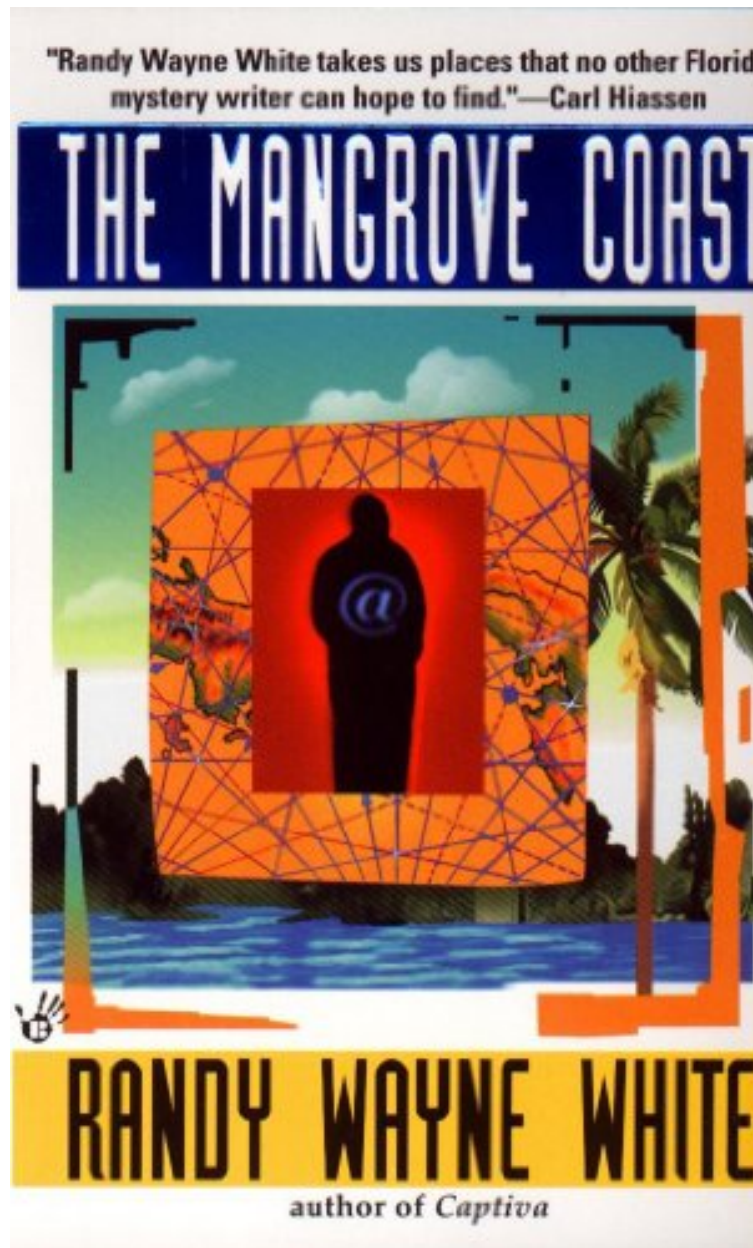


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**Von Randy Wayne White : The Mangrove Coast (A Doc Ford Novel)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Mangrove Coast (A Doc Ford Novel):

