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ISLAND STING

BY BONNIE J. DOERR

WHEN CITY GIRL KENZIE RYAN MOVES TO A FLORIDA WILDLIFE REFUGE, SHE PLUNGES STRAIGHT INTO AN ECO-MYSTERY.

Kenzie trades New York streets for Keys pollution cleanup, and now, instead of hailing cabs, she's tracking down a poacher of endangered Key deer. Her new home does have some benefits—mainly Angelo, an island native, who teams up with her to nab the culprit. But will they both survive when the killer turns from stalking deer to hunting humans?

PRAISE FOR ISLAND STING:

“Island Sting is a fast-paced, environmental thriller that teens will tear into. Once you start reading, you’ll find yourself flipping pages as fast as you can, eager to find out what happens next. Great action, great characters, and a message that will resonate with readers of all ages.”

~Frances O’Roark Dowell, Edgar-award-winning author of Dovey Coe, Chicken Boy, The Secret Language of Girls, and Shooting the Moon

“Impetuous Kenzie, dashing Angel, and a fascinating cast of four-legged characters make green go down easy in this fast-paced eco-mystery.”

~Louise Hawes, award-winning author of Black Pearls, Waiting for Christopher, and Rosey in the Present Tense

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To read *Island Sting* is to experience culture shock along with fifteen-year-old Kenzie Ryan after her move from New York City to Big Pine Key, Florida.

Having attended a northeastern girls' academy since pre-kindergarten in no way prepares Kenzie for island life in a subtropical wildlife refuge.

ABOUT KENZIE

I wish I were more like my character Kenzie. She's fearless and a born leader. I think I created her to be what I'm not. I'm timid about trying new things and nowhere near the athlete she is. Plus, I often overthink a situation before I act upon it. Kenzie is impulsive, which does get her into a wee bit of trouble sometimes. But she has many more exciting adventures than I!

MYSTERIES TO PONDER

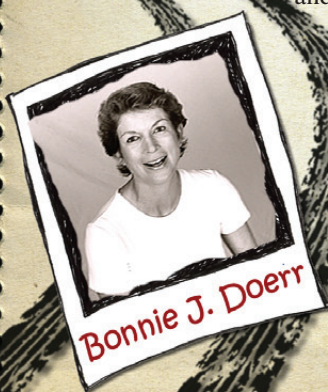
If you could help protect an endangered species, which one would it be? Are there any established organizations to protect the species you chose? Besides sending the organization money, what specific actions could you take to help? Throughout the book, Kenzie doesn't have a cell phone. Why doesn't she? If you had to go without a cell phone, how would your life change? When the term "endangered species" is heard, most people think of animals.

Research and then list both the plants and animals that are threatened or endangered in your state. Explain the difference between "threatened" and "endangered."

ABOUT BONNIE

Bonnie has been wild about nature from birth. When Bonnie was a child she built huge nests of mowed grass, placed basketball-eggs in them, and became an eagle. As she played with nature, she also played with words. She gradually learned to put words together for humans, arranging them in works from poetry to news articles.

Bonnie became a teacher so she could help others have fun with words. She now writes for teens. It's her way of becoming Peter Pan.



FUN STUFF:

1. Examine the cover of *Island Sting*. What elements are incorporated in the design? (bullet holes, skid marks, road sign, words of warning, hoof prints, etc.). What feeling might the cover convey to a reader?
2. Using different sources (several dictionaries, including Encarta, web searches, etc.), what usages and meanings for the word "sting" can you find?