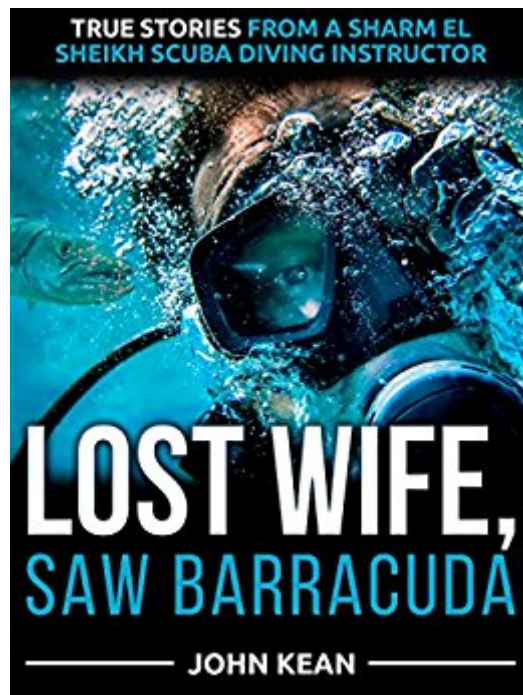




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Lost Wife, Saw Barracuda: True Stories From A Sharm El Sheikh Scuba Diving Instructor



Synopsis

Want to leave the rat race? John thought his new life abroad would be simple; go to work and teach people to scuba dive. How wrong he would be. For over a decade, this ex-stockbroker has been chased by aggressive sharks, had a 737 airliner drop from the sky into the sea, broken four bones, been arrested three times and finally, blown up by terrorists. On the plus side, John earned a decent living by convincing over 2,000 paying students to stick their heads underwater and start breathing. His accounts are genuine, enlightening and seriously funny. YouTMll find a laugh on nearly every page. The most explosive chapter is his chilling, minute-by-minute account of the Sharm bombings in July 2005. John KeanTMs rare civilian insight of a grand scale terrorist attack shows the human cost of those caught up and the tremendous resolve of unlikely rescuers in preventing further loss of life. Lost Wife, Saw Barracuda will thrill and entertainTM and make you thankful that youTMre alive. Read it now. What the readers sayTM | An Excellent Read. ... Brilliant Book!!TM | Hilarious!TM | Very funny and thoroughly enjoyable. ... Fantastic. ... I Read it Twice.... A super special book, fun to read and enjoyed every page. ... Funny, informative and very well written. ... An Exceptional and Captivating Book. ... Great stories about scuba diving and life in general. ... Thought the narration and stories were excellent. ... It's laugh out loud funny. ItTMs a must read if youTMve ever been even remotely near water!

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Customer Reviews

I really enjoyed this book about diving - a sport that my terror of water would never allow me to try! It's written in a very accessible style, by an author with a likeable voice and a great attitude to both himself and the people with whom he comes in contact. I found the descriptions of what a diving course entails very interesting - I hadn't realized how much effort and care goes into the teaching of this skill. I also now have a vivid picture of Sharm el Sheik and its many natural wonders, seen from the perspective of a long-term, although not jaded, resident. The mystery of the odd title provides an understated view of what was undoubtedly a dreadful day for the author! I would recommend this book as a light and entertaining read, well worth the time.

I loved John Kean's book *Lost Wife, Saw Barracuda*. I read the Kindle version and couldn't put it down for the day or so it took me to get through it. I have recently discovered scuba, later in life, and everything he writes about the scuba business seems so true to my own experiences, and gives great insight into what it's like from the dive guide/instructor perspective. I have more respect for them, having read this book. The book is humorous throughout (having read the book, even the re-reading the title makes me smile as it's such a great punch line). I haven't been to Sharm but got my start snorkeling in Nuweiba in the 70s (during Israeli occupation) and I know the diving and snorkeling are spectacular on the red sea. I think the Open Water class John taught is much more thorough than the one I took in Hawaii (two days total to get certified) and it makes me wonder what I missed. It would be great to go to Sharm for some advanced classes. John shares his journey from IT professional in the UK to dive instructor in Egypt and gives a lot of insight into the issues and compromises one makes. I look forward to more books from him!

I loved this book. Oh, I loved it! I am not a scuba diver. But I have a fair insight into the sport, what with my daughter and son-in-law being ardent divers. From pool practice to nitrox, I have heard it all. Yet re-gathering the same from John Kean proved extremely entertaining. His lucid pen oozes apt metaphors, without banishing the reader to cohabit the thesaurus. Reading it on the Kindle, I kept right ã screen tapping my phone with the ã excitement of a cat in a Whiskas factory. ã Ever wondered (like Kean does) how every shipwreck transforms into an

underwater museum for scuba divers, but not a single air-crash site is of any tourist relevance? Kean is big time rib-tickler. The *cadaver* swaps places with a drowning Kean during his rescue diver course. That robber wreck-diver, losing his pants in the flicking act, *auditions* like an underwater porn artist *scurrying* to cover his bums. Still, descriptions of the snorkeler's tragic end or the aftermath of Sharm bombings are a study in sobriety. Kean's vivid details of the sunk WWII SS *Thistlegorm* with its well-preserved rows of motorbikes, cannons and rifles, like *in an underwater shopping mall*, would send any diver jetting off to Sharm El Sheikh. Lesser mortals need to hear from a daughter, or invest in his other book *SS Thistlegorm - World War Two's Greatest Shipwreck*. Wait! Is Sharm El Sheikh a safe place to visit after all of Egypt's political turmoil? Well, once I read his *Sharks, Fights and Motorbikes - When it Rains in Egypt*, I will know. I can't wait to.

Another great book by John Kean, very interesting tho if you're only buying one book I found his book on deep diving records incredible, just brilliant. Both GREAT books though, this is a wonderful insight into what happens when you chuck your corporate life in the UK and become an instructor in Egypt and it spans an enormous period of time. Highly recommended. Read both, I did :)

I initially got this book because my husband and I are eager to dive in Egypt / the Red Sea. I was not disappointed! The stories and diving adventures captured in this work kept me engaged and were a delight to read. I highly recommend this short book as a fun read and one that gives you a greater perspective of the adventures that await you as a diving instructor!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. To me at least it's primarily a humorous book but it also gives the reader an idea of what it's like to live and work in a different culture. To someone who is interested in learning to dive, it gives some idea what the certification process is like though this is not the primary purpose of the book. It certainly will promote the pleasures of diving in the aspiring diver. As a scuba instructor myself, I can relate to many of the stories he recounts. And the source of the book title is a hoot in itself. Again, this is a book you read primarily for entertainment and it is a great light read. However you will also learn some things about Egypt, scuba diving, scuba instructing and people in general. The book is well written and edited.

One of my favorite travel memoirs ever. A lot of Diving Instructor memoirs turn into stories about why the author believes he/she are the god/goddess of diving and the best ever *this one*

doesn't. There's just enough explanation of principles important to diving to inform non-divers of what's going on but not in so much detail that it's boring/repetitive for dive industry professionals. Well done Sir, well done.

Great book and worth reading to get the title story. Enjoyed all the books by Mr. Kean.

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