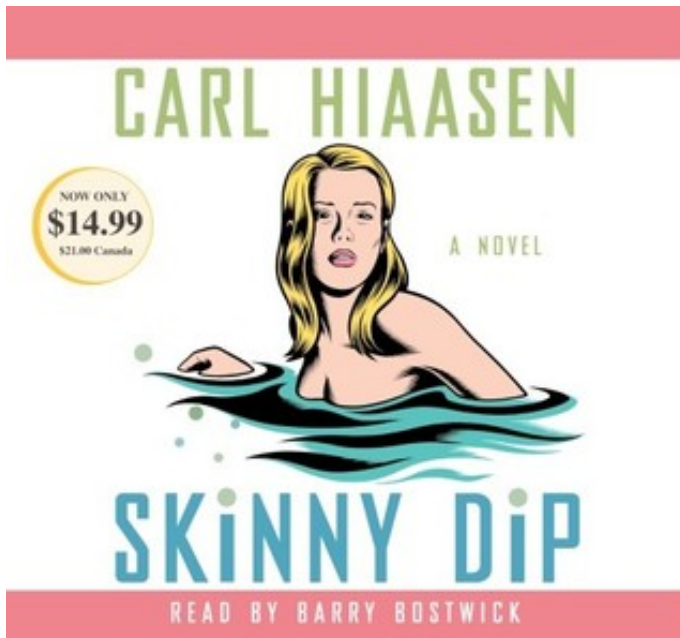

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Description

Chaz Perrone might be the only marine scientist in the world who doesn't know which way the Gulf Stream runs. He might also be the only one who went into biology just to make a killing, and now he's found a way—doctoring water samples so that a ruthless agribusiness tycoon can continue illegally dumping fertilizer into the endangered Everglades. When Chaz suspects that his wife, Joey, has figured out his scam, he pushes her overboard from a cruise liner into the night-dark Atlantic. Unfortunately for Chaz, his wife doesn't die in the fall.

Clinging blindly to a bale of Jamaican pot, Joey Perrone is plucked from the ocean by former cop and current loner Mick Stranahan. Instead of rushing to the police and reporting her husband's crime, Joey decides to stay dead and (with Mick's help) screw with Chaz until he screws himself.

As Joey haunts and taunts her homicidal husband, as Chaz's cold-blooded cohorts in pollution grow uneasy about his ineptitude and increasingly erratic behavior, as Mick Stranahan discovers that six failed marriages and years of island solitude haven't killed the reckless romantic in him, we're taken on a hilarious, full-throttle, pure Hiaasen ride through the warped politics and mayhem of the human environment, and the human heart.

From the Hardcover edition.

Insightful reviews

bookczuk: Hiaasen with a heart. I enjoyed this book enormously, just for the sheer silliness of it. And there was a cameo appearance of Skink!!! My only complaint is that I read it at night so that my dreams became quite Hiaasenesque. Actually, my favorite character was Tool, the hirsute hit man. (Well, he's not really a hit man, but the alliteration was just too good to miss!)

Amazon Editorial Review:

Charles "Chaz" Perrone fancies himself a take-charge kind of guy. So when this "biologist by default" suspects that his curvaceous wife, Joey, has stumbled onto a profitable pollution scam he's running on behalf of Florida agribusiness mogul Red Hammernut, he sets out right away to solve the problem--by heaving Joey off the deck of a luxury cruise liner and into the Atlantic Ocean, far from Key West. But--whoops!--Joey, a former swimming champ, doesn't drown. Instead, as Carl Hiaasen tells in his 10th adult novel, *Skinny Dip*, she makes her way back to shore, thanks both to a wayward bale of Jamaican marijuana and lonerish ex-cop Mick Stranahan (*Skin Tight*, 1989), and then launches a bogus blackmail campaign that's guaranteed to drive her lazy, libidinous hubby into a self-protective frenzy.

