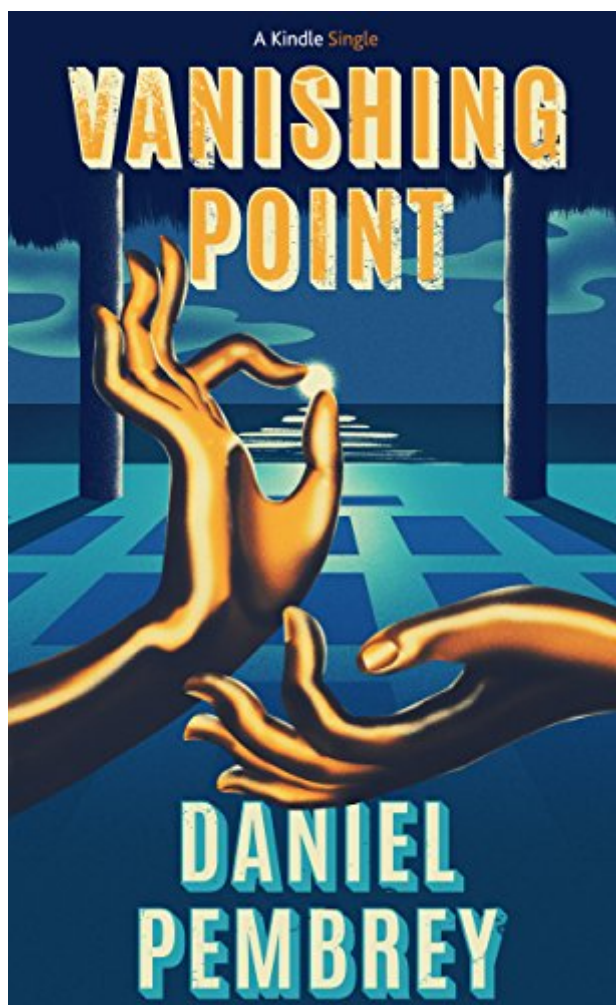


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Vanishing Point: A Short Mexican Yoga Mystery (Kindle Single)



Synopsis

Lawyer John Farnsworth returns to the site of his wife's disappearance the year before: a yoga retreat on the Yucatán Peninsula led by the sinister Yogi Raja. As his former wife's story becomes clearer, John's own life starts to unravel, with shocking consequences. Can we ever escape the pull of our pasts? A chilling, enigmatic read. (Length: 69 pages.) Daniel Pembrey is the author of best selling Kindle Single titles *The Candidate* and *The Lion Hunter*. He is drawn to psychological suspense stories with a vivid sense of location. His Amsterdam detective series, *The Harbour Master*, is now out with No Exit Press. When he is not writing, he loves to travel and meet interesting new people. Twitter: @DPemb

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Customer Reviews

Daniel Pembrey has once again penned a wonderfully atmospheric mystery novella, this time at a yoga retreat in Mexico. The author excels at making the setting so vivid and real that it almost becomes a character in and of itself. Although Daniel's longer works are just as absorbing and suspenseful, I've come to really appreciate his talent and mastery of the shorter art form. He drops

you into the middle of a setting and with an economy of words, is able to pull you into the lives of his characters, mesmerizing you with their loves and losses. This is an excellent story with which to while away a lazy afternoon, and once you've finished, you definitely need to check out all of his other titles. A new book by Mr. Pembrey is always a rare treat.

Again Pembrey dazzles us with his latest novella.. I never cease to be surprised by the contrast from one to the next; both in settings, characters and plot. *Vanishing Point* is set in a rather seedy yoga retreat in Mexico, visited almost entirely by women and dominated by the leader, Yogi Raja, who regards the visitors in the manner of a bull elephant managing his females, and whose seduction technique commences with a massage and leads on from there- but, of course entirely for the benefit of the recipient. . The story intercuts between Jenny , presented in flashbacks, who has come as much to escape her husband as for any other motive, and John, her lawyer husband, who visits the retreat one year later to try to make sense of his wife's disappearance whilst at the retreat. There are parallels between both stories in their sexual and other experiences, leading to similar endings. Pembrey presents a vivid sense of place, and is obviously familiar with the area of Mexico in which the retreat is set and with the yoga world. As always, his plot zips along, and his characters are believable. Both Jenny and John are, in their own way, searching for some sort of fulfillment without knowing quite what it would be. Both find it, but not in the way they expected. Much to be recommended.. .

Sometimes we can feel uncomfortable watching someone's life unravel. This may be just a novella, but the characters feel very real and both Jenny's solo journey to a Cancun yoga retreat and her husband's trip there a year later, when he tells others that Jenny met her death in the sea nearby, are well realised. The setting is lovely and suspense builds gradually. The two stories are interspersed so we can puzzle out the truth and feel chilled amid the Mexican heat. I've read several of Pembrey's stories, which usually involve crime and interesting locations. I can recommend them all to the armchair traveller and suspense reader. An ARC was supplied to me. This is an unbiased review.

A full rating for Daniel Pembrey's latest novella, *Vanishing Point: A Short Mexican Yoga Mystery*. Mr Pembrey uses his honed skills as an author to craft his work, and thus is able to give the reader the total satisfaction of an excellent read. Pembrey portrays the vulnerability of those blindly following others trying to seek out the truth, whilst depicting the sinister, power-hungry egotistical

characteristics of others. Is everything as it seems with Jenny's husband? In the beautiful surroundings of Mexico, nothing is what it seems to be. Will the truth be found? In all honesty, I nearly missed the conclusion. There I was, feeling pleased with myself for having had the pleasure of having read an superb novel when it hit me and I had to pick up the book and reread the last few pages. 100% for subtleness Mr Pembrey, for taking me down so many roads and still managing to confound me. Daniel Pembrey is a great author and I look forward to his future works. I was given a copy of *Vanishing Point: A Short Mexican Yoga Mystery* and I have given a totally honest review. Thanks.

I am always amazed by authors who write novellas and short stories. They manage to fit in everything needed to 'fully' tell the tale. This novella is no different. You will find no superfluous words in here. The story is engaging, haunting, evocative, anger-inducing, and yet somehow oddly beautiful. The majority of the characters are ordinary women searching for something missing in their lives. They think they will find it at a yoga retreat in Mexico. No, they succumb to someone who is taking advantage of this vulnerability. I can't say that I 'enjoyed' this story due to some of the content, but I did find that the words stayed in my mind for a long time afterwards. So, for me, that is the sign of a good author. This is the first piece of work that I have read by this author, and it will not be the last. Mr Pembrey was kind enough to give me a copy in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are my own and honest.

I'm always excited to see a new story from Daniel. I've enjoyed all of his past work and this was no exception. This is an easy, quick and compelling read and despite its short length it manages to do a great job of managing two timelines while developing a sense of mystery and uncertainty. As always with Daniel's work, the prose is very descriptive and the story and characters remained well after the book ended. The first works I read by Daniel were more familiar territory for me (*The Woman Who Stopped Traffic* and *the Harbour Master*) and I've enjoyed the fact that Daniel's more recent work has moved to very different settings while remaining eminently enjoyable. I'm already looking forward to the next work!

If you're looking for a quick read to fill an hour of your time, then look no further: this short mystery is perfect for that! It has everything you could ask for and some more. Exotic location, 2 timelines, death, guilt and of course some unexpected events. I really liked this book and would highly recommend it.

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