



## *Pushing the Limits of Survival* Featured Author and Book

This theme explores the fundamental urge to survive and how it has manifested in society in the past and today. Issues to consider in group discussions include the ways in which we strive for the survival of the planet, of our families, and as individuals.

### **Clive Cussler**

- What do you think of Clive Cussler and what he said about his research and writing?
- Can you think of any instances where fiction has predicted some developments of the future?
- Were you surprised by the state of technology in Franklin's time?
- What are some ways that humans still push the limits of survival in exploration?

### ***Arctic Drift***

**Clive Cussler, fiction.** A potential breakthrough discovery to reverse global warming . . . a series of unexplained sudden deaths in British Columbia . . . a rash of international incidents between the United States and one of its closest allies that threatens to erupt into an actual shooting war . . . NUMA director Dirk Pitt and his children, Dirk, Jr. and Summer, have reason to believe there's a connection here somewhere, but they also know they have very little time to find it before events escalate out of control. Their only real clue might just be a mysterious silvery mineral traced to a long-ago expedition in search of the fabled Northwest Passage. But no one survived from that doomed mission. . . Filled with the breathtaking suspense and audacious imagination that have become his hallmarks, this is a tour de force - further proof that when it comes to adventure writing, nobody beats Clive Cussler. *Fantasticfiction.com*

- Did the story and technology seem realistic? What about environmental fears or other threats?
- Did the survival themes in the book cause you to reflect about related issues in your life or the world around us?
- How have science or technology come into play in a theme of survival in your life or your community's existence?
- What are you willing to do in a life and death situation? What about saving our family's way of life?

