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A cruising couple live a life many only dream of aboard their 42-foot boat in Mexico's hauntingly beautiful Sea of Cortez. But their chosen sea has a serpent: Mexico's out-of-control drug trade.

After witnessing a drug-deal gone wrong, they set off a deadly chain of events that lands them in a sea of intrigue involving a best friend, the Mexican Federal Police, the DEA, US Coast Guard, the INS, and a nasty drug cartel.

This fast-paced adventure is a must-read for anyone who has ever dreamed of cutting the lines and shoving off to adventure.

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Troubled Sea Details

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loretta Mathern says

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The positives of the story are that It started out very well. Loved the development of the various characters. Although I loved all the plot lines and characters, the negatives were in trying to follow all the various story lines and characters associated with the story lines. I needed to backtrack to remind myself who went where. Feel it was partly my fault as I usually read late evening so from evening to evening there was a review process to keep on top of the story. This took away from the enjoyment

Alice Hazelbaker says

Most exciting book of the bunch!

I have read almost all of Jinx Schwartz book and I love her humor! I must say though, that this was one I had a hard time putting down. To say it had non-stop action is an understatement!! From boats getting blown up at the beginning to the crazy multi-vessel chase across the Sea of Cortez this book definitely kept you on the edge. There are a few differences between this pre-quel and the series that follows (all of which are good) but you don't notice them after reading a while. Enjoy!

John Brooke says

Cruising For A Bruising

This was a rollicking read that just got better as tensions mounted during a perilous flight from death by a gringo couple aboard their trawler/yacht "HiJenks" (not a spelling error) they're a married couple with the last name of Jenks, first mate and wife, Hetta and... Skipper.

They'd been cruising the Sea of Cortez for five years, and it was time to head 'round the Baja Peninsula into the Pacific, then haul-out their vessel at San Carlos storing it on the hard. Once repaired and secured, they planned to head back to the States, get work, save some money then head south again to launch their boat, fantaziing on another carefree, exciting cruise in Mexico.

They ended their wonderful cruise making many new gringo and Mexican friends as they exploring the wondrous coast and villages. Heading for the last round up they ran smack into death threatening trouble case of mistaken identity

I was torn between whether this work was Fiction or Romance? In the end I pigeonholded it as Romanized Fiction. Writen from a gringa's viewpoint cruising on the Sea of Cortez, off Baja California Sur. As portrayed in this book it'a filled to overflowing with adventurous cruising Americans, that occasionally brush with a few local Baja Californians. Those mostly those emgaged in the drug trade or law enforcement.

Kay Van Slyke says

I absolutely loved this one!! Way to go Jinx. Can't wait to here more from Hetta and her adventures. Loved it that she ended up with Sam Houston and Canhardly (great name BTW).

Jean Henry Mead says

I enjoyed this book from start to finish. The seaworthy adventure swells with intrigue as well as a tidal wave of suspense in the Sea of Cortez. The author's innate sense of humor blends well with her knowledge of yacht living, her quirky characters adding to the enjoyment. I highly recommend Troubled Sea as well as the rest of the series. It convinced my husband and I to sell the ranch and buy our own yacht.

~Jean Henry Mead

Author, The Logan & Cafferty mystery/suspense series

Marilyn says

This was an excellent sea adventure. I loved how the chapters keep every character involved. With so many different characters you can sometimes lose what a less involved character is doing. But this one really did a good job on keeping all involved. Best sea adventure I have ever read.

Jeff Dawson says

Interesting story. It takes place in the Sea of Cortez. Once a great place American ex-patriots and other cruisers to take a break from the rat-race of an economic world. Annie and Erick Jenkins are facing a quandary. Despite loving their current carefree life, funds are starting to run short and Erik keeps reminding his wife that like it or not, they eventually have to return to the real world and replenish their dwindling reserves. This, she wants nothing to do with.

They decide to weigh anchor and sail up to San Carlos to discuss their future. They come across an abandoned panga. While they are looking to see if the boat is in distress, they are greeted with whump-whump of helicopter blades followed by machine gun fire. They quickly retrace their steps by taking refuge in a fog bank. Sound Familiar. Bit of Tom Clancy here from "Clear and Present Danger."

Once they reach safety they hook-up with an old sailing friend, Bud Killibrew and his current squeeze, Pammy who is estranged from her current husband, Buzz Gibby.

Now, throw in a Coast Guard Cutter, the Federales and a new US task force attempting to bust up the drug trade and you have the makings of a good plot.

I never felt a connection with any of the female characters, with the exception of Pammy who's as shallow as puddle after a slight sprinkling. Why? The main heroines were described as tough, self-reliant, independent and generally, BA! That is not how they came across. Their mood swings were all over the place. Granted, this is from a male perspective. I expected more from them.

I also didn't feel much tension as the plot thickened and attempted to develop. Too many extraneous actions were occurring that clouded over the main theme.

The final scene did remind a bit of something I'd run across in a James Bond flick-exciting yet unbelievable.

