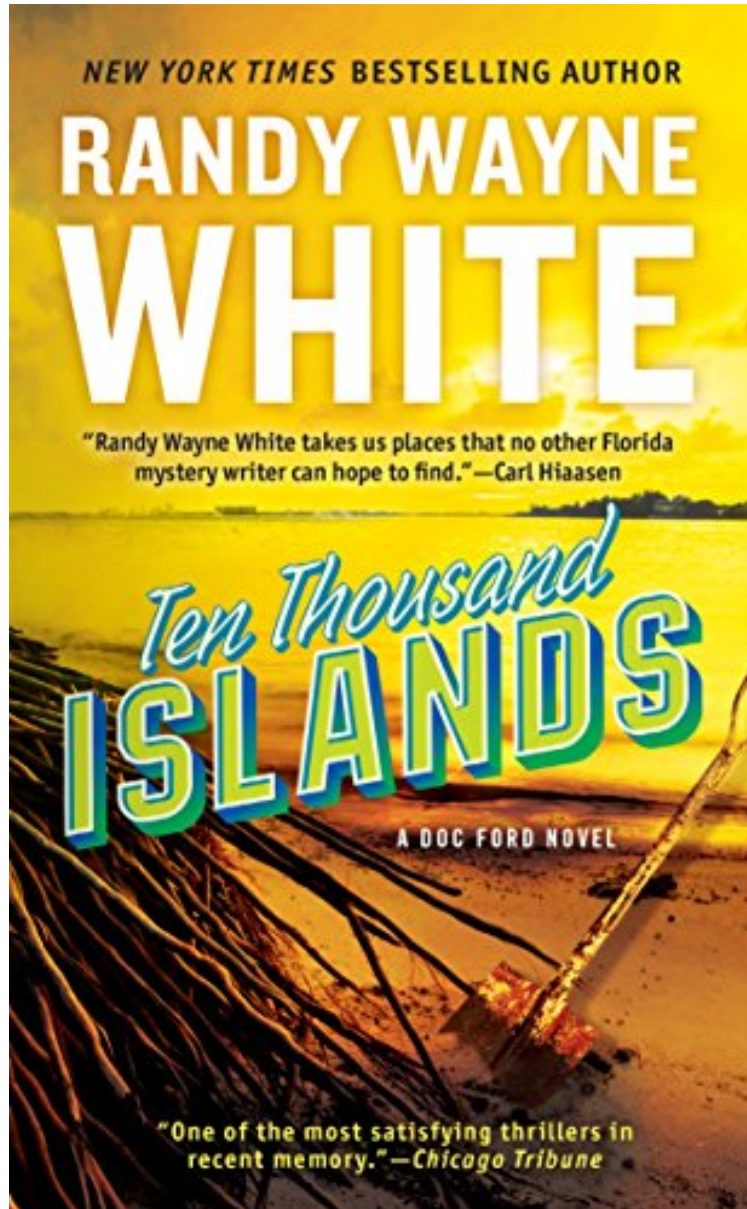


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Von Randy Wayne White : Ten Thousand Islands (A Doc Ford Novel) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ten Thousand Islands (A Doc Ford Novel):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Classic thrillerVon Ein KundeDoc Ford is a classic cynic who has seen the darkest sections of hell on earth before returning to

America to remake himself. He works in Dinkin's Bay Sanibel Island, Florida as a marine biologist. Though he lives a structured life, trouble always visits him. A friend asks Doc to help a woman whose child's grave was opened many years after the girl died. The daughter was special since she had the ability to find valuable, often historical, artifacts in places where no one would normally look. When she was found dead with a rope around her neck, the official opinion was suicide. She was buried with two very valuable artifacts, which is believed why someone desecrated her grave. Doc, feeling an unexplainable connection to the girl, vows to learn the full truth about Dorothy in life, death, and after-death. Randy Wayne White guides his audience to a beautiful, primal part of Florida rarely visited by tourists. The anti-hero Doc, in his seventh appearance, is a quixotic mix of spiritual goodness and violent virility that is difficult to understand but enjoyable to observe. The adventure is exciting and frightening, as the plot seems so real that it is happening to the reader. Thus, the story line and its star turn TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS into an unforgettable work that will require Mr. White to write an eighth Ford tale.

