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"The brewery is not what you think..." Dig Buckley is the dependable son, honest and hard-working. But after a tragic accident, he is unnerved by his dad's dying words. Without his father, it falls to Dig and his belligerent brother Jake to put aside their differences and get the successful family brewery running again-or their mother will be forced into bankruptcy and lose the family home. The Buckley Brewery makes Australia's most popular craft beer-but there's a catch. The recipe is based on a unique hop sourced from a secretive supplier in India. And when the supplier hears of Dig's father's death, they shut down deliveries and threaten to silence the family. Why is the mysterious group acting so aggressively? Was there a hidden side to their father's business? Is there another reason the beer is so popular? Dig is forced to travel to India to try to track the supplier down. He embarks on a challenging journey across the Indian countryside, unravelling a complicated history as he fights for his family and comes to terms with his father's death. For more information on his latest books, please visit: [mjkellybooks.com](http://mjkellybooks.com)

## The Amber Trail Details

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## From Reader Review *The Amber Trail* for online ebook

### Tom says

A fun adventure novel that was easy to read and hard to put down. Definitely worth a read. A solid and entertaining debut from MJ Kelly.

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### Carola says

\*I received a copy of the book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.\*

\*4.5 Stars\*

I really liked the story in this book!

It was exciting and had some nice plots into it.

Some parts I would have liked to be more extensive, but overall the story was good.

And I liked the writing style.

Would like to read more from M.J. Kelly in the future!

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### Dashnee Brachelli says

It was an interesting read. Like the twists and turns of the plot. Great writing!

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### Brenda says

Dig Buckley and his father headed for the waterhole to cool off after a hot summer's day – but the wasp which stung Dig's father ended his life as he reacted violently with anaphylactic shock. The Epi pen that Dig administered was too late to save his life – but it was his father's dying words which gave Dig pause.

After the funeral, Dig and his brother knew they needed to keep The Buckley Brewery going. The craft beer had grown to be one of Australia's top beers, but the importation of the hops from India created a problem as their father had been the only person to deal with that side of the business. After aggression from the supplier, and being unable to contact the boss by phone, Dig decided to go to India and confront the man himself. If something wasn't done, the Brewery would close and Dig and Jake's mother would lose the house, something Dig wanted to avoid at all costs.

What would happen to Dig once he arrived in India? Would he be able to locate the supplier; to contact the boss of the business? Or was he putting himself in intense danger?

*The Amber Trail* by Aussie author M.J. Kelly was brilliant! Fast-paced, action-packed – the main character was a courageous crazy man! I think I can safely call this one a high octane thriller and it's one I definitely

recommend.

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### **Kerry says**

A good debut novel. An interesting plot that's a break from the norm. Easy reading with a catchy story that makes you want to keep reading.

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### **Kathryn says**

Cleverly thought out, somewhat unrealistic at times - but it's an adventure story, so I know plausibility is not necessarily the main criteria! It certainly has lots of action - it grabbed me almost from the beginning. A great effort for a debut novel. I will look forward to reading more of this author's work.

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### **Márta Szörnyi says**

A lot of twists and turns, definitely worth a read!

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### **David Richardson says**

Wasps and beers and opium oh my! This is a short book that is full of adventure, a couple of messed up families and a tear across India. This is a straight to the point book that I really enjoyed reading.

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### **Richard says**

A perfectly fine reading time. Doesn't reinvent the wheel but rolls along very well

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### **Jai Baidell says**

Started well but lots of it wasn't very believable, and the author lost me at the end when the protagonist smuggled plants into Australia from India. I know, sounds very authoritarian of me, but this can't be a good idea quarantine-wise. I live in the country, so I care about plant diseases.

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### **Neil says**

I received a free copy via Netgalley in exchange for a honest review.

This is a good Novella that I just could not put down.  
The action just kept moving and as long as you do not take it too seriously is a really good read.  
I would certainly read more from this author.

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### **Pete says**

When Dig Buckley's father dies unexpectedly, he and his brother have to take the reins at their family's successful brewery. Unfortunately, a unique ingredient in their beer comes from a special type of hops, which are only available in India. Supplies are running low, and the Indian business connection was maintained exclusively by their father. So Dig volunteers to travel west (from Australia) and secure the hops.

Dig is a likable character with little worldly knowledge. The trip to India is way beyond his expertise and experience, and I enjoyed bumbling along with his naivety as he searches for his father's business contact. It's a quest-type story, and obtaining the hops proves to be far more complicated than he or his brother expected. The closer he comes to the source, the more danger he finds himself facing. The ending has an interesting twist.

This was a light and fast read with many usual challenges for poor Dig to overcome, which he faced in a believable way. Definitely one to take to the beach, or if you're in Philadelphia this spring, to snuggle under a blanket while the snow falls.

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### **David Masi says**

Absolute awesome read, great story line, could not put the book down, massive thumbs up, looking forward to reading more M.J.Kelly books..

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