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Doc Ford wrestles more than one kind of demon, in the stunning novel from the *New York Times*-bestselling author.

Many dangers lurk in the deep—the worst of them are human.

Thirty minutes into what should have been an easy, beginner-level dive in a remote Florida lake, the rim of a cave collapses, trapping two of Doc Ford's friends. Ford himself manages to escape and quickly surfaces to find help—but that's when his troubles only begin.

Two men are waiting for him on the shore, and they are not the kind of men you want to meet at any time. Murderers and ex-cons, they're intent on diving to the bottom of the very deep lake and uncovering the remains of a legendary plane wreck there, supposedly loaded with Cuban treasury gold. Ford's expertise is just what they need. And if he doesn't want to help? He can die. His friends? They can die, too. In fact, they can die right now. . . .

As the hours tick away, two mortal struggles unfold simultaneously, one above and one below. Neither outcome is certain, no man is safe . . . and in the deep shadow, only death awaits.

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Bruce says

The reunion of Doc Ford with Will Chaser who played an important role in his previous Dead Silence along with the ever present Tomlinson, and an old fishing guide named Arlis Futch make for a humorous read. You have so many different types of characters mingling together to search for a plane thought lost to the world along with it's supposed immense treasure make for an interesting read. Throw in 2 killers on the run who happen to come across these defenseless "treasure hunters" in the middle of nowhere with no civilization close by, and they all are at the bottom of mother nature's food chain as soon becomes evident. Doc Ford with his glasses tied around his neck with fishing line, Tomlinson the skinny as a flamingo hippy, Will Chaser the hot blooded Indian, Arlis Futch the grumpy old fishing guide, and King and Perry at an isolated, desolate, body of water with hot tempers, itchy trigger fingers, bad tempers, and a tendency for violence make for a volatile combination. Have as much fun as I did keeping up with these characters, and story line!

Judy says

This is one of my favorite Doc Ford books. It's really very different from the others as it takes place almost entirely under water. What could have been a pretty easy scuba dive in a Florida lake for Doc Ford, Tomlinson, and young Will becomes a very dangerous experience when they encounter some criminals on the run. Not terribly appealing characters, the criminals. What's fun is getting inside the heads of the various characters as they find themselves trapped under water with time running out. I was tense the whole way. Doc Ford has still got tons of edge to him. This is a great installment in the series. I finished the book while headed to Sanibel for vacation, and picked up the next book in the series the following night while having dinner (the Shrimp and Grits dish is one of my favorites) at Doc Ford's Rum Bar and Grill (<http://www.docfordssanibel.com/>) on the island. Highly recommended!

Bill O'Hanlon says

Randy Wayne White tells a compelling tale and like some other writers whose books are based in place and culture (like Tony Hillerman in Navajo and Hopi country), you get the added benefit of learning a lot about fish, the undersea and aboveground world and culture of Florida. This new one is as good as the best of the Doc Ford series. Highly recommended.

Muld00n says

This book has it all... Adventure, Suspense, Excitement, and a predictable ending. The ending is the only reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 stars. The books is well written and holds your interest.

This book has to be based on a true story. I don't think that the human mind can contrive such events of strictly fiction.

wally says

six oh nine ay em, the 22nd of december 2017, early friday morning, just finished, intense, good read, four stars, i really like it, kindle, library loaner and the 3rd from white for me...and another with will chaser included...he was in the last i'd read, as well. seems white includes something from the world around us in his stories...dragons, lizards, in this one. there was something...what was it? in that other, maybe the first...some sort of...fish...or not. should get the terminology right, to avoid the notzees...but that first had something, dolphins? feeding on shore somehow...and i recall a note from white that perhaps explained the truth behind the phenomenon. wish the digital library had more on offer but i can always recommend, see what happens. 'til then.

Mark says

I look forward to every "Doc Ford" mystery...in my mind this is a very close approximation to my favorite, John D. MacDonald's Travis McGee novels...As with all of White's Ford stories lots of Florida history, flora and fauna...as always Doc Ford and friends rise to the occasion...I hope to have the time to encounter Mr. White the next time he is in the Davenport area again...I can never find the free time to get to the signings

Joyce says

This was the first of White's novels that I have read....and I will now go get the rest. I got hooked from the first page and spent a nice Sunday afternoon finishing it. Great plot, terrific character development (I really want to know more about Doc Ford and his cronies) and a conclusion that will satisfy the most discriminating reader.

