of old money and older sins, where passion, power, and racial tensions seethe beneath its elegant facade. After twenty years away, Penn is stunned to find his own family trapped in a web of intrigue and danger. Determined to save his father from a ruthless blackmailer, Penn stumbles over a link to the town's darkest secret: the thirty-year-old unsolved murder of a black Korean War veteran. But what drives him to act is the revelation that this haunting mystery is inextricably bound up in his own past. Under a blaze of national media attention, Penn reopens the case, only to find local records destroyed, the FBI file sealed, and the town closing ranks against him. Penn joins forces with Caitlin Masters, a beautiful young newspaper publisher, on a quest that will lead from the bayous of the South to the highest reaches of the U.S. government. His need to right a terrible wrong pits him against the FBI, the powerful judge who nearly destroyed his family, and his most dangerous adversary: a woman he loved more than twenty years before, and who haunts him still. His crusade for justice will ultimately lead him into a packed Mississippi courtroom, where he fights a battle that could end a decades-old silence and force the truth to be spoken at last. --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A most poignant tale of racial and family catastrophe with all the aspects of a thriller! Superb characterization by Iles. He is truly one of the great writers of our day - and most likely of all times. The trauma and joys in all his books cross over all generations beginning from the beginning of time! Though this is the first in a stream of Penn Cage tales, all of which I have read, I just now have at last read the very first one. Iles has an amazing way of writing each of the Penn Cage books in such a way that one doesn't need to read them in order to follow the whole story because he deftly inserts previous needful facts in each subsequent tale. I inadvertently began with NATCHEZ BURNING, a book that deserves all and more of the accolades it received when it came out, and have just now come to the very first one, THE QUIET GAME. Iles is an amazing from the heart and life writer. I am happy to have all his books on my Kindle and on my shelf! His endings in each book have been perfect.

The best, bar none. The characters are very real, and provides a small glimpse of our justice system. Penn Cage is someone who I would like to exist in all Attorneys. He was above reproach and continued to work towards the truth during the backdrop of deep corruption and injustice during the dark days of the civil rights struggles in our Country. So many twist and turns. Didn't put book down until I finished this beautifully written book. Mr. Iles is the best!

I was born in a small Southern town. This book unnerved me, offended me, and all the while I am admiring this no-holds-barred, tell it like it was courageous author. I have read few books that are this kind of honest and authentic. AND, the plot kept me going until the last chapter. Iles is a writer the likes of which the South can be proud- right up there with our heavyweights of the past. Mr Iles, I applaud you.

Mr. Isles is a new author for me, and I'm hooked! ÅfÅ¢Ã  Ä•Ã  Ä¤ This story takes place in Mississippi, and the author makes you feel like your there, smack in the middle if it all! What great characters, full of love, life, and oh yes, hate! I have already bought the next book in this series, I cannot wait.....

Iles spins a good tale. And, adds an occasional insight into race relations in the New South. Plot and characters hang together and are believable. His effort does not rise to my standard for Five Star novelists [Conroy, Grisham, Russo, Updike]. Hooked enough to buy the next book in the series. Four star...

The funny thing is that I read Natchez Burning first because I had not heard about the Penn Cage series prior to reading about Natchez Burning. I enjoyed that book so much, I went back and bought Book 1. It was like having good friends and then going down memory lane with them. I got to "see" many of the incidents mentioned only briefly in Natchez Burning and it had the same great characters, as the last novel. In this novel, Penn's wife has already died and he moves back to his home town where his parents still live to help his daughter heal, and also to help himself. It is here he meets Caitlin, the new owner/publisher of the local paper. And it is here, also, that Penn meets up with his old high-school love; her father, a local and powerful judge; a dead war vet; a young girl who may be his daughter; his Dad who is the local and beloved town doctor; the FBI director who came up through the ranks and covered a 30-year-old murder in Natchez without anyone going to jail for it. Read in the context of Ferguson, Staten Island and the state of black/white race relations today, it is as insightful now as when it was first written - yet it is still a first-rate page-turner. I feel a little like I am becoming a citizen of Natchez and I cannot wait to read Book 2.

A fast interesting read, but not complex. Has enough twists and turns to hold your interest, but no note-taking is necessary to keep track. Penn Cage, a Houston lawyer, returns to his hometown of Natchez, La. with his daughter after his wife's death from cancer in the hope that his parents can help with their healing process. Little did he know he was to be drawn into trying to solve a 20-year-old murder of a young black man. Some citizens, black and white, don't this case opened because a large company is considering settling in the town which means many jobs. In the process, Penn meets his old high school love, whose father was an important and powerful person, and the spark is still there. In Penn's effort to solve the crime, his family's safety is in jeopardy. In trying to do the right thing, tragedy strikes in some places and decisions have to be made by Penn. Sometimes life is bittersweet.

I like lawyer stories that are more about the characters than twists and turns. While there are plenty of the latter, I love that the main characters were too complex to pigeonhole so neatly. I look forward to a 2nd Penn Cage novel. And perhaps more thereafter.

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