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Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles
wins Midwest Book Award


Minneapolis (June 2008)—Scarletta Press is pleased to announce that its Caribbean novel *Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles* has won a Midwest Book Award, sponsored by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association (MIPA), in the Commercial Fiction category.

Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles (ISBN 978-0-9765201-3-9) is the first novel by Charles Locks. He paints a portrait of paradise, the kind of place people visit to escape their problems. Unfortunately, for Captain Brian—the part-time sailor/philosopher and full-time hedonistic hero of the book—trouble has a way of finding him. First, his friend Leif the Thief is mysteriously murdered. Then the seductive Billie insists that they team up, in more ways than one, to solve the crime. Finally, a federal agent and a local constable make it their business to complicate Captain Brian’s carefree existence. All of this adds up to an entertaining mixture of shady characters, sunny places and escapist tropical fiction, written at a high literary level.

Marx Swanholm of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* says, “This debut mystery delivers more than a clever title ... [Locks] draws a vivid picture in intelligent, finished prose.”

Mitchell Kaplan, past president of the American Booksellers Association, writes that *Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles* is “a vivid, wild ride of a novel ... a story with the kind of murder and romance that my customers can’t get enough of.”

Greater Trouble in the Lesser Antilles was discovered by The Queue, a sister organization to Scarletta Press. The Queue awards publication spots to superb manuscripts, including those that might otherwise go unrecognized by mainstream publishers.

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