Jay Connor says

In anticipation of our recent visit to Sanibel and Captiva islands off the coast of Florida, I picked up the most recent Doc Ford book by Sanibel resident, Randy Wayne White. I was not disappointed. Not only did "Deep Shadow" put me in an island mood, but it also played off the recent concerns of invasive species -- like South American pythons -- climbing to the top of the Florida swamp and cavern predator pyramid and crowding out all sorts native animals.

Ford stayed fairly close to home for this installment of the popular series. Thus, the enjoyable mix of characters and cracklers (like Thomlinson), who are usually relegated to the back story as Ford gets set to head to some exotic location, were featured to the benefit of the story. I'd love a story where Ford, and thus the gang of misfits, never cross the causeway off Sanibel. I can envision them at the Island Bean discussing some mystery emanating from Ding Darling only to find, with the help of a dolphin-traumatized golden retriever, the culprit moored off a Marina Villa at the South Seas Resort on Captiva.

Now there's the book for my next visit.

Mike French says

Another GREAT book in the Doc Ford series! Non-stop action from start to finish. This is my favorite book of the series so far!

Mayda says

Danger runs rampant in this thriller. In a race against time, it is a tossup as to what is most life-threatening. Is it the lake where underwater caves may prove to be treacherous? Is it a couple of on-the-run killers who will do anything to get what they want? Or is there an even more threatening being that has no restraints at all? In this adventure story, Doc Ford's diving companions are trapped beneath the water and time and air are running out for them. But above ground, Doc and his friend Arlis are being held captive by two men who only want gold and the keys to Arlis's truck. The playing ground evens out somewhat when a third menace is thrown into the mix – a creature whose only thought is to feed. Tension builds slowly but consistently in this suspenseful tale. Because this is the 17th installment in the series, people who have not been following the characters from the beginning may think it lacks character development or has some unanswered questions. All the more reason to read the rest of the series! A gripping tale.

Richard says

If you are at all claustrophobic, do not start this book.

Doc Ford and all the usual Dinkin's Bay regulars show up for an exciting trip to find Baptista's stolen gold. They get a whole lot that they bargained for in their easy dive into a small lake.

Lots of excitement, crazed killers, wild animals and nature's usual threats.

Kathey says

Oooo, now this new one of Randy Wayne White was a very interesting departure in the way the story was told. At first it frustrated me but then I found I just couldn't put it down! With his same central characters of Doc Ford and his buddy Tomlinson, Randy tells the story of the happenings of one afternoon as a psychological thriller. If you're a Doc Ford fan and haven't read this one, I highly recommend it!

Dorothy says

Excellent story full of thrills. What should have been a simple lake dive gets two of Doc Ford's friends trapped underwater with a minimal amount of air left in their tanks. When Ford reaches shore, he discovers two murderers who need his expertise for their own selfish needs. He bargains with them, so that he can save

his friends. Meanwhile, while his friends try to save themselves, something that is big enough to eat cows is swimming and living underwater. And it's not an alligator.

Janny says

Once past the truly horrifying and harrowing start (I hate the grim and gristly, it makes me flinch too much!) this book was a top notch thriller, superbly researched, with edge-of-the-seat suspense. Not easy to do, carrying multiple view points, but this author knows his stuff, and created believable, fleshed out characters. I experienced this story in audio book, and the narrator is first rate.

Vickie says

I like this series. Each time Doc Ford goes out, something untoward happens. This time Doc goes with a small group to see about a possible sighting of airplane wreckage and its cargo. Gold....

It seems like a normal dive until catastrophe in the form of two escaped prisoners and a rock slide while in the lake. And there is also the possibility of large man-eating critters in the area.

Very suspenseful and it all happens in the course of a few days. Very well told so the reader feels the claustrophobia of the aftermath of the rockslide and the casual evil of the escapees.

Definite recommend.
