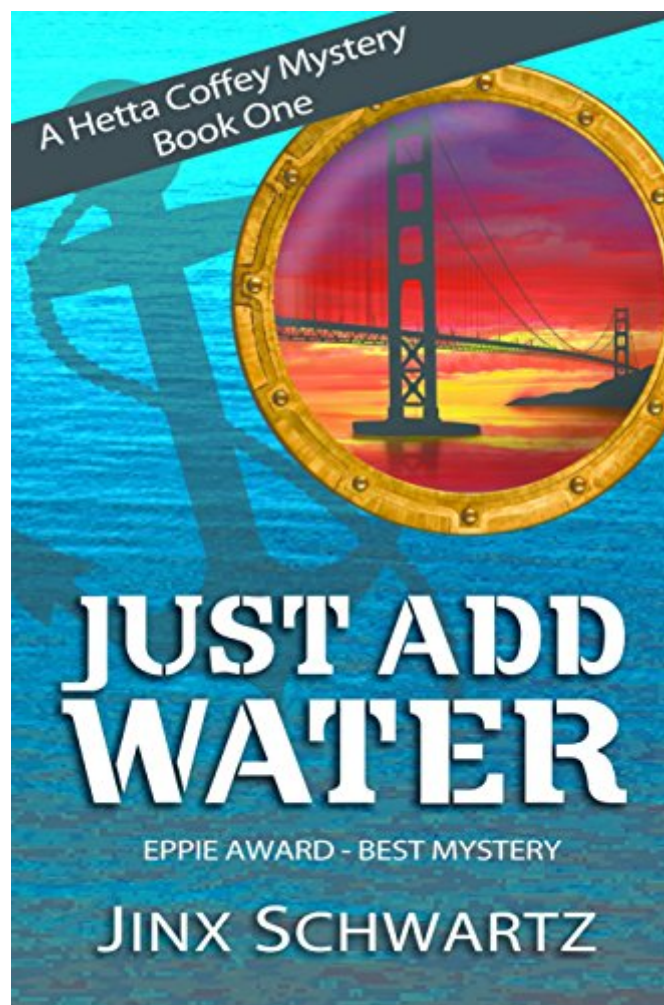


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Just Add Water started out strong. What's going on with this man? He's obviously being audited by the company he works for. What did he do? Why's he packing his bags and getting out of Japan? Clearly because he doesn't want to get caught. Probably an embezzler. And what's going on with this key that his fiancée has? Then the story begins and now it's told in the first person from the point

of view of Hetta Coffey. A bit of a jolt seeing as how the prologue was written in the third person. From a real strong opening this book goes into slow speed and drags along. Eventually Tokyo man makes an appearance and the mystery key is revealed. Slowly. Hetta is 30 something and needs to grow up and realize the party is over. If she quit drinking for a month she could probably pay off that credit card debt that was holding her back from getting a loan to buy a sailboat that she wanted. Part of a major lifestyle change where she sells her house and with no sailing experience decides to buy a boat to live on. The story just dragged along and then it became really weird when French words were continuously thrown in to the story for no particular reason. These people are in San Francisco not Montreal. Even though I grew up in a bilingual household I don't randomly throw out the French when I'm talking to people, not even when I'm talking with my Quebec cousins. I was really puzzled by the overusage of French. Then I remembered the times when I've been in Quebec and France and talking to someone and when I struggle to remember the French word I just toss in the English word and keep right on going. Perhaps the author has the reverse problem and when she struggles for the English word just tosses in the French word instead.

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