

Booklover's Cafe Jan 2019

Somewhere East of Suez

by Tristan Jones

"In 1983 Tristan Jones, well known as one of the finest sailing adventure writers of our time, had his left leg amputated. Refusing to become landbound after a lifetime at sea, he acquired a specially designed, virtually untippable 38-foot trimaran and began to sail around the world." He's been on an adventure to the Arctic and nearly lost an eye. In this journey he sails eight thousand miles from Istanbul to Thailand. The challenge is not running out of fuel He got fuel from somebody else, and it's full of glob, he has to try and strain it for days.

Bimini Twist

by Linda Greenlaw

Set in Green Haven Maine with the main character Jane Bunker, who has been doing a lot of anti-drug work which is messing up tourism. She goes to Bar Harbor on a missing person case. There's a large fancy hotel. Jane investigates and finds out the woman has been abducted (among 4 or 5 others). Jane finds out that the women are kept on a small tour boat. Each time she writes a book it gets better. Very authentically Maine.

Why do we say it?

Chatwell Books

A collection of idioms and how they came to be. "Dutch" - a disparaging term that stems from British and Dutch competition for sea dominance. ("Dutch treat" "Dutch courage") Quizzes extend the fun!

The Quiet Game

by Greg Iles

Set in Natchez, Mississippi. There are sections with antebellum houses. Characters were fascinating. Central character, from Houston, Penn Cage returns after his wife dies. He has a four year old daughter. He is a lawyer, gets involved in a serious and complex murder case. There's a lot about old money, power, and racial tensions.

Totally recommend.

Sleep No More

by Greg Iles

Same author but a different series (Mississippi) about John Waters who has an affair with a woman who then dies, when another woman shows up who seems to have the same brain. A psychological thriller

Distracted

by Maggie Jackson

A general feeling that old information is no longer relevant. She talks about various aspects of technology and the erosion of attention. She discusses power point, the worlds leading

presentation software, and describes it as "uninformative and misleading". Sherri Turkle of MIT says we cannot blame technology for society's ills, but can't expect a tool to lead us to a golden age.