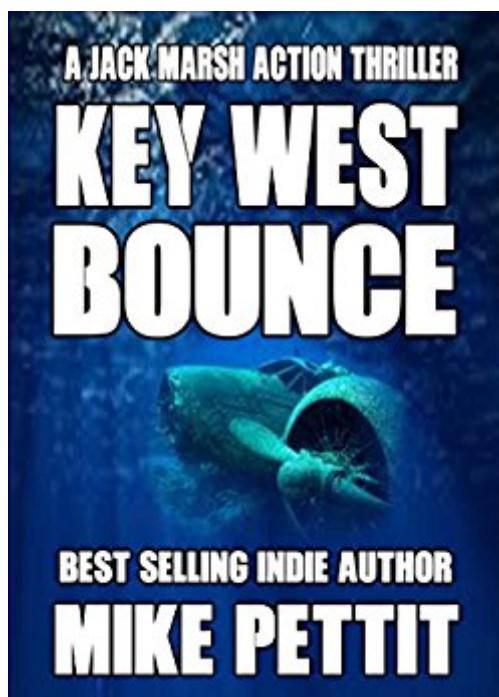


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Key West Bounce (Jack Marsh Action Thrillers Book 2)



Synopsis

The Key West Bounce. A pure adrenaline rush of hard hitting, hard talking characters caught up in a chase for a fortune in gold locked inside a U.S. C-130 Aircraft that has been sitting on the floor of the Florida Straits for over fifty years. Jack Marsh is pulled into the hunt for the treasure by an old East German Stasi agent who knows where the plane is and how it got there. Always looking for easy money, Marsh recruits his friend Tommy Hicks, Captain of their salvage and dive boat, The Island Queen. Soon the three men are locked in a seesaw battle among themselves, a gang of Jamaican cutthroats, the Cuban DGI Secret Police, and a group of Cuban expatriates from Miami who claim the gold as theirs and need it to continue their fight against Castro. The fight is waged across and under the waters of the Straits as the hunt is narrowed to a small strip of palm-covered sand called Crab Cay and its surrounding waters. The clear tropical waters are soon red with blood and thousands of gold coins. Marsh and Hicks are soon fighting for their lives: vessel to vessel, gunwale to gunwale, and hand to hand as treachery and duplicity is played out. It finally comes down to two men, face to face, one will live, and one will dieâthe gold the prize. There is enough action and suspense in this story to satisfy the most hardened of thriller readers.

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Customer Reviews

I've read several of Mike Petit's books and they are always very entertaining, particularly the locale. As far as action adventure and odd-ball characters go it's a 4 star read. If you know Key West you won't have any problem believing in the various strange characters encountered in the story line. Key West is one of the strangest places on earth and is a magnet for the "Others"... suspend belief about the different characters you encounter in the book. They actually exist. Where else can you see a man juggling ferrets or a man with a sign: "I'll tell you a dirty joke for a dollar" Yes, the joke was very funny, dollar well spent. One irritant which is no big deal...needs an editor for things a spell check program wouldn't pick up. You don't "way anchor" [it's weigh anchor] It's a winch, not a "wench" salvaging a C-130 aircraft becomes a C-47 then back to a C-130 again. But for less than \$2.00 what's to complain about? Petit provides fun reads that I really enjoy wrong word usage aside.

Why, oh why, would any publisher let a good mystery like this go out without paying a proofreader? After I got used to the lack of punctuation and incorrect words, I really enjoyed the vivid description of Key West, the characters and an exciting story of murder and even a treasure hunt. I would read another Jack Marsh book.

Key West Bounce, by Mike Pettit, is the second book in the Jack Marsh Action Thrillers. I did not know this in the beginning, and have only read this book, but will be looking forward to reading the first in the series as well. Key West Bounce follows the character Jack Marsh who owns the Sand Bar in Key West. Jack is offered a side job finding a plane that had been loaded with gold that sunk in the Florida Straights that he decides to take. Jack knows that the job will be difficult and slightly dangerous due to it's nature. Jack is a very likable character who's quick on his feet who has a best friend named Tommy Hicks who's equally likable. Tommy is a former secret agent who owns a salvage boat, which works in Jack's favor for his side job. Seeing as this plain when down somewhere between the coasts of Florida and Cuba, Jack has some competition for retrieving it, and his competition will stop at no means to get it! The thing I liked most about this book is that the character's are all very witty and, in their own way, a little odd. The author does such a good job at allowing the characters to just be their own person. If it weren't for the editing issues, this book would have been a 5* for me. After a while, the lack of punctuation started to take a toll on the story. I will still read the first book in the series, but I would highly recommend that the author get a better publisher!

Great plot and interesting characters; but the editing is third grade. Examples; the Bay of Pigs plane changes from a C47 to a C 130 and at one point Eisenhower's name is screwed up. When they are bringing up the gold they don't get that right either and it goes.....on

I purchased this "E-Book" for 3 reasons: (1) reader ratings, (2) location - Key West, and (3) price. I figured I couldn't go far wrong for the cost. The author's prolific output combined with the superlatives of apparently numerous avid readers persuaded me to give it a try. Unfortunately, page 1 of the story begins with a description of a bar on "Duvall" Street in Key West (Roosevelt BOULEVARD also becomes Roosevelt STREET). I'm thinking O.K., so maybe it's a simple, unintended typo or perhaps misspelled for some "artistic" reason. But the same misspelling recurs every time I see the name. Makes me wonder if he's ever actually been there. Well, no big deal - right? Then on page 2, I see that a gull investigates a smoldering cigar butt to see if it's "eatable" - NOT edible, mind you, but "eatable." Again, no big deal. In another early chapter, the lead character discovers a "Top Secret" dossier marked with a code name "Mongoose" plus "ONE WORD" beneath it that really got his attention. It turns out that the one word was actually several words. Anyway, combine repeated misspellings with convoluted grammar, geographical juxtapositions of main streets ... I simply couldn't go beyond chapter 5. I deleted the book from my Kindle and will NEVER read (or attempt to read) another Pettit book, even if they're giving them away. The story lines may be clever and well conceived, the characters may be intriguing and the settings may be alluring, but the editing, or more precisely, the COMPLETE LACK THEREOF makes it just too damned distracting to ignore. Geeze-o-Pete! Surely this guy can afford an English grad student to give a quick proofing before he puts something out for general consumption.

This is my third Mike Pettit Action Mystery and I thoroughly enjoyed each of them. The author certainly knows about Key West and crime in the Caribbean. His main character is Jack Marsh and along with Jack's friends they are in trouble all the time. I love storys that have me holding my breath as I read through the action scenes, and I love the way Marsh always seems to scrape by without being killed. In this story Jack Marsh is living on the edge as he searches for millions in gold in the Florida Strait. I recommend this book to all those that enjoy a fast paced action story.

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