You've got to hand it to Hiaasen: He's perfected a formula for crisply written, satirical crime fiction that makes the best use of imaginatively repulsive villains, as well as less thoroughly venal scoundrels and victims who ultimately overcome their antagonists, all while stumping for

the preservation of Florida's environment, particularly the Everglades. In *Skinny Dip*, we find Chaz (who'd rather be golfing than puttering around the "hot, buggy, funky-smelling and treacherous" reaches of nature) falsifying water samples to help Hammernut turn the 'Glades into "God's septic tank." That scheme, though, is endangered not just by Joey's sudden disappearance, but by the suspicions of a python-loving police detective and Chaz's own outstanding inability to tame his Viagra-enhanced tumescence. Even by assigning Chaz a baby-sitter--the hulking, hirsute, and painkiller-addicted Tool--Hammernut can't keep his pet biologist out of trouble. As Joey and Stranahan unfold their revenge plot, and Tool's conscience grows in competition with Chaz's ego, the reader can only marvel at the extent of the train wreck ahead.

Twelving To Beethoven: Carl Hiaasen's books are, hands down, the best Florida postcards in the market.

Let me explain: I take it every bastard out there knows what sunny Florida is all about: gators, tan, beaches, girls in bikini, huge fuck-off yachts with girls in bikini, flashy cars with girls in bikini, Hulk Hogan in bikini, more girls in bikini surrounding Hulk Hogan in bikini, and all that. Also, bikini shops with girls in bikini shopping for more bikinis. At least that's what "Miami Vice" has taught me. That said, Carl Hiaasen writes about Floridians, apparently some of the most... er... "colourful" people you may meet on Earth. And I mean that in a good way.

Now, wait a minute, there was something else I wanted to say about the novel but, given it's kind of late, I have forgotten all about it. Kind of pisses me off, y'know. I was like, "Oh, I'm going to write this and that. Aye! Everybody will think I'm witty. Go me!" but now I'm sitting here, calling the screen all the known names on earth. Alzheimer maybe. And Tourette.

So anyway, "*Skinny Dip*" is a fun book. It's about some idiot who wants to kill his wife but fails miserably; then he tries to kill another two people but, being an absolute dim witted moron bastard, fails again.

By the way, I've never been to Florida. But I want to go. Floridians in Carl Hiaasen's books are badass.

Christina: Chaz Perrone is driven by two things--money and releasing sexual energy. His wife, Joey, helps with one of these drives and gets in the way of the other. So, he chucks her overboard on their anniversary cruise.

Joey Perrone is familiar with tragedy... her parents died when she was young, her first husband died in a freak accident, and her second husband has, well, chucked her overboard on their anniversary cruise. But, Joey survived her fall.

The reader discovers the why's and how's of Chaz's crime early on, and will find humor in the ways in which Joey tries to pay him back and find out why he did it.

I enjoyed this book, by an author whose work I've never read before. It was an enjoyable and twisted plot... perfect for reading while hanging out on the beach.

Reader: So I simply entire thin Dip by means of Carl Hiaasen. I had learn his Strip Tease and fortunate You it slow ago, yet forgot how humorous he can be. whereas i glance ahead to examining extra of his books, they definitely are not making me are looking to stopover at Florida each time soon.Strong girls appear to be a topic in his work. It made me give some thought to Maureen Dowd's essay within the NYT Magazine, "What's a latest lady to Do?". a slightly rambling selection of her musings relating to feminism, post-feminism, the feminisation of feminism, and the again lash opposed to feminism. Anyway...she prices numerous unmarried girls in her article that speak approximately how males are do away with by means of strong, accomplished, strong ladies (we suppose those girls are concerning themselves). Her pattern of women, however, appear to comprise merely these within the ny publishing scene. Draw your personal conclusions.Let me come back to my point. i'm an important fan of strong, accomplished, strong girls (one in particular) and locate it slightly insulting that Maureen Dowd can declare all males are looking to "marry down" in response to her circle of female feminists.

