



Title: Hatchet Island

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Description:

After Mike Bowditch receives a cry for help from a research station on a Maine seabird island, he and his girlfriend, biologist Stacey Stevens, find the researchers in terror.

The defenseless crew of four is being threatened by local fishermen, stalked by a mysterious boatman who seems intent on trespassing on the refuge, and afflicted with a leader the projects charismatic founder, Maeve McLeary whose mind is slowly unraveling after the unexplained suicide of a young intern.

When tragedy strikes in the night, Mike and Stacey find themselves pulled back to the puffin island, thrust into a double homicide investigation, and a desperate search for a missing researcher who may or may not be the murderer.

Evidence also points to the inhabitants of two nearby islands, Ayers and Hatchet, both of which are owned by infamous photographer Clay Markham and his controlling wife Alyce.

Mike suspects that one of these islanders is secretly a killer, but can he and Stacey discover the truth before they themselves become the next targets

Reviews

Publishers Weekly (starred review):

Exceptional...The author is especially good at conveying the islands creepy atmosphere, and the taut plot features numerous shocking twists while further developing an already complex lead. Doiron is writing at the top of his game.

Booklist (starred review):

Following Dead by Dawn (2021), Doiron again delivers what weve come to expect from this series: brilliant characterizations, relentless action and suspense, and an intricately plotted narrative. The perfect vacation read.