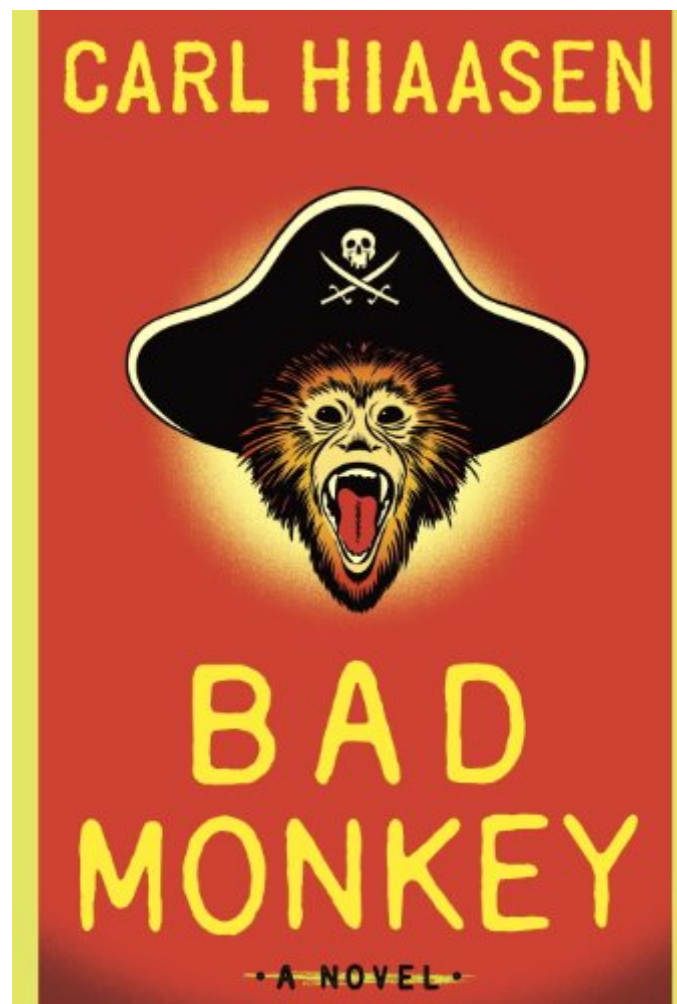


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Bad Monkey



Synopsis

Andrew Yancyâ€™ late of the Miami Police and soon-to-be-late of the Monroe County sheriffâ€™s officeâ€™ has a human arm in his freezer. Thereâ€™s a logical (Hiaasenian) explanation for that, but not for how and why it parted from its shadowy owner. Yancy thinks the boating-accident/shark-luncheon explanation is full of holes, and if he can prove murder, the sheriff might rescue him from his grisly Health Inspector gig (itâ€™s not called the roach patrol for nothing). But firstâ€™ this being Hiaasen countryâ€™ Yancy must negotiate an obstacle course of wildly unpredictable events with a crew of even more wildly unpredictable characters, including his just-ex-lover, a hot-blooded fugitive from Kansas; the twitchy widow of the frozen arm; two avariciously optimistic real-estate speculators; the Bahamian voodoo witch known as the Dragon Queen, whose suitors are blinded unto death by her peculiar charms; Yancyâ€™s new true love, a kinky coroner; and the eponymous bad monkey, who with hilarious aplomb earns his place among Carl Hiaasenâ€™s greatest characters. Here is Hiaasen doing what he does better than anyone else: spinning a tale at once fiercely pointed and wickedly funny in which the greedy, the corrupt, and the degraders of whatâ€™s left of pristine Floridaâ€™ now, of the Bahamas as wellâ€™ get their comeuppance in mordantly ingenious, diabolically entertaining fashion. From the Hardcover edition.

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Most of us have our favorite authors. They have earned that particular place on our bookshelves as they have either enlightened or entertained us over time, and if we're lucky, a few of them have done both. But as new titles are released, one can only speculate as to whether it will be as good as the author's previous works. *Bad Monkey* is the latest offering in a long line from author and journalist Carl Hiaasen, and speaking subjectively, this one does not disappoint. The familiar South Florida locations are there, and with some interesting alternative Caribbean localities added in as a slight change of pace. It's not easy to offer a good synopsis without dropping a few spoilers, as this book offers so much occurring in a typical Hiaasen fashion that will quickly be recognizable to readers of his previous tales. Here we meet former detective Andrew Yancy, lately of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the primary law enforcement agency serving the Florida Keys. Those who have read the book blurbs in the description already know that he is in possession of a detached human arm in his freezer, but how it gets there is one of those things that helps build the story. Yancy has a dubious history in police work due to a past event where he had done something a bit out of bounds with a hand-held vacuum attachment to his former lover's husband, then posting a video of it on YouTube. As a result, he has been suspended, but is offered an enforcement position as a restaurant inspector... "roach patrol" as he terms it. The settings and characters make this one classic Hiaasen.

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