Mike: i used to be out trying to find a quick time period relationship, a publication "with benefits", a brief stumble upon with out long-term demands, quite a few hours of pleasure. I met "Skinny Dip" within the Goodreads "bar" and who wouldn't be interested in a canopy with a suggestively unclothed blond attractiveness within the water. I requested her out from the library for a short fling. I wasn't dissatisfied that's for sure. Written by means of a few man I had by no means heard of, it had solid reviews. I checked and made definite it wasn't a part of a few 15-part novel series. I simply didn't must be including extra books to my TBR shelf. thin Dip lived as much as its' billing, the pages taking place like chips and salsa on a soccer afternoon. The characters dreamed up through Mr. Carl Hiaasen are only so good. Mr. great is called crimson Hammernut, his enforcer is Mr. device and the scientist operating for purple is a true Darwin award winner. Dr. Chaz Perrone is, well, give some thought to the invoice Pullman personality (Earl Mott) in Ruthless People...yeah he's that dumb in a few areas. Hiassen isn't laugh-out-loud humorous other than in a number of locations yet i must choose a five big name rating, simply in line with the quantity of time I had a smile on. His major tale is set the wife, Joey Perrone, who's thrown off her anniversary cruise send by means of her dimwit husband. She survives via putting onto a bale of Jamaican dope floating within the Gulf movement and is rescued through Mick Stranahan, a retired investigator dwelling on an island off Miami. the remainder of the radical is ready her attempt to determine why her husband desired to kill her and to take her revenge. Hiassen strikes the tale alongside properly and the revenge is so sweet, you can be chuckling. listed here are a few nuggets for you purview:As purple Hammernut listened to Chaz Perrone's story, he considered the numerous benefits that had come his way, but in addition of the toil. an enormous farming operation like his used to be a difficult enterprise, depending because it did on rampant toxins and the systematic mistreatment of immigrant labor. For pink it was once no small feat to maintain the Feds off his again whereas even as soaking taxpayers for profitable crop subsidies and dirt-cheap loans that may or is probably not repaid this century. He mirrored upon the loads of hundreds of thousands of greenbacks that he'd passed out as crusade donations; the untallied hundreds of thousands extra for instantly up bribes, hookers, private-yacht charters, playing stakes and different discreet favors; and, finally, the numerous hours of ass-kissing he'd been pressured to suffer with an analogous knucklehead politicians whose loyalties he had purchased.This used to be no effortless gig. crimson Hammernut acquired infuriated each time he heard a few pissy liberal consult with the federal farm invoice as company welfare. The time period implied contented

idleness, and no-one employee tougher that pink to maintain the money flowing and remain out of trouble. Now the total goddam shebang used to be at risk of falling aside as a result of one man. While Mick is ready to satisfy up with the hairdresser female friend of the nice doctor, he visits the salon: Taking conceal in the back of a magazine, Stranahan tried to immerse himself within the travails of Eminem, a deep even though conflicted younger man. It appears wealth, popularity and limitless intercourse are nice, yet actual non secular happiness needs to come from within. While Hiassen doles out the humor, he additionally places a few considerate items in. Mr. Tool's evolution is worthy and he throws in a few critical Everglades conservation rules whereas nonetheless being fun. The one challenge is i'm including a host of Carl Hiassen's novels to my TBR as he's simply rattling humorous and, what the heck, I'm continuously up for chips and salsa.

michelle: I picked this up at a used bookstall simply because I had obvious it numerous instances sooner than and it seemed a little bit amusing. and that is approximately all it was: just a little amusing. the most characters are hole and stereotypical, and the plot, for all its twists and turns, within reason predictable. (I did like Ricca, the girl at the Side... she was once the one personality whose demeanour and speech have been either practical and humorous throughout.) The worst half approximately this ebook is the writing style: repetitious and unimaginative, Hiassen spells out each detail, and in doing so ruins a few of his cleverly imagined situations. I discovered myself extra intrigued by way of how the writer may tie up the ba-zillion unfastened ends (answer: in a lifeless scene with the dullest character, Detective Rovlaag, and a separate scene that are meant to were much funnier than it was) than via what truly occurred to the characters.

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