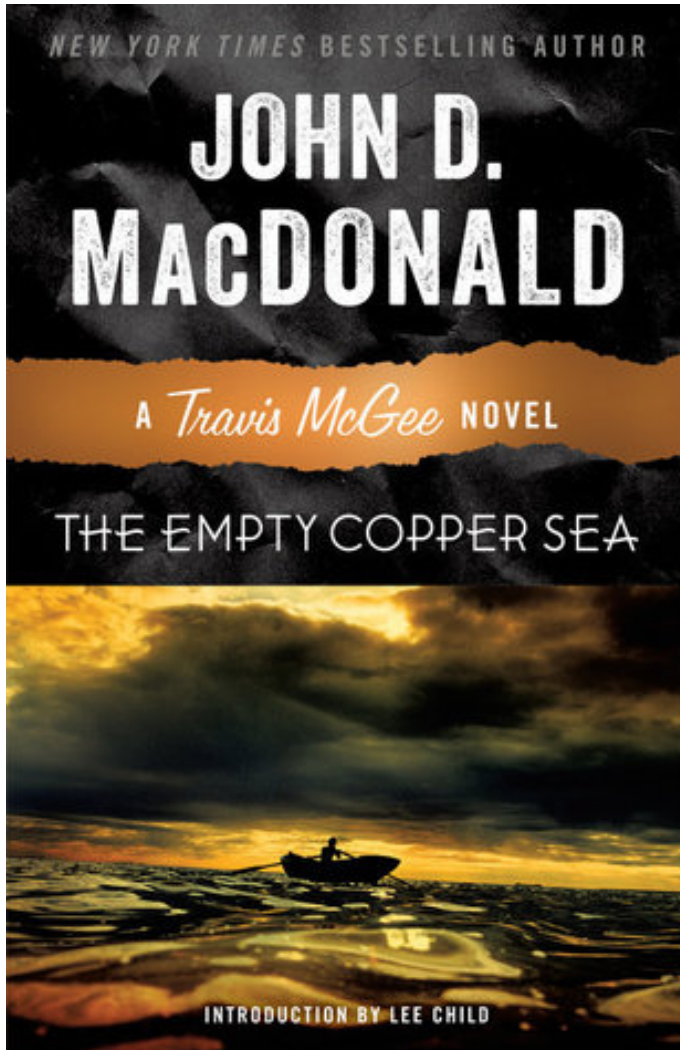

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Description

McGee is hired to find the truth behind a man's disappearance. Is the man accused of murder guilty or the victim of an elaborate hoax? 2 cassettes.

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A. Bowdoin Van Riper: All the familiar elements are in play in this 17th installment of MacDonald's long-running Travis McGee series. There's a friend in need, a mystery to be solved, skeptical law enforcement officers, and supporting characters who are not what they seem. There are South Florida locales being despoiled by greedy developers, and opportunities for both Travis and his best friend Meyer to do what they do best. It goes without saying, for fans of the series and the genre, that justice will, with Travis and Meyer's help, triumph by satisfyingly unconventional means.

That all this fits together uncommonly well, and plays especially smoothly, is due -- in part -- to practice. It's also, however, due to Travis' introspection, which (mostly) takes the place of earlier books' commentaries on the ills of the world . . . and wears better. It adds a layer of depth and complexity to Travis, and hints at his awareness that time is passing, all of which makes him more believable. The book, though written in 1978, thus *feels* contemporary, where a more outward-focused story like *Dress Her in Indigo*, written in 1969, shows every year of its age.

Travis' self-assessment . . . his feeling of dissatisfaction with his life . . . plays out mostly through his relationships with the women in the story. The most significant of them, Gretel, is one of MacDonald's best-drawn characters, and she, too, adds to the book's sheen. Her scenes with Travis are a delight: Two people who have been there and done that, discovering (to their delighted surprise) that there's still room for magic in the world.

The mystery in *The Empty Copper Sea* comes to a satisfying climax: one that surprises and thrills while staying true to everything that went before. Even more gratifyingly, does the love story.

Gerry: I haven't read a Travis McGee novel in years. I'd forgotten how great a writer John MacDonald is.

Tony: THE EMPTY COPPER SEA. (1978). John D. MacDonald. ****.An outdated good friend of Travis, Van Harder, indicates up at McGee's dock. He wishes a favor, notwithstanding he's prepared to pay \$10,000 for it. a number of years in the past he had his seaman's license taken clear of him for negligence. while he used to be answerable for a yacht wearing a big-time investor and one in all his affiliates – in addition to ladies ride-alongs – he received under the influence of alcohol on board and used to be for this reason answerable for the investor falling (?) overboard and disappearing. The investor used to be by no means discovered and was

once presumed drowned. whilst McGee starts off his investigation, he learns that Van tougher used to be a reformed alcoholic, and not had multiple drink on infrequent occasions. He claimed that the single drink he had that evening contained a few drug that triggered him to go out and act as though less than the influence. Travis additionally realized that the disappeared investor was once in loads of difficulty financially, and had most likely siphoned off approximately two-million funds in money from his array of businesses. With two-million at stake, it was once logical to start with the idea that he wasn't lifeless after all, yet was once at the lam and dwelling in Mexico along with his attractive architect associate. in the course of the process his digging, McGee meets either family members and previous associates of the industrialist; all of them have a conception and all suppose that he controlled to ruin this small Florida city along with his actions. McGee additionally uncovers another evils within the town, together with loads of task in smuggled marijuana and in in the neighborhood synthesized PCP. The roots of the secret move deep, yet Travis eventually unravels the twisted skein of actions and shortly learns the truth, even supposing he manages to get crushed up and shot at numerous instances alongside the way. This was once well-plotted with a distinct and fascinating forged of characters. Recommended.

Ed: #17 within the Travis McGee series. Travis McGee and Meyer commute to FL west coast city of trees Bay to assist transparent Van tougher of the accusation that his being inebriated whereas piloting developer Hub Lawless' boat resulted in Hub's drowning. the sensation within the city is that maybe Hub did not drown and is in Mexico together with his mistress and \$800K he tired from his companies.

Lewis Weinstein: I re-read this after a variety of years, and remembered little, which used to be good. Travis is much from perfect, yet there's a lot that's reliable in his (and Meyer's) set of values, and those tales are a good distinction to the intense studying that takes such a lot of my time.

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