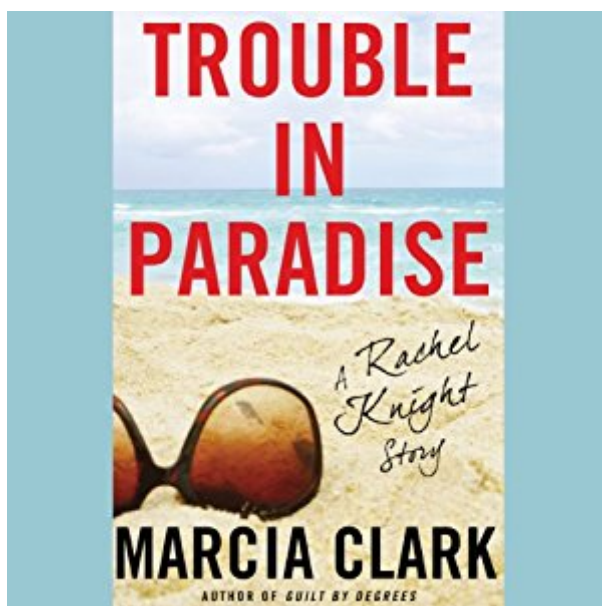


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Trouble In Paradise: A Rachel Knight Story



Synopsis

With her besties, Bailey and Toni, in tow, Rachel leaves work and rainy LA behind and sets off for a much-needed vacation in Aruba. Greeted by glittering sand and a balmy breeze, the three friends can't imagine anywhere more perfect. But just minutes after hitting the beach, they're approached by a panicked young woman. A gofer on the biggest reality hit since Survivor, she's lost the show's child star and must find her, now, before anyone else realizes she's gone. Rachel, Bailey, and Toni put their dreams of paradise on hold and embark on a whirlwind search for the girl - a search that ends with a twist so disturbing no one, not even a fortune-teller, could have seen it coming....

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Customer Reviews

TROUBLE IN PARADISE is a short story by Marcia Clark. Rachel Knight stars as our favorite prosecuting attorney. Rachel's best buds are Toni LaCollier, special trials prosecutor for L.A. County, and Bailey Keller, LAPD Robbery-Homicide Division detective. All at once the three friends find themselves free of investigations and trials and like magic a complimentary three-bedroom hotel suite becomes available on the island of Aruba. The three hard-working professionals are soon headed for a well-earned vacation and delighted to be getting away from their criminal world related jobs. But no sooner had they unpacked than they were approached by a woman who begged them to help her locate her nine-year-old actor whom she was responsible for. Tammy Susie, star of a weekly TV reality show being filmed on the island had gone missing. Reluctantly the three agree to help. Fearing Tammy Susie might have been abducted or kidnapped,

they applied their combined investigative skills toward searching for the little girl. My only complaint with this enjoyable short story was that it ended way too soon. Marcia Clark not only has a proven legal mind, but also a wonderful talent to construct an exciting novel. So, Marcia, get busy; we need another full length novel from you. I rate the short story a 4.

Marsha Clark takes us to Aruba, where, while on vacation, Rachel Knight and colleagues wind up in the middle of turmoil set up when a young star of a reality TV show is kidnapped. The ending will surprise most readers. it's a good short read.

I read 'guilt by association' and was disappointed both by the often boring, overly explanatory writing and over-use of cliché and by the simplistic (and often implausible) plot- I figured out the connection between the two cases less than a third of the way through the the book and the big twist was not interesting. Anyway, I digress. I wanted to give Ms. Clark the benefit of the doubt given that it was her first book, so I decided to read this short story to see if things improved. Unfortunately, they haven't. There are not enough clichés available in the culture to sustain her writing career; in this book, when she ran out of existing clichés and cultural idioms she made up her own and they were worse. And come on-- a cop and two DAs skipping local police and investigating a possible kidnapping in a foreign country on their own???? But I could get over the silliness if the writing were better. It's too bad, because I want to read some old fashioned, fun crime stories like she is trying to write (I.e., not overly violent or overly sexualized) and it is great that she wants to create heroines who are normal woman.... I just wish the stories were good and that the writing was more complicated and engaging. On the plus side though, the writing is at least grammatically correct (a big plus, these days) and Ms. Clark has generated for me at least a minor interest in the back stories of her characters. If the kindle versions of her books fall to .99 I will probably still be inclined to read them on the beach. Hence, two stars and not one.

This short story by Marcia Clark (of O J Simpson fame) is about a vacation to Aruba that turns into a hunt for a lost child. I have only read one other short story by this author, and I have to say, this is the better one. This story has an interesting plot, likeable characters, and enough details to hold the readers' attention. It is almost good enough to make me want to read a full length novel that was written by this author, maybe.....

Marcia Clark, whom I came to intensely dislike (only a little less than I disliked her associate

arrogant windbag Chris Darden) during the OJS trial, has redeemed herself for me to a great extent due to her talent in writing absorbing novels. I didn't realize this was a short story and was disappointed it ended so soon, but it was an interesting and intriguing plot. After watching the recent OJS miniseries I felt more sympathetic towards Marcia and even more negative towards Darden. I'm very glad Marcia left the prosecutor's office and turned to writing as it reveals much more of a human touch than the ice queen she exhibited during the trial.

This is another short story and I'm afraid I was a little disappointed because I was expecting the same type as her other books. Not to say that this one is bad, it's just VERY SHORT! Ms Clark takes a much needed vacation and upon arrival is coaxed into helping a frantic gal in finding her charge. I liked the storyline but felt that it could have been so much better. Although it was a good story with a little more added it could have been so much more. Keep in mind this book was right after her first book and she was still finding her way, which she did with style. The character development was there and was real good. Don't let this stop you from enjoying a good story and maybe she will take their time and expand this..

Ok, I'm a Marcia Clark fanatic and I'd read her grocery list if it was put in front of me. So when this shorter story, w/a slightly unbelievable premise, came to light for a mere .99, I read it. Rachel, Baily and Toni are on vacation, so that they so easily/willingly give their expertise over to a stranger who asks for help, is tough to swallow; but, hey, it was more interesting than her grocery list probably is and there were twists and a hook and the familiarity of characters we've grown to love and rely on.

Interesting short story. Fast read and kept my interest. The characters are always interacting in a way to keep me reading.

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