



Deadly Depths by John F. Dobbyn

A notable archaeologist, close to finding a priceless artifact, meets his untimely demise— Matthew Shane vows to find his murderer.

Matthew Shane is a law professor in Salem, Massachusetts, where he enjoys a rewarding mentorship with Professor Barrington Holmes, a well-known archaeologist. So when Professor Holmes is found dead in his office and the police rule it a suicide, something doesn't sit right with Matthew. He becomes determined to find the true cause of Holmes' death and bring closure to his widow.

Matthew soon learns that Professor Holmes belonged to a group of notable archaeologists dubbed "The Monkey's Paw," who were all entangled in an expedition to find an unknown object of unprecedented historical and financial value. Each member had been given one piece of the instructions to find the object, but some of the men had encountered horrific twists of fate before the group could reunite to continue in their search. Joining forces with the remaining members, Matthew's quest for the cause of the apparent curse of The Monkey's Paw leads him on a global wild goose chase that culminates in a turn of events not even Professor Holmes could have predicted.

Perfect for fans of Michael Crichton and Dan Brown.

Synopsis Of Deadly Depths: The death by bizarre means of his mentor, Professor Barrington Holmes, draws Mathew Shane into the quest of five archeologists, known to each other as "The Monkey's Paws", for an obscure object of unprecedented historic and financial value. The suspected murders of others of the Monkey's Paws follow their pursuit of five clues found in a packet of five ancient parchments. Shane's commitment to disprove the police theory of suicide by Professor Holmes carries him to the steamy bayous of New Orleans, the backstreets of Montreal, the sunken wreck of a pirate vessel off Barbados, and the city of Maroon descendants of escaped slaves in Jamaica. By weaving a thread from the sacrificial rites of the Aztec kingdom before the Spanish conquest of Mexico through the African beliefs of Jamaican Maroons and finally to the ventures of Captain Henry Morgan during the Golden Era of Piracy in his

conquest and sacking of Spanish cities on the Spanish Main, Shane reaches a conclusion he could never have anticipated.



Review by Traveler46 Tucson, AZ: 5 Out Of 5 Stars. Intriguing! What's not to like in this story: good adventure story; intrigue; good plot development; great characters? This novel seems to have it all. The story is pretty simple; a law professor Matthew Shane, is good friends with a former professor, Barrington Holmes, who has become like a surrogate father. Holmes is a renowned archeologist.

Holmes turns up dead from an apparent suicide and thus the story begins. Matt is not sure his friend and mentor was suicidal. In trying to uncover the truth, there is high and wide-ranging adventures taking the former military investigator now lawyer across the globe.

In his quest, Matt discovers a group of fellow archeologists called the "Monkey's Paw." These men, Matt believes can help; when they also start turning up dead there is something larger going on. The story ranges from voodoo activities in Louisiana to the Caribbean islands where former captives escaped and on to Marseilles and Montreal.

There is some connection with the former pirate Henry Morgan, a Welsh privateer with marque from the King of England to harass the Spanish ships coming from Central and South America and plunder their stolen gold and silver. There is a riddle to be solved involving Morgan and this riddle leads Shane on a wild chase across the globe.

A really good story that is so much fun to read and try to solve the riddle/enigma before Matt Shane can do so. Along the way Shane finds what may be love -- but this side story is also potentially devastating. To find out how this turns out, I definitely recommend it to the reader.

I received a pre-publication copy for an unbiased review from NetGalley.

Review by Janet Hutchings, Editor, Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine: Deadly Depths gives readers characters they care about and gets hearts pumping as the mystery and adventure unfold!

Review by Foreword Reviews: Deadly Depths is an exciting mystery novel that asks who has the right to seek and exploit lost treasures.

