

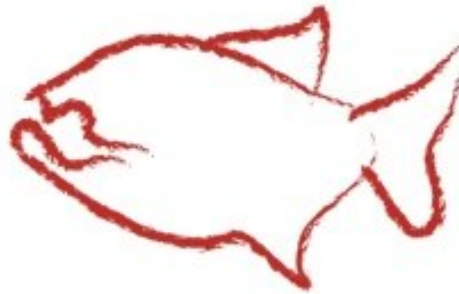
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and a skillful presentation of a typical cruise with a fanciful twist.

Cruising down the Amazon River, three vacationing couples become ensnared in a family feud with deadly overtones. The ship's purser is poisoned, the ship's electrical system is sabotaged, and diners are alarmed to see a fellow passenger slump from his chair during a festive dinner. Professional gospel singer Charles Warner snaps a photo of the waiters and inadvertently reveals the culprit. Policeman Bret Brandon draws on his investigative experience to help the distraught captain regain control of events. Photojournalist Steve Roberts senses a major news story about to break and enlists the support of the ship's young radio operator. Their wives, Sallie, Betty, and Kathi try to maintain their sanity by attending aquacise classes, participating in bridge tournaments, and joining the ribald festivities crossing the equator. Read to discover the surprising culprits uncovered by the Roberts, Brandons, and Warners.

About the Author Howard Holschuh was born November 25, 1923 in New York City. Two years later, due to his father's poor health, the family moved to upstate New York. He was graduated from Middletown (NY) High School in 1940, and attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA, until he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1942. Holschuh was commissioned an Ensign in 1944 and served in the Naval amphibious forces in the Pacific theater until the end of World War II. In July 1946, he married the former Helen Stafford. They had two children, a daughter Jeanette, and a son Steve. Upon release to inactive duty, Holschuh enrolled in Stanford University, receiving a Bachelor's degree and a Masters degree, both in Journalism. He served as a staff news writer for radio stations KNBC and KGO in San Francisco until recalled to active duty during the Korean War. He was upgraded into the regular Navy and served with distinction in the Pentagon, Hawaii, Vietnam, and Germany, retiring in 1972 with the rank of Captain, USN. The Holschuhs now live on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. His favorite hobby is photography. Retirement for the Holschuhs has meant a lot of travel opportunities. One of their most memorable trips was a recent cruise down the River, during which a guest lecturer pointed out that to the best of her knowledge, a murder mystery had never been cited aboard a cruise ship. So inspired, Holschuh embellished the true account of that voyage into this novel, *The Piranha Syndrome*