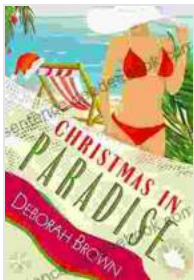


# Christmas in Paradise: A Florida Keys Mystery 13

## Chapter 1: Silent Night, Deadly Night

It was Christmas Eve in the Florida Keys, and the air was thick with anticipation. The streets were decorated with lights and garlands, and the sound of Christmas carols filled the air. But for Sheriff Jim Malone, there was no time for holiday cheer. He was on his way to investigate the murder of a wealthy widow in her Key Largo mansion.



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When Malone arrived at the scene, he found the victim, Mrs. Emily Hamilton, lying dead in her living room. She had been stabbed multiple times in the chest. The house was in shambles, and it was clear that a struggle had taken place.

Malone and his team began their investigation by questioning the victim's family and friends. They learned that Mrs. Hamilton was a well-respected member of the community, and that she had no known enemies. She was also very wealthy, and her death could have been financially motivated.

As the investigation progressed, Malone and his team uncovered a tangled web of secrets and lies. They discovered that Mrs. Hamilton had been having an affair with a younger man, and that she was planning to divorce her husband. They also learned that she had been embezzling money from her family's business.

With each new piece of information, Malone and his team came closer to solving the case. They eventually identified the killer as Mrs. Hamilton's husband, who had been driven to murder by jealousy and greed.

## **Chapter 2: The Twelve Days of Christmas**

With the killer behind bars, Malone was finally able to enjoy the holiday season. He spent Christmas Eve with his family, and he attended Christmas Mass at the local church. He was grateful to be alive and well, and he was thankful for the opportunity to serve his community.

But Malone's peace was short-lived. On the twelfth day of Christmas, he was called to investigate another murder. This time, the victim was a young woman who had been found dead in her apartment. She had been strangled, and her body showed signs of sexual assault.

Malone and his team quickly realized that this murder was different from the previous one. The victim was not wealthy, and she had no known enemies. She was also not involved in any criminal activity.

As the investigation progressed, Malone and his team discovered that the victim had been working as a prostitute. They also learned that she had been involved in a relationship with a local drug dealer.

Malone and his team eventually identified the killer as the drug dealer, who had killed the victim in a fit of rage. He was arrested and charged with murder.

### **Chapter 3: The Star of Bethlehem**

With the second murder solved, Malone was finally able to take a break from the holiday madness. He spent New Year's Eve with his family, and he reflected on the past year. He was grateful for the opportunity to serve his community, and he was hopeful for the future.

But Malone's peace was once again short-lived. On the first day of the New Year, he was called to investigate a third murder. This time, the victim was a homeless man who had been found dead in an alleyway.

Malone and his team quickly realized that this murder was different from the previous two. The victim was not wealthy, and he had no known enemies. He was also not involved in any criminal activity.

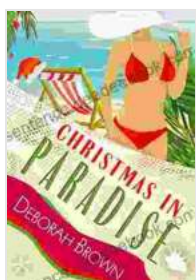
As the investigation progressed, Malone and his team discovered that the victim had been a former police officer. He had been fired from the force several years earlier, and he had been living on the streets ever since.

Malone and his team eventually identified the killer as a fellow police officer, who had killed the victim in a fit of rage. He was arrested and charged with murder.

## Epilogue

The holiday season was finally over, and Malone was able to take a well-deserved break. He spent time with his family, and he reflected on the past year. He was grateful for the opportunity to serve his community, and he was hopeful for the future.

But Malone knew that the holiday season would not be the same without the murders that had plagued the Florida Keys. He was determined to bring justice to the victims, and he was confident that he would be able to solve the cases.



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