

# Island of Bones: Essays on American Lives



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## By David Quammen

In his new book, *Island of Bones*, David Quammen turns his keen eye to the lives of Americans, both famous and obscure. The essays in this collection explore the human condition in all its complexity, from the darkest depths of despair to the highest heights of hope.

Quammen begins with a look at the American criminal justice system, focusing on the case of a young man named Michael Morales. Morales was convicted of murder and sentenced to death, but his case has raised serious questions about the fairness of the death penalty.

In another essay, Quammen profiles a woman named Susan Smith, who drowned her two young sons in a lake. Smith's case is a reminder of the terrible toll that mental illness can take on families.

But *Island of Bones* is not all about darkness and despair. Quammen also writes about American heroes, such as the firefighters who risked their lives to save others on 9/11. These essays are a testament to the resilience and strength of the American spirit.

Quammen's writing is clear and engaging, and he provides a fresh perspective on some of the most important issues facing American society today. *Island of Bones* is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the human condition.

### **Essays in *Island of Bones***

- "The Man Who Killed His Sons"
- "The Woman Who Murdered Her Children"
- "The Firefighters of 9/11"
- "The American Way of Death"
- "The *Island of Bones*"

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"Quammen's writing is clear, concise, and always illuminating. *Island of Bones* is a must-read for anyone interested in the human condition." - The New York Times

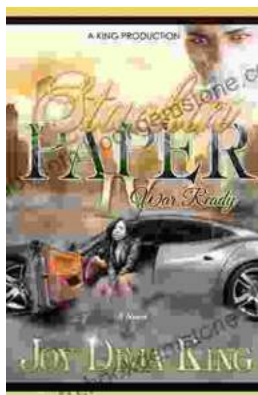
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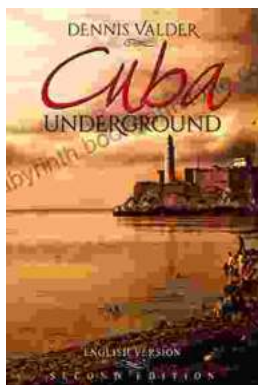
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