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The past comes disconcertingly alive for Doc Ford, in a series that continues to grow in popularity and acclaim. Randy Wayne White's **Ten Thousand Islands** was "one of the most satisfying thrillers in recent memory" wrote the **Chicago Tribune**, and the starred review in **Publishers Weekly** said, "Of all the writers [in] the Florida mayhem boom, only White can claim to have created a series hero to match Hemingway's memorable outdoorsmen and John D. MacDonald's much-missed Travis McGee." And now White has created his most electrifying novel yet. On a working vacation to Guava Key, marine biologist Doc Ford notices two female joggers who follow the same route at the same time every day. He can't help thinking how easy it would be for a predator to become aware of them, too. As it turns out, he isn't the only one. There seem to be more and more predators these days. Forced to step in, Ford finds himself involved in a story of intrigue and revenge that becomes more dangerous with every turn-and some of them hit pretty close to home. Add to that a Bahamian relative he never knew he had, a letter leading to a treasure that may or may not exist, and some past history that becomes very alarmingly present, and his life has suddenly become very complicated. Not to mention the prospect of his death. . . . Filled with crackling power and atmosphere, and some of the best suspense characters in fiction, **Shark River** is a triumph of storytelling.

Shark River Details

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MisterLiberry Head says

Lots of filler here, like chum tossed into SHARK RIVER. Randy Wayne White recycled plenty of Doc Ford's biography, past events from earlier novels in the series, advice to the lovelorn, long ruminations on South Florida tourism versus marine ecology, even a thumbnail history of Rastafarianism. Doc's scoundrel uncle, Tucker Gatrell – and his busy "tallywacker" – cause trouble from beyond the grave, while Doc's past in an elite, off-the-books special ops team that was green-lit for "the use of any and all means the group's members deem beneficial to the well-being of the nation" (loc.2001) resurfaces with threatening implications. Both plot threads converge neatly, but the core plot boils down to: a bad man very much wants to kill Doc Ford and Doc doesn't want him to.

Phair says

Doc Ford continues to be one of my favorite characters. Particularly like stories that bring in his covert past and that explore Doc's internal conflicts. Tomlinson is a delight as always. Please keep writing Randy!

Judy says

I did like this Doc Ford novel but found the plot predictable and weak. What I liked was the writing; the descriptive details offered from Doc as a marine biologist are interesting and beautifully written. I'll definitely read another in this series.

Donna says

Another very good Doc Ford novel-fast paced, with a lot of suspense. I enjoyed the further character development and background story for both Ford and Tomlinson, as well as the addition of Ransom, Ford's cousin. The descriptions of Sanibel and its nearby areas are wonderful, as always. Randy Wayne White novels are much more than just mystery novels-each one makes you want to read another to find out what Doc Ford and Tomlinson will encounter next.

Jeff Dickison says

A good Doc Ford entry. This is the one that introduces his cousin Ransom. The Ford mysteries set in Florida are generally the best ones and this one is no exception. Ford breaks up an attempted kidnapping and becomes the target of some Columbian drug personnel. More of Doc's and Tomlinson's background is divulged here. A quick, exciting read, fun all the way. Recommended.

David Ward says

Shark River (Doc Ford #8) by Randy Wayne White (G.P.Putnam's Sons 2001) (Fiction - Mystery) is another one of the good Doc Ford mysteries. In this one, Doc meets a Bahamian relative that he never knew he had. My rating: 6/10, finished 8/10/12.

Phil says

Randy Wayne White does a shark attack! Very good, very entertaining and once again the reader will get to know about sea life as Doc brings up catch from the bottom of the sea. A Bahamian Sister? You just gotta read this and watch out for the human predators. If you read any work, the entire cast is here in paradise.

Pam says

Ug. Too much macho man 1990's viewpoint, gave up.

Chris says

It took me a while, but I'm really enjoying the series now. Love the evocative description of life and nature on the Florida coast. I've seen people complain about the pace of these books, but I enjoy the character development and botany/biology/Florida history lessons as much as the plot and action. In my book, Ford could stay in and around Dinkins Bay and not get shot and and I'd still find it a great read.

Carolyn (in SC) C234D says

This is one of my favorite series. I'm sorry I haven't read a Doc Ford novel in quite a while. The books are fast-paced, with some terrific characters. In this story, an interesting bit of Doc's background is revealed. I always enjoy the Florida island atmosphere of these books. Now I must find me some more in the series that I have not yet read.

Cat says

Another good Doc Ford story. Always entertaining, with some suspense thrown in. I was a bit surprised by the descriptive sex scenes - I would have preferred a bit more innuendo and a little less description. But they are few and far between, so easy to overlook.

Glen says

In this entry in the Doc Ford series, Doc and Tomlinson are hanging out on the exclusive Guava Island, when thugs try to kidnap a young woman. He stops the abduction, but the woman is daughter to a powerful man who knows about Ford's secret life, and the thugs work for a powerful Colombian drug lord.

Meanwhile, Ford meets his Bahamian cousin, and the two go on a treasure hunt for their inheritance from Tucker Gatrell.

All the storylines converge in a thrilling climax with a twist we don't really see coming.

Quite good.

Kathleen says

White's suspenseful stories set in Florida are a perfect beach read. I enjoy his descriptions of the unusual marine wildlife and the natural history of the Florida peninsula and its islands. Indeed, Doc Ford's business at the Sanibel Biological Supply is a perfect means to educate White's readers.

This eighth offering in the Doc Ford series starts out strong—Doc disrupts the kidnapping of the daughter of a high placed government official with savvy thinking and an awesome boat chase scene. Then White turns to narration to explain Doc Ford's past secretive government work. And there is the narration regarding the appearance of a cousin. And then there is the narration regarding Tomlinson's background. It is almost as if White is using this book to provide character backgrounds for future offerings in the series. But, finally, White returns to provide the reader with a surprise action-packed ending. About time!

Joyce says

This was a re-read...and well worth spending the time with it. Doc and Tomlinson while deeply involved with the present time and events, delve into their past histories. It is complex and fascinating coupled with some great action scenes.

Jrobertus says

In this thriller, Doc Ford is a marine biologist with a black past. He was an off the books, outside the law, super duper trained government killer charged with keeping America safe by any means necessary. Get it pilgrim? The writing is good, and the characters pretty well developed, especially his Bahamian half cousin Ransome, and his pal Thomlinson. However, the pace of the book is too slow with way too much internal narrative, too much psychology, and too much description of his temporary girl friends private parts. Like a lot of these tough guy books, this is really a kind of romance novel for men who may want to identify with a super tough super stud.

