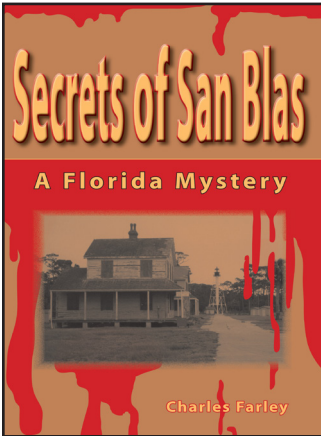


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## **Secrets of San Blas**

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*In the 1930s, Port St. Joe had more than its share.*

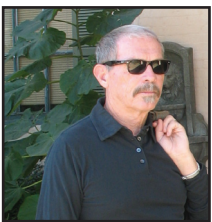
On May 16, 1938, E.W. Marler, the assistant lighthouse keeper at the Cape San Blas Lighthouse was hacked to death with an axe and a knife. No one was ever charged with the crime. More than 70 years later, the case remains one of North Florida's great, unsolved mysteries.

Until now. With the publication of Charles Farley's new novel about the crime, *Secrets of San Blas*, the murder is finally solved—at least fictionally. The investigators in Farley's story are an unlikely pair: 65 year-old Doc Berber, the only general practitioner in the mill town of Port St. Joe, and his African American housekeeper, Jewel Jackson. Together with the doctor's best friend, Gator Mica, a half-breed Seminole Indian, they set out to find the murderer.

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