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Where is Joe Merchant? That's what his sister, Trevor Kane, the hemorrhoid-ointment heiress, wants to know. For Desdemona, Merchant is the missing link in her ongoing communications with space aliens. Tabloid journalist Rudy Breno only cares that Merchant gets bigger headlines than Elvis. And for renegade seaplane pilot Frank Bama, the mystery of the presumed-dead-but-often-sighted rock star is turning his life upside down.

In his debut novel, Jimmy Buffett cooks up an irresistible gumbo of dreamers, wackos, pirates, and sharks, as he leads Trevor and Frank on a wild chase through the Caribbean Islands to a place where anything can happen . . . and everything does.

### Where Is Joe Merchant? Details

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## From Reader Review Where Is Joe Merchant? for online ebook

### **Jim Townsend says**

A fun romp involving pirates, mercenaries, flyboys, a talking dolphin, and prostitutes, all looking for a dead rock star who may or may not be really dead.

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### **Les says**

This is a funny book. We have a woman Desdemona who is building a space ship to travel to the stars. Some of the chapters in the book is Jimmy Buffett title of songs. The premise of the book is Frank Buma who has a sea plane and owes money to the bank and is worried that the bank is going to take it over. He is in love with a girl named Trevor Kane. She left him and now returns to him to look for her brother Joe Merchant. He was to have jump off a cruise ship, but is still alive according to this woman Desdemona. It has great characters and is a fun book to read.

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### **John Patterson says**

If you have any sense of island adventure anywhere in you this story will take you into Jimmy's world and leave you wanting more. This is one story that should have never ended. I read this years ago and am still left wanting more. You don't have to be a dire hard parrot head to get taken into this magical world where pages come alive and take you beyond where you are into a far far better place. I still miss being there.

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### **Perry says**

I have a Parrot Head friend who insisted I read this book. Said it was his summer time ritual :) I have to admit I was pretty surprised at how much I liked it. Perhaps the characters are a bit too kooky and over the top at times but hey its meant to be a fun read.

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### **Heather O'Brien says**

I loved this book so much. As if it's not enough that I adore Jimmy Buffett's music - he had to go and become a great storyteller, too? Man. Wish he'd write more like this. Adored it. Made me want to move to Florida...even more than I already do.

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### **Peggy says**

I read this a long time ago and this is what I remember: Not bad, not great. I was just thrilled to be reading something from Jimmy Buffet. The book reminded me of one of his songs and that was enough at the time.

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## David Ward says

Where is Joe Merchant? by Jimmy Buffett (Mariner Books 1992) (Fiction). Is there anything Jimmy Buffett doesn't do well? It's not enough that he's a fantastic singer/songwriter with a devoted ban of fun-loving followers (The Parrotheads), it turns out he's a fine fiction writer as well. In Where is Joe Merchant?, Buffett creates a rock and roll star who has disappeared into the Caribbean. There are sharks, rum drinks, and space aliens; hilarity ensues. Well done, Jimmy B! My rating: 7/10, finished 1997.

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## Jen says

I must confess, I'm not usually one for fiction, but I have loved this book since I read the cover. I still can't place my finger on what I love so much about it, but I think it's just the general nature of the book. It just has character. It had a lot of character investment and a multiple layered plot - those two things together make any book enjoyable to me. I couldn't put it down, and I still can't when I read it, which is quite frequently. It is definitely a favorite.

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## Jerry-Mac says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!  
<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/13599398>

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## Patti says

Jimmy Buffett is a good story-teller. Count on beaches, adventure, friends ... a fun, easy read. Some of his ideas are out there, but hey -- why not? Tall tales are part of story telling.

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## Mimi says

I can honestly say that this book appealed to both the avid reader AND the avid Parrothead in me! This was interesting and entertaining, with a typically Jimmy Buffett exotic setting and some fascinating and bizarre characters. Characters such as Frank Bama, Trevor Kane, Blanton Meyercord (my personal favorite!), Rudy Breno, Charlie Fabian, Colonel Cairo and of course the amazing Desdemona all made this a hard-to-put-down story.

A special note for Parrotheads: Although this is a book for anyone who likes reading bizarre love & adventure stories, Parrotheads will especially appreciate the subtle (and even not-so-subtle) references to your favorite Buffett songs. Pay special attention to the names of the chapters! :->

Anyone who has always wondered about Desdemona while listening to "Fruitcakes" and "Desdemona's Building a Rocket ship" should definitely read this book - all the answers are here!

### **Lori says**

The only reason this book got published is because the author is Jimmy Buffet. Please stick to song writing and skip the novels!

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### **Kristal says**

Nothing beats island-hopping around the Caribbean, chasing after the love of your life while running from pirates and bounty hunters and jet ski killers. And a cosmic physic who talks to dolphins! What a fun ride! Definitely earns the tag 'beach read'.

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### **Lynette says**

OK - this book was just fun fun fun. I loved it. It's ridiculous and hilarious and I loved it. The. End.

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### **Kevin Findley says**

Certainly not the best book I've read in a few years, but it was definitely one of the most fun books I've read in a long time.

It is difficult to talk about Frank Brillo and his cast of characters without giving something away. I won't even try, so I'll just say this:

You will smile and laugh as you read it. You will gasp at the danger and love the ending.

Read it!

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