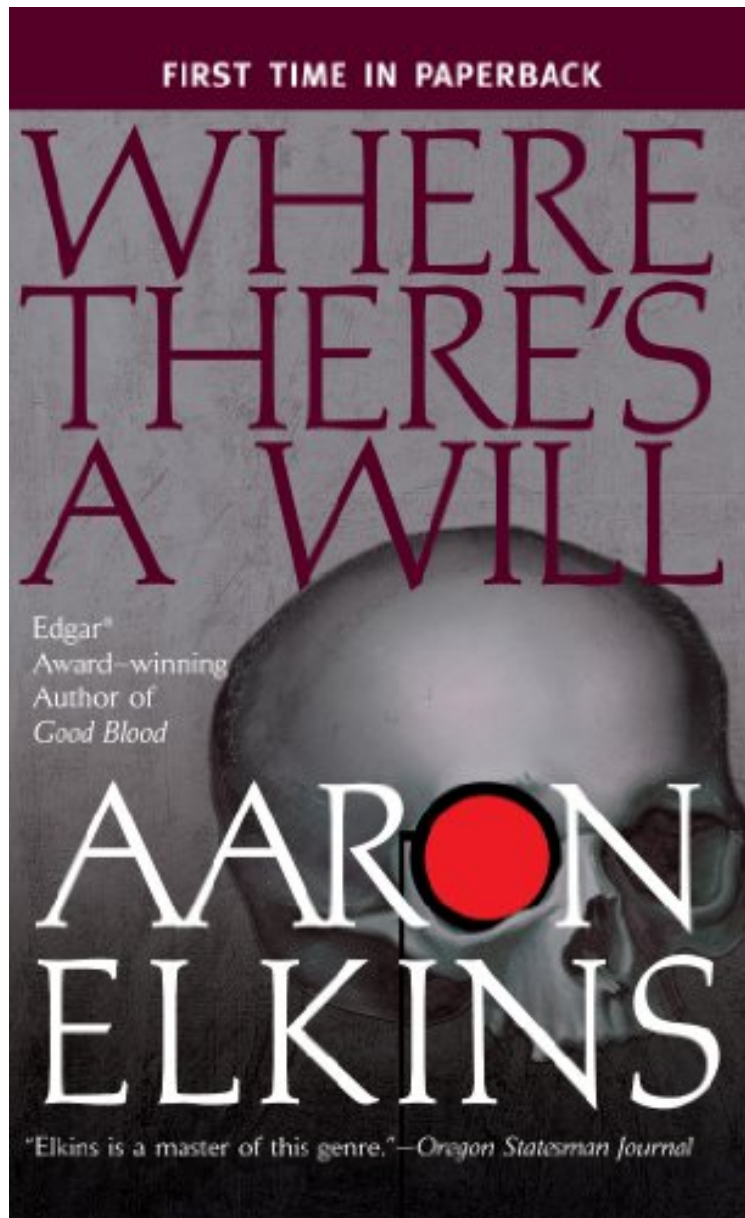


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Von Aaron Elkins : Where There's a Will (The Gideon Oliver Mysteries) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Where There's a Will (The Gideon Oliver Mysteries):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Deceptively Simple Mystery Set on the Big IslandVon Donald MitchellAnyone who has visited the Big Island in

Hawaii has probably wondered what it's like to live on the cattle ranches that sprawl across the uplands. Where There's a Will gives a Dallas-type look at one dysfunctional family's relationships with the land and each other. The story's other charm is in its forensic sleight-of-hand as detective Gideon Oliver finds himself on a busman's honeymoon when unexpected remains are found in an unlikely location. Where many of the earliest Gideon Oliver books only dwell in the land of bones, this one intelligently introduces other complications that make the story more interesting and sophisticated. The book opens with a powerful sequence as an inexperienced pilot and a scared passenger find themselves lost . . . and running short of fuel. That's pretty much it for the action in the book, but it's a strong beginning. There's actually a five-star mystery inside this book. It just cannot be found because the writing is too loose. With 60 pages removed, this would have been an outstanding book. As it is, it's a pleasant one that will more than satisfy Gideon Oliver fans and create a few more. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Aloha vom Seziertisch Von Dr. Markus Schröder Wenn Aaron Elkins seinen "Knochendetektiv" Gideon Oliver ermitteln lässt, ist der Krimi meist auch ein spannender Reisebericht. Diesmal geht es nach Hawaii, wo die Flüggeiten von Dr. Olive auf eine harte Probe gestellt werden. Der Spannungsaufbau ist ruhig aber stetig und die Lösung des Falles überraschend und anspruchsvoll. Elkins ist zu Recht seit über 20 Jahren im Geschäft - schade, dass er in Deutschland weitgehend unbeachtet bleibt.

Kurzbeschreibung Alex Torkelsson has just gotten word: after going missing ten years ago, Alex's late uncle Magnus's plane has been found south of Hawaii's Big Island. So too have Magnus's few skeletal remains, now handed over to the only man who can fit together the pieces of this mystery. But what forensic detective Gideon Oliver discovers could shake the Torkelsson family tree. From Publishers Weekly In Edgar-winner Elkins's solid 12th whodunit to feature forensic anthropologist Gideon Oliver (after 2004's acclaimed Good Blood), Oliver's Hawaiian vacation turns into a busman's holiday, as he and close friend John Lau, an FBI agent who's also enjoying some downtime, get involved in a decade-old mystery surrounding the deaths of two elderly Swedish brothers who owned a huge cattle ranch. One night in 1994, hit men acting for an unknown client murdered Torkel Torkelsson, then attempted to conceal the corpse with an act of arson; that same night, Magnus Torkelsson and a pilot took off in a small plane, never to be heard from again. Now divers have discovered the wreckage of the long-lost plane in a lagoon, with some skeletal remains. Soon learning that none of the original police investigation's conclusions may be valid, Oliver and Lau find themselves intrigued and frustrated by the lies and evasions pitched rapidly at them by the Torkelssons' heirs, all of whom have different motives for obscuring the truth. Oliver's deductions will remind classic mystery readers of archetypal scientific sleuth Dr. Thorndyke, and his three-dimensional personality and humor will continue to attract first-timers. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Elkins' writing skills are superb, his research impeccable, and his plots intriguing. We get two out of three in this new entry in his series featuring forensic detective Gideon Oliver, as Elkins provides well-crafted, tantalizing descriptions of lesser-known parts of Hawaii. After a conference in Honolulu, Gideon and his FBI agent friend John Lau travel to the Big Island to stay on the Torkelsson family cattle ranch. Old friends of John, the Torkelssons quickly warm to Gideon and ask for his help in identifying bones found in a sunken plane. Could it be the long-missing Uncle Magnus? Unfortunately, this story is missing the compelling plot that is usually a hallmark of Elkins' works. Gideon plays a very peripheral role in identifying the body, and readers don't have much reason to care who it is. That said, Gideon is a likable protagonist, and spending time in his company is always pleasant. Elkins has established himself as a master craftsman both in the Oliver series and in his stand-alone thrillers. Jenny McLarin Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved