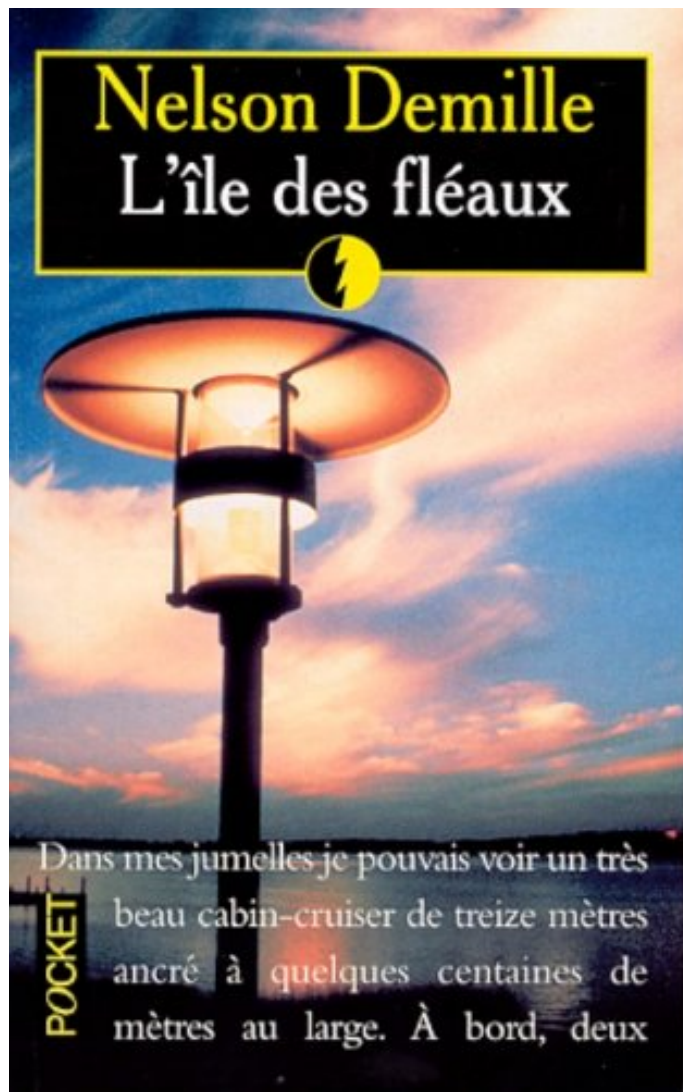

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Description

The hair-raising suspense of *The General's Daughter*... the wry wit of *The Gold Coast*...this is vintage Nelson DeMille at the peak of his originality and the height of his powers.

Wounded in the line of duty, NYPD homicide cop John Corey is convalescing in rural eastern Long Island when an attractive young couple he knows is found shot to death on the family patio. The victims were biologists at Plum Island, a research site rumored to be an incubator for germ warfare. Suddenly, a local double murder takes on shattering global implications -- and thrusts Corey and two extraordinary women into a dangerous search for the secret of PLUM ISLAND....

Insightful reviews

Jenny Maloney: Ah...sarcastic narrators. This book's got one.

"I gripped my right ear and twisted, which is how I tune out idiots."

Unfortunately, it's apparent that everyone *except* John Corey (our fearless, convalescing-from-getting-shot-on-the-job narrator/hero) is an idiot. I sorta wish that his ear had been turned off for some larger chunks of the book -- because the reader has to wade through a lot of red herrings and *schtuff* to get to the meat of the book.

For example, getting a tour of Plum Island, the spot where world-threatening viruses are studied and possibly stolen, shouldn't be so long and tedious. For an example of that: there are numerous mentions of the ospreys -- but don't get all excited. It's not a clue. Apparently the bird has nothing more to do with the story than a narrative motif, which doesn't quite come off for me. The tour of Plum Island takes 100 pages and by the time you reach the end, witty repartee like

"I had to ask, 'But is the female screwworm fulfilled?'
'She must be,' Zollner replied. 'She never mates again.'
Beth offered, 'There's another way to look at that.'"

is just a little frustrating. You want INFORMATION, not wit, by that point.

