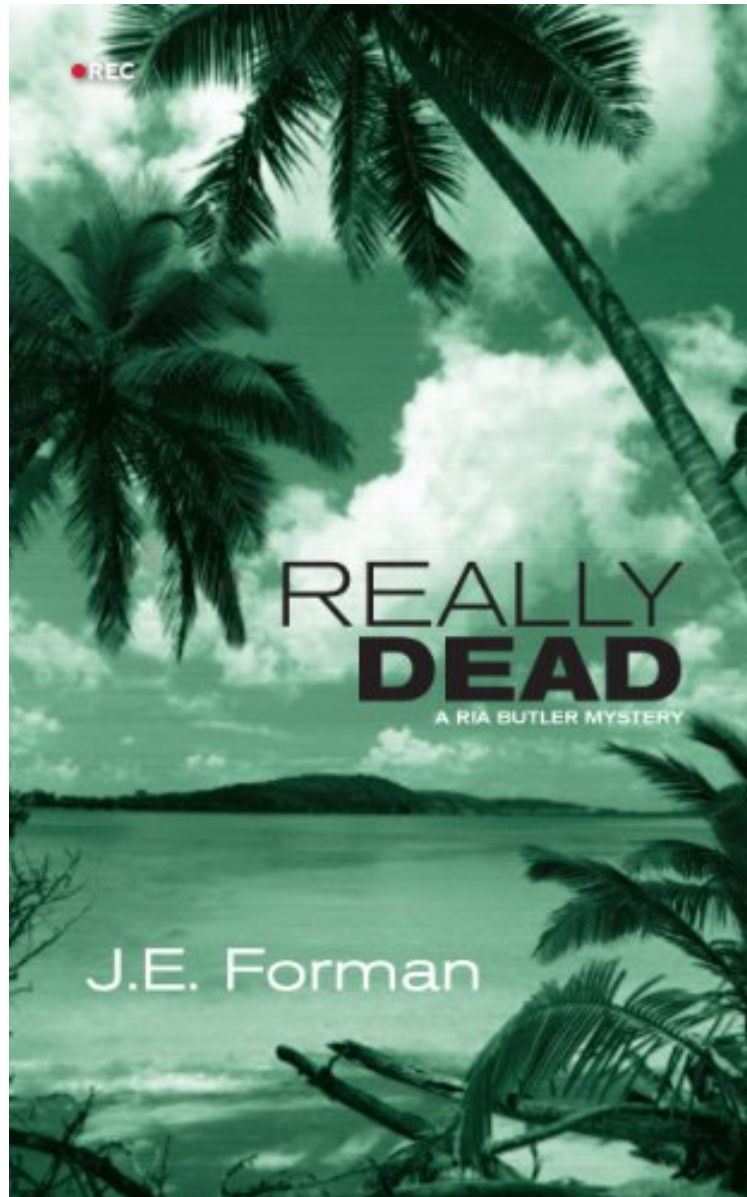


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J.E. Forman : Really Dead: A Ria Butler Mystery before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Really Dead: A Ria Butler Mystery:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I love this book!By GuestWhat a fun and engaging read. A great mystery with a wonderful island backdrop. Ria's take on life is skewed just enough and I looked forward to each of her observations that she dare not say in her out loud voice. There's a hint that another installment of Ria and Glenn is

forthcoming. Nothing would make me happier as I truly hated to come to the end of this book. Well done, J.E. Forman!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. When action is called on this set, they really mean business!By nightreaderAn entertaining romp in the British Virgin Islands as a TV reality show is in the multiple forms of production. Ria Butler is just returning from a trip in the Andes when she receives a call from her brother's friend to come to the British Virgin Islands. Forget Galapagos and the promised photo for her niece of a blue-footed boobie, she is on her way via a number of flights.As a travel writer, Ria Butler has seen many strange and interesting things, but nothing could have prepared her for what she finds when she arrives on the set of the reality show her brother James is producing. When she finally gets to the island where filming takes place she finds herself unable to avoid being under surveillance everywhere. How will she be able to find out from Rob, James' friend, what prompted his urgent call that James may be in trouble?On her arrival James certainly seems to have both hands and more full with his room-mate, presumably not the trouble referred to. Ria does smell a mystery, though, and her curiosity expands the more she gets to know the cast and crew, but goes into overdrive when it comes to James' partner the obnoxious Dan, and Albert the mysterious courier, curiously coming and going at odd times flying between the islands and Toronto, delivering canvas bags one way and carrying a metal case back.When action is called on this set, they really mean business! Fast-paced and unexpected action. As a reality show, competition runs in the extreme with the finale about to be filmed. With the assistance from afar of Ria's boyfriend Glenn, an investigative reporter, the mystery deepens. A young member of the crew has disappeared and left behind her luggage and her severed foot...or was that a production prop? Why do the police in Toronto say she is at home and whole? I loved this book, not just for the mystery and intrigue, but for the feel of the excitement, practical jokes, hustle and bustle of TV production. Well-written and taut, great characters, J.E. Forman knows what she's talking about. I'm happy to learn this book is first in the "Ria Butler series," a series I'm sure will have a long run.Disclaimer: I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. The words and rating are mine alone.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A mystery with a great setting :-))By kirstyvI generally do not read straight mystery books but how could I resist a story set in the British Virgin Islands?!Ria is a great character, constantly making jokes about her age and investigating a possible murder because of her loyalty to her brother James, who is the producer of the reality TV show.J E Forman heightens the feeling of unease on the islands by casting the majority of characters as hypothetical suspects.Ria and Glenn's relationship adds an extra melodrama to the story. Ria is using Glenn's investigatory skills to help her find the missing woman, whilst avoiding all mention of their romantic relationship. However, there is a shared wit between the pair, which is often needed to lighten the narrative.Really Dead kept me guessing until the 'big reveal' and I enjoyed J E Forman's writing style. I would happily read another Ria Blake mystery and recommend this book to others.I received this as a review copy, but this has had no influence on my opinion.

Murder isn't something that just happens on TV. Travel writer Ria Butler has to outsmart a killer on the set of a reality TV show. Ria is supposed to be looking at blue-footed boobies in the Galapagos. Instead, she circumnavigates her unsettled relationship with investigative reporter Glenn Cooper and flies to the set of the TV show that her brother is producing in the British Virgin Islands. On location, she learns a production assistant has gone missing only her tattooed foot has been found. While Ria tries to outwit a killer, Glenn tries to outlast Rias commitment detour, and a producer tries to outplay the police. When the reality series goes to air, it really does have the most dramatic finale ever and someone is Really Dead.

Really Dead stands out as a satisfying series debut (Quill Quire)the book moves at a speedy clip, with well-articulated plot points (National Post)Really Dead really delivers. There's humour, missing body parts, a producer everyone loves to hate, exotic locations, and a well-plotted mystery. (Mysterymavencdn.blogspot.ca) When reality TV collides with a real-life murder it makes for a must-read mystery novel. J.E. Forman is a superb storyteller. (Tracie Tighe, executive producer of CBC Dragons Den)About the AuthorJ.E. Forman was once a relatively sane television producer. She moved from cameras to keyboards, adding screenwriter and romance novelist (under a pseudonym) to her list of credits. Really Dead is her first mystery. She's already working on Ria and Glenn's next case from her home base in Toronto.