Harriet Klausner 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. White's Best Yet! Von D. Foster I started TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS on a Thursday afternoon and finished it at 5 a.m. on Friday -- my first novel all-nighter since SILENCE OF THE LAMBS. Marine Biologist Doc Ford, Florida's most compelling, unromantic, anti-hero is at the top of his form. Nearly two decades ago, on Marco Island, FL, a brilliant 14-year old girl dug up an Indian grave and found a golden medallion once worn by the king of pre-Colombian Florida. A few months later, she's found dead, hanging from a tree. Now, 15-years later, someone's dug-up the grave and it's up to Ford and buddy Tomlinson to find out why. Based on a true story, the tale that follows is brilliant, compelling, terrifying and sometimes hilarious. I laughed and actually wept. Tomlinson steals the show as usual, but Ford is also elevated: He does psychedelic mushrooms and briefly re-meets his true soul mate -- two solitary islands among ten thousand in this touching, metaphorical tale. The real star, as usual, however, is the strange place called Florida and no one is better than White when it comes to capturing it on paper.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Latest Doc Ford one of the best Von Ted O'Brien This new Doc Ford novel is one of the best entries yet in the series, and is unmissable if you are already a fan; if you're new to White's novels, then this is a great way to start out. It combines the historical lore of "The Man Who Invented Florida" with the crisp style of "Captiva"; this novel is perhaps more "unputdownable" than some of the others. The action takes place in Southwest Florida and the Keys, and concerns an unscrupulous politician, a Calusa artifact, and a dangerous hurricane. White's characters are some of his sharpest yet, and the suspense kicks in from the first page. Mystery novels, and in particular Florida mystery novels, don't get much better than this one. If you are partial to that sort of thing, then don't miss "Ten Thousand Islands."

Kurzbeschreibung Government agent-turned-marine biologist Doc Ford sails an endless sea of questions when he agrees to investigate a death from the past. Years ago, off Florida's Gulf Coast, a teenaged girl found an ancient gold medallion. Then, she began having nightmares. Then she was found hanging from a tree. Now, years later, the girl's mother is being terrorized with break-ins, phone calls with no one there and her daughter's grave has been dug up. Somebody wants that medallion. The search for answers will lead Doc through a shadowy world of ancient ritual and modern corruption, to an evil that was born in the past but lives in the present.

de Of all the Travis McGee wannabes who've appeared on the mystery scene since the death of John D. MacDonald, Randy Wayne White's Doc Ford, the marine biologist with an intentionally vague history of military espionage, comes closest to hitting the mark. In this seventh outing in a popular series that's never quite broken into bestsellerdom, Ford is finagled away from his beloved fish and his stilt house off Florida's Gulf Coast to investigate the grave robbing of a long-dead adolescent girl who had a remarkable gift for finding archaeological artifacts of a long-gone civilization of Calusa Indians. The centuries-old gold medallion that may have been buried with Dorothy Copeland has mysterious powers--at least, that's what a big Florida developer whose son is being groomed for high political office seems to believe. By the time Doc Ford starts investigating the incident, along with his oddly gifted friend Tomlinson (a druggie with a past as violent and mysterious as his own), more lives are at stake, including Doc's.

Ten Thousand Islands is based on a true story of multiple tragedies associated with the 1969 discovery of the medallion at the novel's center. But the complicated tale of mayhem and serial murder White weaves of it is all his own. Doc Ford is an increasingly interesting character whose love life takes up as many pages as the plot, but the community of Dinkin's Bay, with its fascinating and well-drawn minor characters, is as great a part of White's series as the denizens of Travis McGee's Fort Lauderdale marina were of MacDonald's.

--Jane Adams Pressestimmen One of the most satisfying thrillers in recent memory. Chicago Tribune This latest entry in the Doc Ford series is one of the strongest. A taut story of modern greed and violence. Plenty of great twists make this one of the most satisfying thrillers in recent memory. Chicago Tribune We can't think of a better way to spend a summer afternoon than curled up with this book. A wild dangerous adventure. Breathless action. The Denver Post A powerful look at Florida's heart of darkness. A rapid-fire tale that will snare readers like a treble hook. No one around today writes as well about Florida. Rough-edged and violent. One of the best in a series that is as good as anything being written today. The Tampa Tribune When it comes to Florida, White is positively

lyricalMarvelous description, good plotting, and plenty of action.Florida Times-UnionNo one evokes life along the sultry mangrove coast of Southwest Florida as perfectlyWhites best book yet.Albuquerque TribuneWhitecan be counted on to produce the real goodsAnd although hes subtle about the atmospherics, when White cranks up the momentum, he tosses in everything.The Palm Beach PostFast-pacedThis is Key Largo meets Wild Kingdom.The News and Observer (Raleigh, N.C.)White writes with an obvious knowledge and love of Floridas west coast, an intimacy made possible only by living here, and one which helps make the book a pleasant summer escape.Sarasota Herald-TribuneMaintains an edgy sense of adventureWhites strong sense of place and people keep us wanting to return to Floridas west coast.The Times Union (Albany, N.Y.)