That being said, the characters are certainly likeable (you know, except for the ones you're not supposed to like)

And even the false leads are intriguing. Pirate treasure, virus hunting, international intrigue,

historical implications, etc. You just can't get much better than that. The whole thing is an adventurer's wet dream. It's fun to go and figure stuff out along with Corey -- though the turn might be a little too easy to catch. I mean, I got the gist before they left Plum Island...which might explain why a lot of the copious detail felt, well, *copious*.

~Jenny

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Kathy: Excellent. Would love to meet this author. His humor "kills" me! I usually read 2-3 books per week but this is the FIRST ONE BY NELSON DEMILLE. How could I have missed his books????????? No one told me. Finally my daughter passed along this book and I thoroughly enjoyed it. She told me that if I liked this one, I would really, really like the next two in this series.

I enjoyed the characters, the dialogue, plot and certainly the humor. Mr. DeMille is just an excellent storyteller. The book was written in 1997, so I have a lot of catching up to do with this author.

There are good guys and bad guys herein but good luck figuring out who is who. John Corey, is a NYPD homicide detective who is convalescing from wounds that he received on the job. The local police ask John for his advice about a double homicide and we are off and running.

Kathy Davie: First in the John Corey suspense series revolving around a cop in New York City convalescing from bullet wounds. Although, the story actually takes place in Long Island.

My Take

Oh my god. I swear, if you look up "snark" in the dictionary, you'll find John Corey's picture. He is so incredibly funny as the sarcasm just falls right out of his mouth.

Early on, John visits the murder scene (as a consultant for the cops), and the homicide detective in charge is annoyed at what appears to be some lookie-loo on her scene:

"Excuse me."

"You're excused."

"Excuse me, are you supposed to be here?"

"I'm here with the band."

And it just keeps gettin' better!

I am curious how the pay offer falls from \$100 a day to a week to \$1 a day.

It's powerplays, subterfuge, history, and plain old detective work that solves this one. An excellent example of keeping one's mind open. Sadly, it's also an endorsement for sticking to the rules, sigh.

It's also a lesson in changing your locks!

I enjoyed the bit of piratical history for the area. I also enjoyed Corey's idea of a morning-after gift... Who knew guys did stuff like that?

The Story

While convalescing at his Uncle Harry's 1890s Victorian farmhouse, friends are murdered, and Max wants Corey to be his backup since he's the one with the homicide experience and Max isn't.

It's not something Corey wants to be involved in. Partly because he's on the disabled list and isn't supposed to be doing policework, and partly because he doesn't want to be involved with the FBI or the CIA.

But the Nashes are friends. And Corey can't resist sticking his nose in, especially when it means he can pull the noses of the FBI and CIA as they try to cover things up!

The Characters

John Corey is a NYC homicide detective convalescing from gunshot wounds incurred in the line of duty. *He "thinks the government should allocate one thousand silent 'e's' to New England and Long Island, and when they're used up, no one can have any more."* It doesn't take much to make him horny. **Dominic Fanelli** is his partner in NYC. **Detective Lieutenant Andrew Wolfe** is Corey's unhappy boss. **Jim and Lynne** are his siblings. **Robin Paine** is his ex-wife.

Sylvester "**Max**" Maxwell is the police chief of the Southold Town Police Department. Corey reckons he always looks out for number one. **Detective Elizabeth Penrose** is with Suffolk County homicide and in charge of the investigation. **George Foster** is FBI; **Ted Nash** is Department of Agriculture, a.k.a., CIA.

Plum Island personnel

Paul Stevens is the security chief with a stick up his...ahem; **Kenneth Gibbs** is his assistant. **Dr. Karl Zollner** is in charge of the labs; **Donna Albais** is his assistant. **Dr. Chen** is a colleague of the Gordons, and she spouts the party line.

Tom and Judy Gordon are biological research scientists exploring Ebola at Plum Island. They're imports from the Midwest and have really dug themselves into the island life from their Formula 303 boat to cultivating a friendship with a local vineyard owner, **Fredric Tobin** who can't seem to remember how friendly he was with the Gordons. **Margaret Wiley** sold them an acre of useless land. **Edgar Murphy** and his wife, **Agnes**, are the Gordons' neighbors. **Emma Whitestone** is the president of the Peconic Historical Society.

