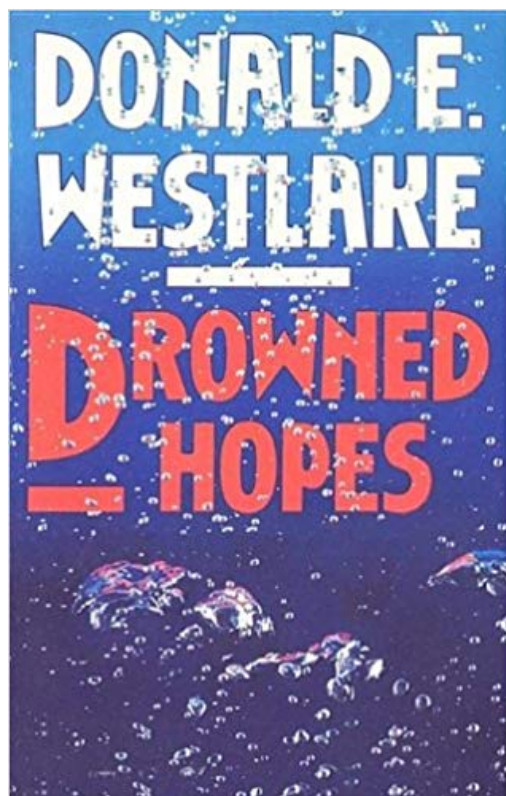
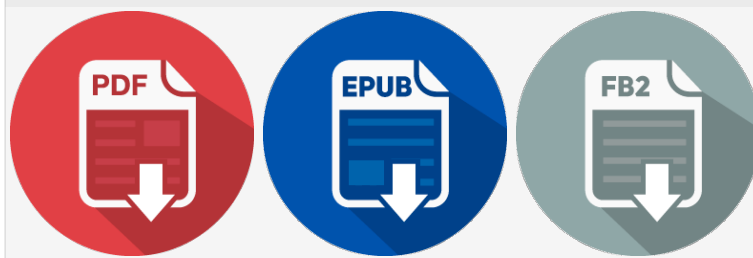


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Reviews of the **Drowned Hopes** *by* Donald E. Westlake

Makaitist

When I tire of most of the authors I try to read, I always go back to Westlake. I've read some of his books 3 times now. With enough time between these reads, I find that I enjoy them just as much as the first read. For me, his wit and his insight into human behavior, never fail to make me smile as I read his works. As I approach the end of my day and think I have one of his books to read in bed, I get a lift. He's simply the best. Too bad he isn't here now to keep writing.

Ventelone

I absolutely love this series. This seventh book about hapless John Dortmunder presents a seemingly impossible task, to retrieve a casket (yes, a coffin) of cash from the bottom of a reservoir. The trials of diving into murky water was a little over the top for me (hence the four star review instead of five) but I still loved the book.

Kezan

This may well be the very best of Grand Master Westlake's Dortmunder series!

Wतिकालते

The Dortmund books span decades. I think this is the first one that involves computers, and was probably already retro when it was new. Everything about it is classic Westlake: the gradual refining of the heist plan, the large assortment of well-defined characters that eventually come together in a magnificent climax... I bought this for my mom, but I think I'm going to read it again.

Teonyo

The Dortmund book series by Donald E. Westlake is one of my favorites. The books are beautifully plotted and unfailingly funny. Drowned Hopes doesn't disappoint. In this one, the gang leaves NYC to pursue a fortune they'd rather leave behind -- and things go from bad to worse. Donald Westlake's wit is a constant, from the ne'er-do-well characters to the plot turns and funny lines. Definitely worth reading if you think you'd enjoy an anti-hero's comic misadventures.

Manarius

Read this long ago many times and loved. Bought it so I could keep it in my library when I needed sensation humor. Don Westlake is a genius.

Zainian

I love Westlake. I love Dortmund. And this book is nothing short of great. There's a very imaginative caper with truly original characters and there's no way to anticipate what happens. I love it.

Another hit for Westlake and Dortmund. All the regulars are here, plus new characters in on the JOB. Takes a while to get going. But come on in the water's fine -- pun intended. But you can leave your scuba in the shed

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