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## Coconut Telegraph Spotlight on Author/Musician Rick Chesler

by Marilee Free

From the depths of the oceans to the far reaches of outer space, Amazon best-selling author Rick Chesler's stories will take your mind on a thrilling journey. Whether scuba diving the Titanic in search of a lost map of Noah's Ark in 'Ark Found,' searching for the lost city of Atlantis in the 'Atlantis Gold,' or even battling zombie dinosaurs in 'Jurassic Dead,' Rick's stories will keep you on the edge of your seat with every page turned.

Writing full time since 2013, Rick has published 32 novels, many of them bestsellers. How does he do it? His method is having the self-discipline to promote his books by day and write and edit them every night. Marketing his works on Amazon and many social media outlets keeps his books flying off the shelves or downloaded at the speed of light. Books are available in printed paperback, eBook, and audiobook formats. From his background in marine biology and his love of scuba diving and nature, he has done extensive research on his stories' subjects. His 'action adventures' and 'creature features' masterfully craft cutting-edge technology, with historic prologues, offering diverse locations, and 'what if' scenarios.

Since childhood, Rick has read hundreds, possibly thousands of books. He attributes reading to his writing success. For some novels, he teams up with co-authors to create some intriguing plots, creating characters and that captivating twist leading to the demand for numerous sequels. Drawing inspiration from 'Jurassic Park' legend Michael

Crichton and Clive Cussler with his Dirk Pitt series, he has a clear, believable, and descriptive writing style all his own.

Rick met his wife, Tabbatha, scuba diving the wrecks and reefs of the Florida Keys. Traveling to Fiji, Belize, Mexico, and the Bahamas, they have enjoyed diving around the world. Rick has lived in Southern California, Hawaii, and the Keys. When his son Finn was born, the couple was living in Southern California. They decided the Keys would be the perfect spot to raise him. Finn spent most of his fourth-grade year taking virtual classes at PKS while Tabbatha taught 4th and 5th grade English at Ocean Reef. They both will return to the classrooms at Ocean Reef Academy in the fall.

Rick is looking forward to much more travel with the family when the Covid variants are more under control. He hopes to attend the 2022 'Thriller Fest' in Times Square, New York, a thriller writer's convention, that was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. He says that luckily, he was not affected much by the deadly disease. During the pandemic, his book sales soared to new heights with people looking for entertainment while quarantined.

Taking a break from writing and the computer, Rick plays drums for the "Comfortably Rum" band Fridays at Amara Cay. You can also catch him tappin' the skins at the various local jam nights, where he will be happy to sign his latest thriller 'Golden One' for you.

When I asked what inspires him to keep turning out the stories, Rick said



Rick Chesler

he likes to give people an escape. Countless times he has been complimented by readers who were sick or hospitalized that said his stories got them through their ordeal. Audiobooks have opened the minds of a whole new audience who don't have the time to sit and read. The option of listening to books while commuting or cleaning the house fits conveniently into a busy lifestyle.

Ready for a thrill? Check out Rick's books, available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Audible. You can contact him on Facebook, Instagram or at [www.rickchesler.com](http://www.rickchesler.com).

