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Hetta Coffey is a sassy Texan with a snazzy yacht, and she's not afraid to use it!

A globe-trotting engineer with attitude, a penchant for trouble, and a yacht, Hetta is back, and this time she's steering us into hot Mexican waters.

Miffed that vacation plans with her chronically absent boyfriend, Jenks Jenkins, have gone awry, she accepts a job in Baja.

So what, if she and her friend Jan are spectacularly unqualified to take her yacht on a thousand-mile cruise in the eastern Pacific Ocean during hurricane season?

Hiring a handsome, if somewhat fishy captain for the trip might keep them off the rocks, but probably won't do the same for her future with Jenks. Meanwhile, a little eye candy on board can't be all bad.

Hetta's fierce independence impels her to tackle a very profitable (if environmentally and politically incorrect) project south of the border. True to form, her irreverent nature and disregard for danger soon swamps her in a sea of mayhem, illegal aliens, a pesky whale, and a menacing Mexican machinator.

Set sail for Baja Mexico's Magdalena Bay as Hetta Coffey leads us once more into a morass of intrigue that will keep you laughing, breathless, and wanting more.

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Bob Rector says

Jinx Schwartz's Just Add Salt is from the Hetta Coffey adventure series. Coffey is an engineer who lives on a swank yacht moored in San Francisco. Her assignments take her to exotic locations, this time Mexico's Baja coast, hired by a Japanese firm concerning a water desalination and salt recovery plant they intend to build there (hence the title). The trip was supposed to be a working vacation with her boyfriend Jenks but he has to bail out so Hetta takes along Jan, her blonde bombshell best friend instead. And a tall, dark Mexican captain she hires who just happens to look like Fabio. The adventure begins.

Call it adventure with a capital A. This is a fast moving yarn with more twists and turns than a boa constrictor. Especially well written, and harrowing, is Hetta, Jan, and Fabio's fight to the death with a two-headed hurricane – a once in a half century event. As the journey continues, our gal realizes that nobody is who they appear to be and there is an element who would just as soon see her disappear – permanently.

Despite Hetta's bring-it-on-buster fearless attitude she is not beyond using her considerable feminine wiles to thwart, and seriously infuriate, her male adversaries (she has no female adversaries). This is fun, entertaining storytelling from a very female perspective. Jinx Schwartz is a pro all the way. Highly recommended.

Allen says

As a boater who has sailed the waters described in this story I really enjoyed this book. My recollection of the entrance to Mag Bay was not as harrowing as theirs, but then each person's experience is different. It brought back many memories of cruising in Mexican waters, including my encounters with whales. The story was marred by the 20 errors I found in the book. If the author would like a list of those I considered to be errors, send a request to amacd55 (at) gmail (dot) com. 4.5 stars when the errors are fixed.

Marilyn says

This is my second book by Jinx Schwartz and it is very enjoyable. I like the fact the her mysteries kind of sneak up on you. You expect it to be about a woman with bad choices in men, but then it transfers to a ridiculously crazy mystery. With her still raving about her bad choices in men. Very good read.

John Dolan says

'Just Add Salt' is the second outing for Jinx Schwartz's snarky yacht-owning Texan, the formidable Hetta Coffey. It finds our headstrong heroine in deep water (pun intended) down Mexico way.

Just as in the first book, Ms. Schwartz's prose is a frothy delight, bubbling with humour and humanity. The novel is spiced with danger and topped with a sprinkle of romance. 'Salt' is a book to take with you to the beach or keep on your nightstand or ... well, you get the idea. Just grab a copy, OK?

Books 3 and 4 in the series are already on my Kindle.

Marlyn says

This is the second in the Hetta Coffey mystery series. Hetta is a delightful character. Single, intelligent, self-employed and independent, she lives on a boat moored in the Oakland area. In this book, Hetta and her best friend Jan and their boyfriends (brothers Jenks and Lars) had plans to sail down to Mexico. Upset when the two men suddenly disappear on a job, Hetta accepts an assignment in Baja.

This means that she'll have to sail down there on her own, during hurricane season.

Naturally, Hetta gets into all kinds of trouble, including an amorous whale, a shady group of Japanese investors, and two hurricanes.

Hayley Shaver says

I like Jinx Schwartz's writing style. Her wit is dry, sassy and always right on. When Hetta Coffey and her friend Jan plan to go to Mexico on their own to do a job no one else wants, trouble follows and chaos ensues.

Georgann says

I couldn't even finish this book. I found it silly and vulgar.

Michael Mardel says

Just add salt by Schwartz. There are a few pluses and minuses by readers and I had a hard time keeping track of everyone each night that I read. It is a good rollicking story in the likes of pirate ships and a nice bit of tension when escaping Dickless. A hurricane makes for the necessity of finding a safe harbor but not friendly harbor-masters. The descriptive setting has the reader floundering around at various times but always coming out on top.

