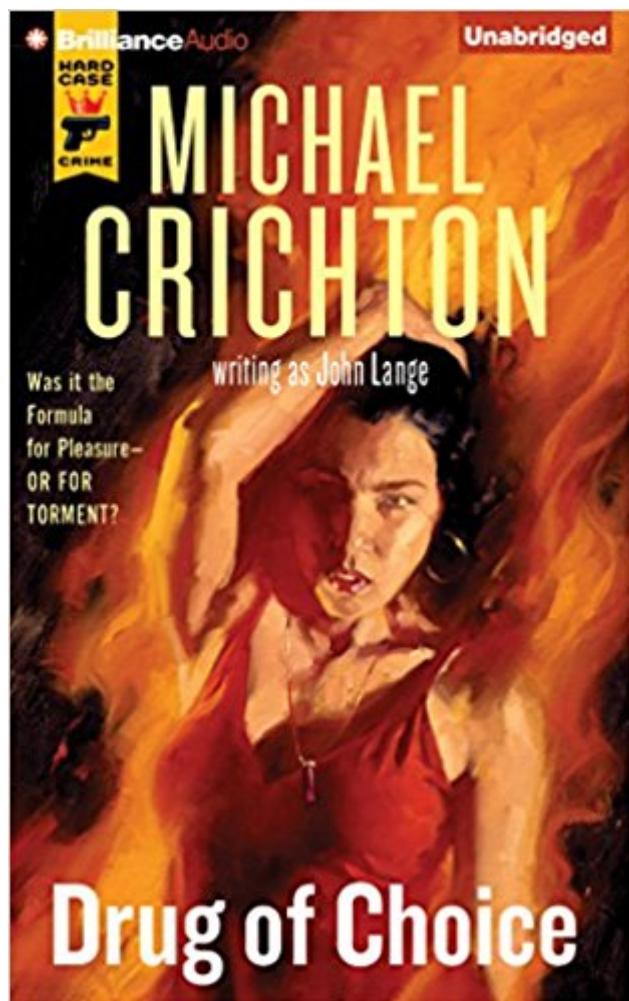


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Synopsis

On a secret island in the Caribbean, bioengineers have devised a vacation resort like no other, promising the ultimate escape. But when Dr. Roger Clark investigates, he discovers the dark secret of Eden Island and of Advance Biosystems, the shadowy corporation underwriting it. [more]

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Michael Crichton was a writer and filmmaker, best known as the author of *Jurassic Park* and the creator of *ER*. One of the most popular entertainers in the world, Crichton sold more than 200 million copies of his books which have been translated into 40 languages and adapted into 15 films. Long before the carefully researched techno-thrillers that ultimately brought him to fame, Crichton wrote high-octane suspense novels to support himself while studying at Harvard Medical School. He published eight of these books under the pseudonym John Lange between the years of 1966 and 1972. They provided him with the means to complete his education. He graduated at the top of his class.

Michael Crichton became my favorite author over the years but it's obvious that he spent a lot of effort refining his skills ..or he hired on a first class editor to help him develop his plots. These early novels (many written while he was a college student) were pretty basic boilerplate 'dime' novels that

really lacked the dynamic character development, superb plot and background he put into everything he wrote from the 70's until his death. He must have taken a writing class, found a great editor or come under the influence of some other highly skilled writer because there wasn't that much time that transpired between this and his other early works in the mid to late 1960's and his first really well received story "The Andromeda Strain" which was only written a few years later. He wrote the screenplay for it and it became a hit movie - his first. It's sure a shame that cancer took this terrific writer so soon. At one time he had the number 1 TV show (ER), the biggest blockbuster movie in history to that point (Jurassic Park) and 2 other novels in the top ten that had both been at #1. I keep hoping that someone will take some of his other outstanding novels like "Airframe" and "Prey" and turn them into the same kind of thrilling blockbuster movies that Jurassic Park was. They deserve it and so do his fans ...and there are many tens of millions of us out here waiting and hoping.

Hard Case Crime has brought these early Michael Crichton novels all back in print. While I would be hard pressed to call this Hard Boiled Crime Fiction as is the staple of Hard Case Crime it is a fun read. Written under his alias John Lange, it is great to have these early books back in print. Because Crichton was an unknown these originals are hard to find and very pricey. I would classify the book as a conspiracy thriller with science fiction elements tossed in. It starts with people going into comas and blue urine. It winds as a story about a giant island resort where your every fantasy and dream can be made real. This is very much the building blocks of both Jurassic Park and Westworld. The ending is a bit clunky but it is a breezy light fun ride. Recommended.

This book is typical of Crichton's early work. Unlike the contemporary "A Case of Need" or the later "Jurassic Park," Crichton steers clear of any kind of technical detail (whether medical, scientific, or otherwise). That makes for a relatively short but engaging book. I was never bored while reading this, but only spent something like 2-3 hours to make it through the entire story. Realistically, it could almost be classed as a short story rather than a novel. Not much to add, I suppose. The synopsis covers the plot fairly well.

This is an early book from the eventual master Michael Crichton. While some of his techno-thriller awesomeness shines through the dust, it's still very unpolished. The pace is too fast, I finished in one day; it was predictable, shallow, and too unrealistic. But all-in-all not a bad read.

Liked the concept. Was very developed but seemed to have an ending that wasn't done. Enjoyed it nonetheless. Entertaining read.

Many of Crichton's early novels seem to involve an ordinary person caught in extraordinary circumstances. Drug of Choice is no different but it's nevertheless a fascinating read because of the many twists and turns. It also says something about consumerism and capitalism. Great read and right up there next to Binary as a prime example of Crichton's early work.

enjoy everything Michael Crichton writes. Most of his writing is cutting edge but this was written before cell phones so makes it seem dated. I enjoyed the book & would recommend it to other fans.

OK, so maybe it's not vintage Michael Crichton at the top of his game - he wrote this in med school! But it's still one great read - a warning - grab your snacks, turn off your phone, cancel your date - well, maybe not your date - and call in sick - you won't want to move far till you reach the last incredible page!

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