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White's Best! Von Ein Kunde Randy Wayne White is a polished author and I have enjoyed his series with Doc Ford very much, however, *The Mangrove Coast* misses the mark by a long shot. I agree with the other reviewers that this is easily the slowest start to a mystery novel I have read in a long time. As a matter of fact it took all my power to keep reading past the first few chapters. Finally on page 181 (of 290) a dead body turns up. The plot revolves around a woman seduced by a man through an internet romance. The story trudges on finally bringing Doc Ford to Panama, which must be the site of White's latest vacation. The story reads as if White created as he went and finally decided 2/3 of the way through that he better put some action in the book. The final chapter reminded me of the Bobby Ewing shower scene in *Dallas*. Was it a dream? What the final scene reveals could be described as "idiotic, cliched, or just plain cheating by the writer". The "clues" do not lead up to the ending and any reader will feel cheated, not amazed. The supporting characters do not help matters. Tomlinson appears briefly in a couple of scenes, mainly to assert his computer knowledge—hard to believe as a marine biologist Ford has little knowledge of the internet or computers. Tomlinson is nowhere near his loveable self and disappears quickly in the novel. Tucker Gatrell has seen better days too, but thankfully he is killed off in the end. I was very disappointed with this outing—I look forward to Doc Ford taking some time off to get his thoughts together and return in full force. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. *The Mangrove Coast* Von Ein Kunde The best and most believable books of fiction are based on fact. And, the most liked and admirable characters of these books are those that share commonalities with the reader. Then congratulate Randy Wayne White and his new novel, "*The Mangrove Coast*" as a piece of work that you must read for he has accomplished both. White's stint as the Out There columnist for *Outside Magazine* for many years allowed him to venture to such exotic locales in Central and South America such as Panama, Nicaragua, and Columbia as well as many other parts of the globe. Now as the author of the Doc Ford series, his time spent in these outposts have allowed him to incorporate these settings into his work in such a way so that you are along for the ride, right there with the characters. From the sulfurous smells of the mangrove coasts to the expatriate third world marinas where you feel like ordering a Polar beer poured over ice. These tropical dramas unfold like storms over the Gulf of Mexico. Building up steam and power until a deluge of lightning, rain and thunder explodes to a climatic conclusion. However, just like the squalls out on the Gulfstream, you never know where these storms are going to head. Do yourself a favor, go ahead and order this book. And you might as well save yourself some time and order Randy's other books as well. You are going to anyway, believe me. So pour yourself a cold one, sit back and prepare to meet a truly interesting group of characters and settings that will come alive in your imagination. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent! Von Robert I. Katz I've been a fan of Randy Wayne White since I read *Sanibel Flats* and have eagerly anticipated every new book. The only unsuccessful book in the series was *The Man Who Invented Florida*, written in a Carl Hiaassen, Laurence Shames comedic style that never quite rang true. Mr. White has a superb prose style, both elegant and evocative. The characters are well rounded and sympathetic, the dialogue riveting. The references of other reviewers that Doc Ford is a sort of poor-man's Travis McGee, in my opinion, misses the mark. Ford is a far more complex character than Travis McGee, and the plots of the Doc Ford novels are far less formulaic. Every Travis McGee novel seemed to pit the hero against a man who, basically, was both tougher and smarter than McGee. Travis McGee always seemed to win out with a large helping of serendipity. *The Mangrove Coast* immediately grabs the reader and doesn't let go until the very end. Highly recommended.

Kurzbeschreibung The seductive daughter of a dead war buddy calls marine biologist Doc Ford in need of help—her mother has vanished without a trace in South America. Doc's efforts to find her take him from the jungles of Colombia to the streets of Panama—and onto the trail of the most vile nemesis he has ever come up against....de Randy White's mysteries are tailor-made for fans who've exhausted the novels of the late John D. MacDonald. White's series hero, Doc Ford, a marine biologist whose rsum includes a Vietnam-era stint with the Special Forces, is a somewhat cynical philosopher whose toughness masks a tender heart; he's a worthy successor to Travis McGee. In this fast-paced, well-written thriller, a nearly forgotten promise to a long-dead comrade gets Doc involved in a daughter's search for her mother. Gail Richardson's house is empty, and so are her bank accounts. Her daughter Amanda is sure that Gail's being held against her will by her would-be protector, Jackie Merlot, a mysterious man whose connections reach deep into Central and South America. The trail leads from Florida to Colombia and then to Panama, site of a private, heavily guarded retreat catering to the perverse tastes of the wealthy and powerful. Getting in takes all Doc's skill and cunning. Getting out is another matter entirely, as he learns with the help of a few of Bobby Richardson's old Vietnam buddies who turn up in the proverbial nick of time. The denouement is full of surprises, including one that even the most discerning reader won't see coming. The writing is swift, deft, and full of the crunchy nuggets of world-weary wisdom that admirers of the MacDonald genre loved and that White's growing number of devoted readers have come to expect. --Jane Adams Kurzbeschreibung The seductive daughter of a dead war buddy calls marine biologist Doc Ford in need of help—her mother has vanished without a trace in South America. Doc's efforts to find her take him from the

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