Drew says

After a fun trip in the first series, I thought 'Just Add Salt' was missing a little seasoning. While somewhat interesting I felt that the romantic drama of Hetta and Jan was more of the main story rather than what was going on around them. Also when the author did talk about the situation they were in it felt as if they were sitting around and waiting more than having something happen. While it fell short of my expectations I'll still probably move on another one or two in the series.

Lord David Prosser says

This was another delightful romp with Hetta Coffey the woman who's never short of a word to say, especially in argument. A working trip to Mexico on her beloved boat-now her home-Hetta encounters the bad guys who have a plot to pollute the sea with fresh water and to upset her friend Lonesome the whale who's currently making eyes at the boat as a possible mate. Hetta soon finds some of the baddies are actually the employers who hired her for the engineering job she's on. Chaos ensues leaving Hetta and her friend Jan on the run from the men with guns and bad intentions.

Hetta is a marvel of a woman. She's opinionated, crass, strong and yet as weak as a kitten when love calls. Lacking faith in herself she thinks love is a temporary thing and her boyfriend Jenks will soon be on pastures new. To sit and cry or to kill him? She's not sure, but you'll find the whole thing delightful from start to finish.

Horton Deakins says

And we have another winner!

With *Just Add Salt*, Jinx Schwartz has slipped her cable and hit another home run. Yes, I know I'm mixing nautical and baseball metaphors, but the author does that too, and... well, it's catchin'.

This book has as many chuckles as *Just Add Water*, but there is a bit more tension—which, literarily speaking, is a good thing. In this volume, Hetta is in a lot more hot water—or salt—and you just never know how she's possibly going to come out on top... or with whom. I think it's quite clear from the text, though, that, in her youth, the author had a crush on Ricky Ricardo. Just sayin'.

Just Add Salt will have you alternately chuckling and biting your nails, and you will discover many new things, such as what a panga is. Now I know what it was we were riding in that caused a woman from our cruise ship to get a broken arm.

Just Add Salt will make you want to listen to your old LP of *Dark Side of the Moon*. No, I'm not going to tell you what I mean by that. You'll just have to read the book.

Gail Bagniet says

Fast paced with plenty of humor, and a storyline supported by in depth knowledge of myriad topics closely intertwined to enhance the plot.

Once the boat/yacht and action got underway, protagonist redheaded Hetta and blonde-haired sidekick Jan never let up with their bantering, all the while almost managing to stay out of trouble or purposely getting into it.

All the characters were fun to meet and hang out with, especially Lonesome! Reading this novel is a great

way to take a cruise without leaving port.

Christoph Fischer says

"Just Add Salt" by Jinx Schwartz tells another amusing sailing adventure featuring the hilarious Hetta Coffey.

This time Hetta is off to Mexico as an undercover civil engineer spy for a Japanese company. Since her boyfriend is working in the middle East she is taking her best gal pal with her and hopefully some competent sea captain. But before she gets there she has to sort out minor issues, such as a body attached to her anchor, the coast guard and whatever else comes her way on the journey.

Coffey is a really great character, edgy, funny and definitely unconventional. Her stories are a perfect blend of adventure and misadventure and Schwartz does a fantastic job at adding an equally entertaining supportive cast, whether it be her secret blabbing friend or a personal trainer in the gym, no opportunity for a laugh is wasted in this story, making the plot almost secondary to the fun that runs through the book.

If you are looking for a good laugh and entertainment this series is for you.

Larry B Gray says

If you like intrigue and excitement you will love Just Add Salt by Jinx Schwartz. It is full of action and adventure which kept me glued to the pages from start to finish.

The author did a great job of developing a story which was fast paced and full of intrigue. It has a well develop storyline which never loses its continuity. I found it to be a fun read and very believable.

Jinx Schwartz developed excellent characters which were very believable and real. It was easy to identify with them and follow the storyline. I have read the first volume, Just Add Water (see earlier review), and now this volume just adds to the strength of the lead heroin.

I really enjoyed Just Add Salt by Jinx Schwartz and I highly recommend this book to all readers.

Laurie Hanan says

Fast-Paced Fun with a Mexican Flair!

When I finished the first book in the series, I realized I had Hetta withdrawals. I hurried to Amazon and purchased Just Add Salt. I would advise reading the first book first because it supplies the background – where it all began. But I enjoyed the second book even more than the first. There is danger from the get-go and tension on every page. I love a mystery with a touch of romance, and this book has it all. What it doesn't have is over-the-top graphic violence or explicit sex. The Hetta Coffey mysteries are a refreshing change and I look forward to reading more.

