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Following the unfortunate death of his parents, young Toby Matthias finds himself living a carefree life on Piper Cay, an Out Island in the Bahamas, at his grandparents' inn. Isolated from children his own age, Toby develops a deep and lasting friendship with an unlikely companion: a bottlenose dolphin.

A heartwarming tale, *The Boy and the Dolphin* follows the tropical adventures of Toby and Phinney as they make sense of life in the mid-fifties. When Toby is sent to complete his education in the States and Phinney immerses herself more deeply in her dolphin culture, the best friends experience ever-increasing separations. But even while Toby serves his country in the skies over Vietnam, the boy and the dolphin share an unbreakable, decade-long bond.

## **Praise for *The Boy and the Dolphin***

“Dick Schmidt has crafted a charming story of a relationship between a boy and a dolphin. Spanning more than a decade and set against the backdrop of a fictitious Caribbean island, this wonderful story explores the connection between humankind and the natural world and how it can enrich both. This inspiring story reminds us that the world would be a better place if we could all find a way to live in harmony. I have known Dick for several years. As a businessman and philanthropist he has demonstrated his deep commitment to conservation. This touching story is another example of his passion for nature and the oceans.”

—Philippe Cousteau

“Dick Schmidt’s first novel is simply first rate. Fascinating, heartwarming, and absorbing from beginning to end. The characters are finely drawn, the plot ever captivating, and reading this novel, you are completely transported into Toby’s world, surrounded by the beauty of the Bahamas and Southeast Asia.”

—Doris Kearns Goodwin

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