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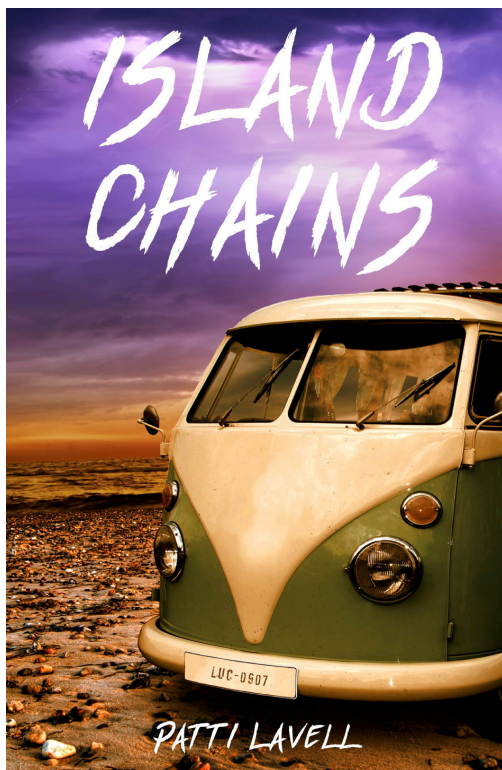
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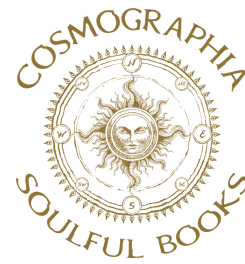
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Island Chains is a Modern American noir that is akin to the style that Guy Ritchie shoots his films in. Every character's journey is intertwined with another's and all while contending with an actual storm making landfall. A few elements and moments had me taken aback in shock but within the novel's universe made sense. I am looking forward to the next novel because Lavell's style crooks its finger and hooks you with characters that feel real, mystery that just doesn't stop, and covers it all with a tasty, tasty frosting of thrilling intrigue. - AMAZON REVIEWER



ABOUT THE BOOK

Welcome to Islamorada, a Florida Keys island chain where no one is in a hurry unless its to get to happy hour. Every July, thousands of people arrive for Mini Season. Some, like Pattycakes Farley, are looking for an idyllic, boozy life in a sun-soaked paradise. Others, like local Stella Callahan, are simply trying to hold on to a crappy job so they can put food on the table.

But this year, Mini Season brings a boatload of unexpected surprises. Stella's husband, Louis, ends up dead at the end of their dock. Pattycakes, who just got hired at the local gentleman's club—The Snatch Patch—goes missing while working a private party.

Officer Chris Hammond's gun and radio are stolen from the trunk of his squad car. Bart Levine, a small-time drug dealer searching for his next fix, has a wheelchair-bound young woman—and her prescriptions—held hostage in a trailer. Oh, and a Category 5 hurricane is about to blow the seedy underbelly of "paradise" wide open. You won't want to miss it.

Island Chains is a thrilling, gritty, and often funny exposé of the chains of pleasure and addiction in the Florida Keys—drugs, sex, alcohol, pills—and the evils that fuel them. Best enjoyed with an adult beverage.

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