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Bahamas legend Jimmy Divine is a classic anti-hero. From the moment he's introduced, you know you should be rooting against him. He's a Bahamian drug smuggler, after all, who made millions of dollars impersonating a priest, running marijuana through the Caribbean and lying to his beloved aunt at every turn. Still there's something about the main character of *Weed Man* (\$24.99, Thomas Nelson), a true story compiled and told by reporter John McCaslin, that makes you hold your breath every time Divine almost gets caught. It could be the fact that he stumbled into the drug trade, just as green and untouched as the bales of marijuana he finds on a deserted Bahamian cay. Or that he spends most of the book fumbling through organized crime and donating his hefty profits back to needy families in his Nassau community. But the reason you'll root for Jimmy Divine is likely because McCaslin is rooting for him. And his admiration for the Conchy Joe (slang for a white Bahamian) is apparent. Although the prose is newspaper style straightforward, the laugh-out-loud, true-to-dialect quotes and endearing details about Divine's childhood in the islands make this character seem like one of the good guys.

**John McCaslin**