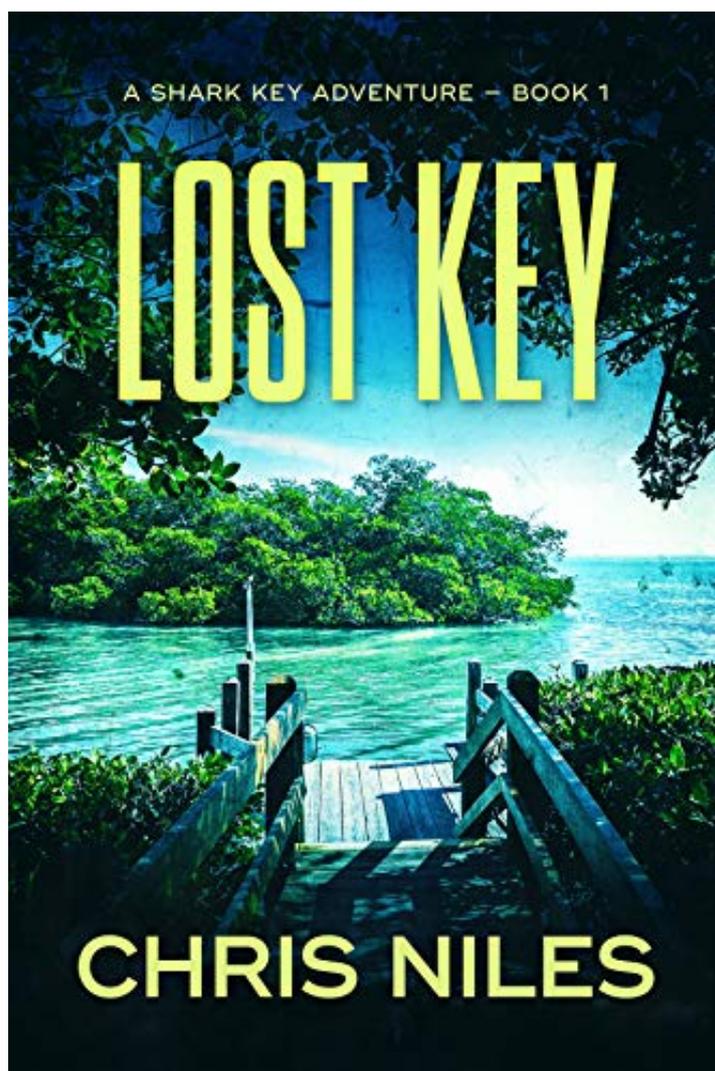


Lost Key (Shark Key Adventures Book 1)

by

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Synopsis

She never asked to be a hero. Heroes seldom do. Nearly a century ago, a treasure of unimaginable value was lost beneath the tropical waters of the Florida Keys. But when a ruthless real-estate developer threatens Shark Key Campground and Marina, former journalist Kate Kingsbury must find it before her friends and neighbors lose the only homes they know. This fun, Jimmy Buffett meets Indiana Jones style adventure will keep you reading all night. And Fans of Travis McGee or Sam & Remi Fargo will love Kate Kingsbury and the crew at Shark Key Campground and Marina. It's taken Kate Kingsbury two years to find peace after her husband was killed in a home invasion. Now she's found her refuge, living the free and easy boat life at Shark Key Campground and Marina. Except that nothing in life is free. Or easy. Shark Key is home to a rag-tag group of folks, scraping to get by on an island known more for its lively night-life and exclusive vacation homes than for stable jobs or affordable living. In fact, Kate quickly learns that the average local cobble together a living from three or more jobs, just to afford their rent. She's grateful to have Danny's small pension and a home on a derelict houseboat named Serenity. Shark Key's owner, Chuck Miller, is a third generation Conch who's committed to giving single moms a safe place to raise their kids. Until he gets a little behind on his payments and shady Miami slumlord Monty Baumann swoops in to steal the tranquil little island out from under him. Shark Key's last hope is an unbelievable legend from Chuck's grandfather, a former gangster who worked for the infamous Al Capone. And when the only clue they have is stolen by one of Baumann's hired thugs, the Shark Key family must band together to retrieve it and find the treasure. But can they recover it before it's too late? This fresh, page-turning adventure thriller set in the Florida Keys will blow you away. Read Book 1 in this new action-packed series today!

Sort review

About the Author USA Today Bestselling author Ernest Dempsey is from Chattanooga, Tennessee. He's written more than forty books, most being archaeological thrillers in the Sean Wyatt Universe. Ernest attended Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee and earned degrees in psychology and counseling, both of which he jokes about because he's a full-time writer and rarely calls on the skills obtained with that education. If you love truly immersive storytelling, Ernest also engages with his fans with videos and contests via YouTube and Facebook. He believes that you shouldn't just experience a story through reading words. Ernest hosts his own cooking show (shot with his iPhone) so that readers can sample foods from around the world from places featured in his books. His tagline has always been "join the adventure" but he doesn't just want you to read it. He wants you to taste, feel, smell, and experience the adventure of traveling to new places, just like his characters do (although, hopefully without the danger his characters encounter). Sound fun? Then you should join the adventure too! Start with *The Secret of the Stones* and find yourself whisked away on the

adventure and mystery of a lifetime.

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What people say about this book

Wayne Stinnett, Author of the Jesse McDermitt Caribbean Adventure Series, "A Page Turner. The location grabbed me from the start. I know the Florida Keys pretty well and when a writer can take me back there with their words, they've accomplished something. A great story with plenty of action."

Arlo Adams, "Excellent Pacing and entertaining all-around. This one hooked me fast. Where many writers fall short because of overblown detail that fails to drive the story forward, Niles strikes the perfect balance of storytelling and detail so I felt like I read a great story while learning a little something about diving. Character depth, command of the language, and a the dog everyone wants are reason enough to read this one, but the most important part—STORY—wins the day. I will be preordering book two."

L. Lindell, "Good summer pooside read. I love reading about the Keys so was really excited to find this book. The characters are interesting & well developed within the pages. The descriptions of Shark Key remind me a lot of Geiger Key Marina & RV park so I felt like I knew the place. The storyline is quite interesting weaving Al Capone into present day. One phrase kept popping up that made me begin to cringe every time I read it: "...a tear glistened in his eye." etc. Too much crying & hand-wringing for me. Maybe the next novel in the series will find the characters a bit less weepy."

E. Powell, "A fresh twist on a tropical thriller. So, what if you mixed Carl Hiaasen and John D. MacDonald together and threw in a feminine perspective? You'd probably come out with something darned close to Chris Niles' Lost Key. Niles builds on the tropical thriller formula of which the aforementioned authors are masters but she does it in a more thoughtful way, focusing as much on the relationships between the characters as on hard-hitting action. While there is copious action, there are also lulls in which the characters are allowed to assess the meaning and ramifications of the action. Without intending to sound sexist, I believe Niles uses her feminine sensibilities to great advantage in producing a well-paced novel. It kept me turning pages but did not leave me exhausted. I'm looking forward to reading other installments in this series."

John M (Glasgow, Scotland), "Great adventure. What more can I say?This was a well paced tale to savour. Brought the Keys to life and was packed with wel-rounded characters and action.Recommended without hesitation."

David Napper, "Captivating!. Thoroughly enjoyed this book and didn't want it to end. Hard to put down. Great variety of experiences I could identify with, and recognize the author's knowledge. Good adventure and treasure hunt. Buy this book!"

L. Conley, "A wonderful read!. A story of sadness, excitement and triumph! The story is good the character development great! Take time to read this intriguing story."

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