In the end, it's not a bad beach read

Three Stars

Michele says

Don't. whatever you do, run into a drug smuggling boat in the Sea of Cortez. The fear that this couple lived with is not to be believed! There are quite a few twists and turns and moments when--well--lets just say you will be wondering if they will make it out alive!

There are a few moments where there is comic relief--I especially loved the stray mutt that Emma fed hot dogs--and their friends dog who Emma fitted out with a very elaborate flotation device with strobe lights attached!

Although this was not the Hetta Coffey type book-2 of which I have read by this author--but I liked it. Definitely kept me turning the pages!
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Loretta says

Annie and Erik Jenkins gave up their jobs and bought a boat to live on. Went to Mexico to the Sea of Cortez. After witnessing a helicopter shooting at a fishing boat they call a panga and being shot at themselves until they were lost in the fog and were able to escape not knowing what was going on. They discovered that a couple on a boat the same as theirs was murdered and got caught up in a drug deal with lots of suspense and excitement!

Laurie Hanan says

This fifth Hetta Coffey mystery is different from all the others. For starters, the first four books are told in the first person, by Hetta herself. I always find the first person point of view fun - I love to experience the story through one character's eyes, knowing all she knows and being as clueless as she is about the rest. So I wasn't sure I'd enjoy this book, which jumps frequently through many viewpoints. There are other things that make this book different from the other four, but I don't want to give anything away. You'll have to read it

and find out for yourself what Hetta is up to these days. After getting into the story, it was easy to see how the multiple viewpoints ratcheted up the suspense. The non-stop action would make a great thriller movie, and the frequent scene changes would hold the attention of those with even the shortest span. This book has a touch of romance, enough humor to keep me chuckling, and enough action for anyone who loves a good thriller with evil bad guys, fast chases, explosions, and life and death peril for the good guys. For any animal lover there is the added bonus of a seafaring Cairn named Sam Houston and a skittish homeless mutt called Canardly. My biggest concern was for the well being of these two innocent bystanders. All in all it was a fun, fast-paced read with a satisfying ending.

Cari says

Absolutely love this book and the Hetta Coffey series! Gives another great dimension in Hetta's mystery adventures.
Keep up the phenomenal work, Jinx!

Karin says

A cougar is what they call an older woman who goes after younger men. What do you call a younger blond who goes after an older man? Oh, yes, this is a review, not a commentary. All Annie and Eric wanted to do was to sail around in the Sea of Cortez. Then a storm disrupted everyone's plans and the rest, as they say, is history. I enjoyed the sailing and the behind the scenes. The climax was a real Hollywood ending and I recommend this book.

Allen says

WOW! This is one of the best boating books I have ever read. Non-stop action, can't put the book down type of story. As a boater myself, I recognized many of the anchorages, locations and people that I had met in my cruising of the Sea of Cortez in a time before this book's setting. Very authentic as well and the author's experiences as a live aboard cruiser shows. In navy talk, Bravo Zulu, which means "well done". I was actually in Turtle Bay when the incident of the murder of a boater occurred. Even though I was on a sailboat and they are on a "stink potter", I had made many friends amongst the boating crowd and some were sailboats, others motorboats with masts and also the trawlers. This book brought back many good memories for me but also stands out as an exciting boating story.

Helen says

E-Reader. Thriller / Cozy Mystery

This book was re-written to change the characters names. This is a stand alone book, not to be confused with Hetta Coffee series.

Annie & Erik (Mr & Mrs) Jenkins own their yacht called Hi Jenks. They leave their jobs, sell their home to travel to Mexico the Sea of Cortez. It is a vey large sea & beautiful. As long as northern wind & rain doesn't

blow in. The high waves are very bad. Best to be docked & ride it out.
They are very much in love, Annie will keep you laughing

Now there's Troubled Sea. If you like danger & action, hang on tight for what what happens from now to the very end.

Throw in U.S. & Mexican governments, DEA, Federales, Mexican Navy & others because of drugs going into the U.S. & on the rise in Mexico. This story is amazing it's a really good well written book! Enjoy.

Colleen Sipes says

One of the best books I've read this year!

Five star reading right here because of the story line, the characters, the intensity, the emotions and the danger factor!

Besides, I've always wanted to live on a boat! I think I'll stay away from the Sea of Cortez though! LOL!

This book kept me up reading until 4:30am and even then I didn't want to stop reading!

I love old Bud and his penchant for loving life! Erik and Annie reminded me so much of my husband and me so relating to their lives was easy to do!

Bud's girlfriend Pam was easy to hate because of the way she treated Annie!

All the people involved with catching the drug runners were easy to root for because of their dedication to their job of stopping the drug trafficking!

SPOILER ALERT...The only thing that made me sad was what happened to Bud! He was a good man and I wanted him to survive so badly to vindicate Pam and her spouse Gibby!

I'm thrilled Sam Houston made it and he and Canardly became part of Annie and Erika family!

I recommend this book to anyone who likes to read. A wonderful book!!