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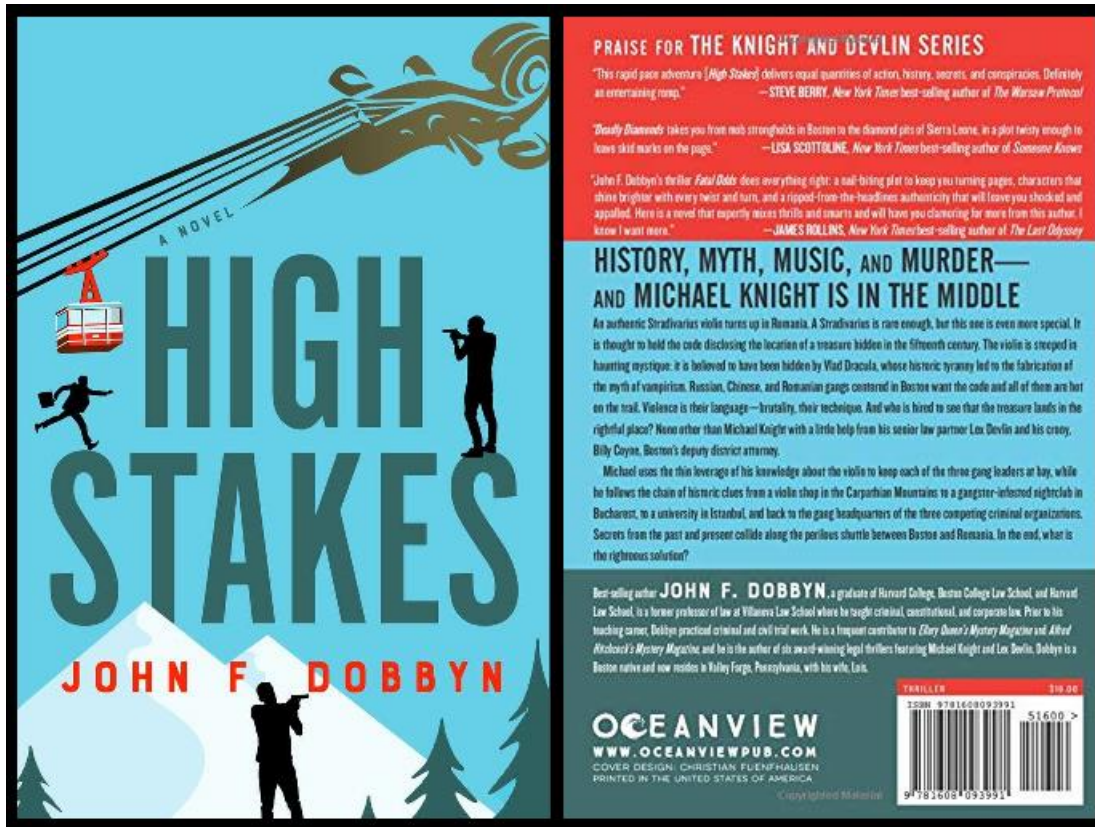
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Book 6 of 6: Knight and Devlin Thriller.

History, myth, music, and murder and Michael Knight is in the middle.

An authentic Stradivarius violin turns up in Romania. A Stradivarius is rare enough, but this one is even more special. It is thought to hold the code disclosing the location of a treasure hidden in the fifteenth century. The violin is steeped in haunting mystique: it is believed to have been hidden by Vlad Dracula, whose historic tyranny led to the fabrication of the myth of vampirism. Russian, Chinese, and Romanian gangs centered in Boston want the code and all of them are hot on the trail. Violence is their language—brutality, their technique.

And who is hired to see that the treasure lands in the rightful place? None other than Michael Knight with a little help from his senior law partner Lex Devlin and his crony, Billy Coyne, Boston's deputy district attorney.

Michael uses the thin leverage of his knowledge about the violin to keep each of the three gang leaders at bay, while he follows the chain of historic clues from a violin shop in the Carpathian Mountains to a gangster-infested nightclub in Bucharest, to a university in Istanbul, and back to the gang headquarters of the three competing criminal organizations. Secrets from the past and present collide along the perilous shuttle between Boston and Romania. In the end, what is the righteous solution?

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As their investigation exposes the jockey's role, they become embroiled in a conflict between two Puerto Rican crime gangs, one of which is aligned with Boston's Italian Mafia in trading exotic and endangered wild animals from the Amazon rainforest. Working to free their client, Michael and Lex find themselves squarely in the crossfire of rival organized crime gangs from the barrio of Jamaica Plain, Boston, to the gang-dominated streets of Mayaguez, Puerto Rico.

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Dobbyn is the author of the award-winning Michael Knight and Lex Devlin legal thriller series. He is a Boston native and now resides in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, with his wife, Lois. Deadly Depths is his seventh novel.

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