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A triple-crown winner of mystery's most coveted awards, Rick Riordan brings his Texas-style take on the crime thriller to an island paradise where ex-P.I. Tres Navarre finds himself stranded with a killer as unstoppable as a force of nature.

Tres Navarre and his new wife Maia came to celebrate their honeymoon. But no sooner had they arrived on Rebel Island than a reminder of Navarre's past showed up dead in room 12. Suddenly Tres finds himself flashing back to the grim childhood summer that changed his life. When a second corpse turns up, it's clear that the past isn't dead and buried—yet. What dark secrets were kept that long-ago summer and who is back to avenge them? These are questions Tres must answer as a monster hurricane hits, trapping them on a flooding island, and as the hotel's remaining guests are being brutally murdered. Tres knows better than anyone the dangerous line between vengeance and justice—and this time he may have to cross it.

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Maureen says

I like settings involving the beach, islands which is why this caught my eye. Trez navarre I still can't figure out, PI? not working? yes he is working but as CA reluctant crime solver? Soon to become a father ? I was pretty confused throughout this whole book....good ending tho...did not see it coming !!!

Ellen says

Rebel Island by Rick Riordan.

This was my first book by this author as well as my first in this series.

I am not going to elaborate on the story itself only to say that I found it captivating. The author's details during the major hurricane/storm was extensive. He caught and perfectly illustrated the fear in the victims and the on the spot thinking of Tres the lead character.

The ending was a bit overdone in my opinion or should I say overkill. A little too much did not go a long way...it became tedious. It did not however put me off of wanting to continue reading another in this series by this author.

Bob Stuhlsatz says

I was very disappointed in this book.

Vishal Mehta says

Rick Riordan is a master storyteller. I wasn't really impressed with Tres's first outing in the Big Red Tequila, but as I plodded through the series I came to enjoy his company. Tres is stupid, slow and irritating at most times, but his heart is in the right place. He is as human as any one of us, and that's what makes him so real for me. Having read all the books in the series, all I can say is "Rick Rocks!".

LeeAnne says

Really sad this series ended. I wish Rick Riordan would revisit Mr. Navarre and San Antonio. Or even Austin. I'd love to know how those plans worked out for Tres and Maia...

Barbara Desmond says

Go me I just finished my first series by this author and it happens to be the one that I've never heard anyone talk about.

Judy says

Hurricane traps hotel guests on Rebel Island.

Tres Navarre and pregnant wife, Maia, take a delayed honeymoon to Rebel Island, off the coast of Texas. The island and hotel are owned by a childhood acquaintance and friend of Tres' brother, Garrett who is along for the ride. Right away a murder puts an end to Tres' short-lived retirement from private investigation. Then a hurricane comes in trapping all 8 guests, 3 staff members, plus the owner, Alex, on the island. One of the staff goes missing, later discovered murdered. Which is the murderer -- one of the guests, Alex, or the caretaker and his wife. It is up to Tres to sort it out and try to keep everyone alive until the storm is over and help arrives. Really enjoyed the book. Good writing and plot.

Edward says

Kinda struck me as a "closed room" murder mystery, but a decent read, did not really anticipate the direction the story took.

Terry says

I like the short chapters.
Had me mystified right to the end.

Kristie Wright says

Really good

He needs to make more tres Navarre books. They are really good. This would make a good murder mystery dinner party.

Lee says

The seventh and last (far as we know) of the Tres Navarre series.

After reading this, I think it will be the last one, the way Tres does a lot of thinking back on his summers on Rebel Island. A lot happened there when he was a kid, some good, mostly bad memories. Not as much action

as his earlier adventures, and with old friend and "vato" Ralph looking down on Tres....it's time to move on. Has been a nice ride around San Antonio.....

Katy-Del says

I think I've said before:

"Tres Navarre, Tai Che master, is good at asking questions and reading reactions. He also excels at getting beat up, hit in the face, and blown up. And when he makes a bad decision, the consequences are huge."

In this one, he gets beat up less, and the attempts to blow him up are only half hearted.

He is newly married and has just been a full time professor for about 7 months when his brother wrangles him into going to Rebel Island, where they spent their childhood vacations, and where their childhood friend is now running the small hotel. They are there for less than 24 hours when a Marshal named Longoria turns up dead, the hotel manager goes missing, and they are hit by a hurricane. Tres takes the lead trying to figure out what the heck is going on.

I enjoy Rick Riordan's mysteries.

Sheri Bouvier says

The whole idea of a hurricane coming to an island and the people being clueless (including an 8 1/2 month pregnant woman) was ridiculous. This is not 100 years ago. Too many holes in this story for me, although the idea was good. I fought hard to finish it, but it never got better. No real surprises, just depressing, uninspired writing.

Joe says

This is the seventh entry in the adventures of Tres Navarre, a part-time English Literature college professor and part-time San Antonio PI. The series is above average with a cast of captivating characters and fairly engaging plots. Unfortunately Rebel Island is a very weak addition.

The book opens with Tres marrying his 8 1/2 month pregnant girlfriend and then honeymooning at a childhood vacation spot - Rebel Island - on the eve of a hurricane. As implausible as that sounds - things get worse. Once on the island the hurricane hits, one of the other guests is murdered, Tres is "enlisted" to solve the crime and then things grind to a standstill - for 300+ pages. I think the goal here was to write a Key Largo-like story, (the old Bogart/Bacall/Edward G. Robinson movie), and the author uses flashbacks and switches the narrative from one character's perspective to another to move things along - all to no avail as there really isn't an engaging story here.

This mystery also employs one of my pet peeves, which for the lack of a better term I'll call the "placeholder murderer", i.e. the character who serves no purpose to the story-line only to be named the villain at its conclusion.

As mentioned the earlier books in the series are fairly good reads, so if Tres sparks an interest, read those but avoid this one.

Meg says

I loved the Percy Jackson books for kids by Riordan, and just adore this crime series for adults. Great writing and really likeable characters. Highly recommended for fans of southern crime.
