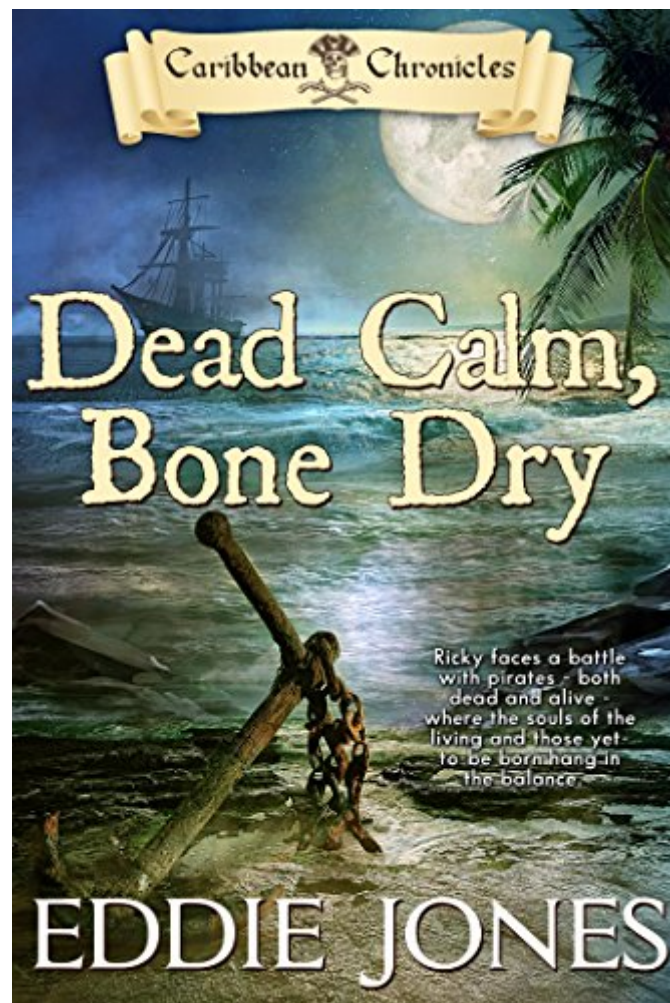




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Customer Reviews

I admit that I was drawn to this book for two reasons....I love pirate tales and the author shares the name of my late brother. Okay, the cover is awesome too!! I am so glad that I gave this author a try, because now I want to read all of his books. *Dead Calm, Bone Dry* is targeted at young boys and men, yet I, A WOMAN, loved it. It has adventure, humor, twists & turns and reads so quickly that you will be disappointed when it ends. Even though this is Book 2 in the series, it easily stands alone. I highly recommend this book to those who love clean, fun pirate stories. I was given a copy of this book by the author and was under no obligation to write a review. This is my honest opinion of the book.

This is a book boys will read; loaded with speculative fantasy, dry humor, a strong dose of violence and with a sprinkling of romance. *Dead Calm, Bone Dry*, continues Rickie's journey through mayhem and betrayals and what becomes more and more like a living hell. His quest mirrors his struggle to forgive, and with life and death and heaven and hell in the balance, Ricky must choose. The *Caribbean Chronicles* is one of those series where the first book seems incomprehensible without the second. But for those who will soldier through, there's a great entertainment value, along with a powerful and uplifting spiritual message.

This is a worthy sequel. The kind of story I would have loved when I was a tween, or early teen. There's pirates, always a cool thing for boys, gross body parts, grave robbers, man-eating monsters, and a fun-loving dog who attracts trouble like an old fish on the beach attracts flies. In *Dead Calm, Bone Dry*, Ricky Brawshaw returns in more tales of the Caribbean. The story begins with Ricky in a ship's brig on the way for a trial for piracy. If you wondered how things fared for our hero in *Blood Sails, Dark Hearts*, well, not so well. The freed captives didn't take to Ricky's version of golf using beach sand traps and turtle eggs. He had to leave Rebecca on the island, and she wasn't too happy facing down scores of hatched turtles. Now, Ricky is on his way to a hanging, and Barnacle is nowhere in sight to help Ricky return home. Rebecca is engaged to the man trying to keep Ricky out of the picture, and he finds out former friends are now foes. What's a poor, time-lost teen to do? Sail the Seven Seas of course. Just avoid Captain LaFoote who's out for revenge for taking his ship!

This is a great addition to the *Caribbean Chronicles*. This story is fun and interesting and keeps you guessing the whole time. I have had a fun time going along for the journey in these two stories.

Jones has a great talent for making a story come alive in your mind. This was a fun, clean, and interesting read. 5 Stars

How much adventure can one teenage boy stand? Plenty, if he has the resourcefulness of Ricky Bradshaw. But is Ricky dreaming? Hallucinating? Dead and caught between this world and the next? Even he's not sure at times, which only adds to the suspense. All the elements of a fun pirate yarn are here, including colorful characters with names like Earl the Butcher and Nelson "Weevil Biscuit," a vengeful commodore determined to send our young hero to the gallows, stolen ships plagued by rats and wood-burrowing teredo worms, a crew of abused and formerly imprisoned orphans, a lovely and pluckily resourceful maiden, and, of course, A Quest. Will Ricky survive the time- and world-hopping madness to resolve the deepest issues burning in his heart? Whether you're an armchair sailor or experienced deckhand, senior citizen or still in school, one thing's for sure— you'll be rooting for him at every step of his journey.

This book was so much fun to read! It obviously stands alone because I haven't read the first one yet, but I am going to have to get it and read it. It's not just the twists and turns but the overall fun of the book. And then the whammy at the end. Adults will enjoy this book as well as teenagers. I was given a copy of this book by the author for my honest opinion. Highly recommended!

This heart-pounding adventure is perfect for teen boys as the author yanks his hero, Ricky, from one pirate adventure to another. Is Ricky is dreaming, in hades or time traveling? ? Teen-aged boys or anyone who loves a good pirate story will be cheering on Ricky as his risky adventures keep him teetering between life and death. Jones's vivid and unvarnished descriptions of the Caribbean Islands and pirate life makes his latest offering for teen boys a wild ride. Dead Calm, Bone Dry will pin you to the the wall, release you and then make you chuckle. And for those readers who are paying attention, he adds another layer to the story by throwing in some life lessons and biblical truths about what's really important in life...and it's not gold coins. I give this book five stars for giving young men an adventure they won't forget.

This was an interesting book. While this is the second book in the series (and I have not yet read the first), this book can easily be read and understood without the background of the first book. This book was a fun and enjoyable read. I was given a copy of this book by the author and am voluntarily reviewing this book.

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