The Cover

The cover is very pretty with the night sky and the flashing yellow light of the Plum Island lighthouse.

The title is apropos as the Gordons' work---both pleasure and scientific---takes place on *Plum Island*.

Denise: A protagonist to die for. Bruce Willis's comeback movie, simply ready to be made.

Edward Lorn: With any evaluate I do, I ask myself a unmarried question: "How a lot do you care even if humans learn this book." This time, the answer's now not so simple. I in truth don't know even if everyone is drawn to Nelson DeMille. Dude has a following. He does not desire my help. Also, he isn't terrible, so i do not suppose the necessity to be satirical with my review. he is someplace among Greg Iles and Howard Stern. Basically, this man writes fairly verbose books for middle-aged men. there is a few point out of intercourse or knockers or ass on each page. a lot beer is swilled. each person cracks wise. for those who like that sort of thing, you want to get pleasure from yourself. If not, you will probably hate it. I must have hated this book. It was once predictable, the comedy wasn't continually funny, and the writing was once simple and repetitive. the most personality is a womanizer who sees each girl he comes throughout as an item to be filled, and the ladies he meets alongside the way in which really like that approximately him. there is one element the place a girl says, (I'm paraphrasing) "You're unlike so much men, John. so much males need to know extra approximately me. you simply are looking to have sex. i admire that approximately you." I needed to laugh. i do know a few of you girls like a stiff dick simply up to we adore a spot to place it, yet this got here off as foolish in places. not one of the girls during this publication may be pressured with strong, self sufficient females. One girl who is a murder detective permits the MC to go away her at the back of simply because she may well get her fragile little self hurt. Oh fuck off. The abnormal half is, I by no means desired to cease reading, and the easiest excuse i've got for that's this analogy. you recognize that one stupid-as-fuck pal all of us have? Well, should you don't, you are most likely that friend. simply saying. Anyballs, so all of us have that one pal who is dumber than a load of bricks dropped on a sexy ostrich, yet they're enjoyable to be around. if you want a math challenge done, you are not going to name Nelson. but when you are in a temper to drink thirty beers and burn a few shit, Nelson's certainly your visit guy. you do not invite him round your female friend simply because he is impolite and disgusting. but when you are ever awaiting a tussle with a buncha under the influence of alcohol rednecks, Nelson's gonna fuck 'em up for you. Yeah, that is this book. And yes. to handle the 800-pound swinging dick within the room, yes, this booklet is overlong. No e-book of this sort could be nearly six hundred pages. But, as soon as again, I by no means as soon as desired to cease reading. Take that for what it really is worth. In summation: If Columbo took all season to unravel a case rather than a unmarried episode, and then, whereas he was once trying to resolve the crime, he catcalled each passing lady and fucked those who did not run away, this e-book could be the result. you are both going to like it or hate it. Me? i am within the middle. i might learn extra approximately this character, yet i might must be within the correct temper for him. you women have your Mommy Porn and such. men have Nelson DeMille. so far as I see it, we are even. ultimate Judgment: the main sexist factor you are more likely to enjoy.

Gina: First booklet within the series, and that I fairly loved it! When I discovered out that DeMille wrote *The General's Daughter*, I did a bit extra learn on his 'John Corey' series. It sounds as if he hadn't desired to write a series, yet there have been too lots of his readers who sought after one other John Corey book. He'd been scared of his woman readers; what they might contemplate John as a character. He is cocky, tactless, crude, and a true ass, yet I cherished him. I enjoyed how his brain worked, how he processed what he saw, what he heard, what he read. As a lot of a jerk he can be, it made him who he is, and that I do not believe I may have requested for a greater character. I proposed Beth as an exceptional equivalent for him. She gave again nearly as good as she got, and that I imagine John wanted that. I used to be blissful that John met Emma. He wanted her in additional ways in which the obvious. I believe it made him a greater person. There used to be a twist during this plot, person who I did not see coming, and at first, I had the 'yeah, right' considered it. However the extra the path of the tale went that way, the extra I thought and the extra I loved the plot. Wasn't all that shocked through who the killer was, yet I cherished how John handled him and the situation. The motion was once great. I am certainly getting the remainder of the series.

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