

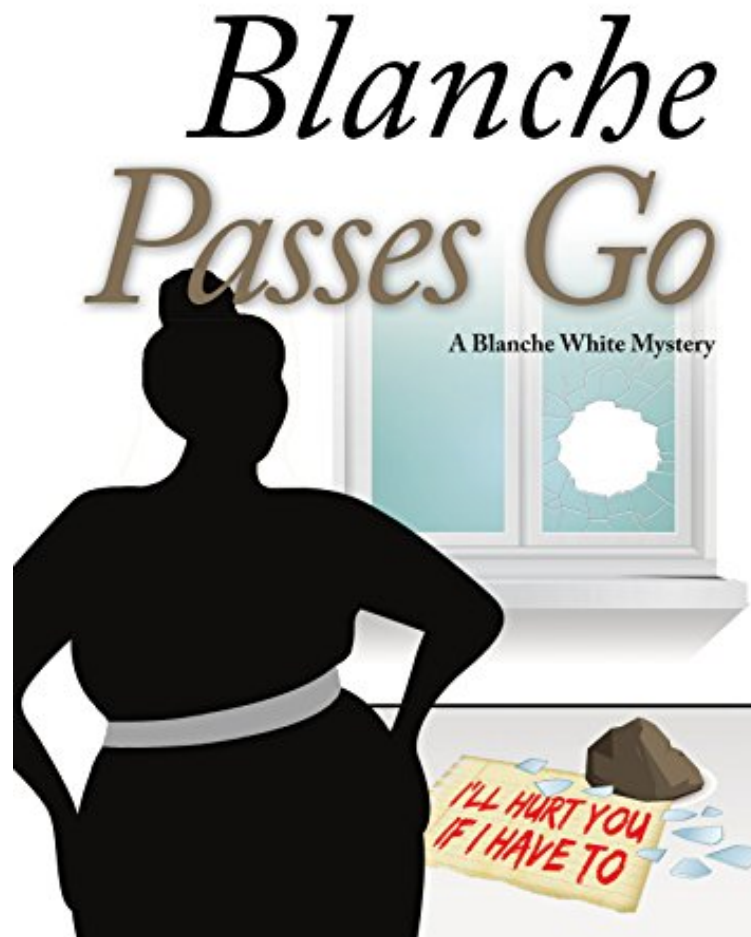
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Von Barbara Neely : Blanche Passes Go (Blanche White series Book 4) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Blanche Passes Go (Blanche White series Book 4) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. that old southern revenge...Von LeiahIt was always so hot, and everyone was so polite, and everything was all surface but underneath it was like a bomb waiting to go off. I always felt that way about the South, that beneath the smiles and southern hospitality and politeness were a lot of guns and liquor and secrets. James McBride, The Color of Water: A Black Mans Tribute to His White MotherBlanche Passes Go: A Blanche White Mystery (Blanche White Mystery Series)Ahh, the New South. Where the ancestral mansions were built by slaves, and the moneyed want to forget that

their wealth was built on the efforts of slavers, Indian-killers, Confederate generals, and diehard segregationists. Of course, they still occasionally named their sons Braxton and Zebulon, in honor of their Confederate slaver ancestors . . . and they still didn't invite their string of mulatto relatives with the same looks and last name to sit down at the family table. Yep. Pretty much the same Old South I grew up on. And when pretty much the first thing Blanche sees when she returns to Farleigh, North Carolina is one of the privileged white trying to rape a black catering waitress in the family mansion, Blanche knows one thing. Underneath it all? The South is still the Old South just like before she left and moved to Boston. She left Farleigh after her own rape by a rich white man, David Palmer, but she is back now, her sisters children, Taifa and Malik now raised and out on their own. It is time to come home, to work with her childhood friend Ardell in her catering business, Carolina Catering. Half of it's yours whenever you're ready, Ardell had told her. So, Blanche is back. And whom should she run into but David Palmer the rich, entitled, knife-wielding rapist. And all the pain and humiliation, the terror and boiling rage, come slamming back. David Palmer. He's back in Farleigh with his wife and children, his wealth and old family history. Terror. Panic. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder on steroids. He'd already killed the woman she'd been before he raped her. Of course, Blanche can't get back at him to his face. The police would never listen to a black woman's story about a white man. But surely her Ancestors will point the way. And then, the possibility for payback falls right into her lap. But sometimes, payback is a bitch. A deadly, cruel bitch with a wicked sense of humour. I have to admit, I let my timing fall off on Blanche's story. I simply couldn't get into it at first. But once I finally sat down and started reading, I discovered something. This is a really, really good book. Blanche is not your typical heroine. Fifty years old, blue-black, size-sixteen and going gray, Blanche is one tough cookie. Someone I would love to emulate in my own life. She has had it far from easy in her life, but she keeps going, keeps moving, keeps doing what she wants no matter what anyone else says. That is something to admire, an attitude to strive for. This is apparently the fifth of the Blanche White Mystery Series, and I will be adding the others to my teetering piles of to-be-read. I won't get to them right away, but when I do get to them I think I will be glad I did. I received Blanche Passes Go from the publisher and Netgalley in exchange for a realistic review. All thoughts are my own.

KurzbeschreibungThe fourth, ground-breaking mystery featuring African-American maid and amateur sleuth Blanche White by Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity Award winning Author Barbara Neely Blanche White returns to Farleigh, North Carolina for the summer to help her best friend with her catering business. It's a homecoming rich with the potential for new romance and fraught with the pain of facing the man who raped her at knife-point years ago but was never prosecuted for the crime. Shortly after Blanche arrives, a young woman is murdered and the clues point to the rapist. Blanche investigates, determined not to let him get away with another crime nor is she willing to let his money-hungry sister marry a sweet, mentally-challenged man for his wealth. With her usual persistence, feisty wit, and indomitable spirit, her quest for the truth reveals the racism and sexism that still permeate the new south, but also the conflicts that divide her own family and that might prevent her from accepting the love she so richly deserves. "Blanche's quest, both for vengeance and to reclaim her life, drives a compelling plot. Neely is a fine phrase-maker," Publishers Weekly "Blanche's voice is sassy and sexy, and her take on urban life through African American eyes is blade-sharp and sometimes as cutting," Booklist.de Blanche White, Barbara Neely's smart, queen-sized, middle-aged African American sleuth, is a no-nonsense dame who's carrying some old baggage when she takes the summer off from cleaning houses for rich Boston matrons and returns to her North Carolina hometown. Almost a decade ago, Blanche was raped by David Palmer, scion of the town's leading family. Although she never brought charges against him, Blanche hasn't forgiven or forgotten. Now Palmer's sister is engaged to a sweet, mildly retarded young man for whom Blanche has a deep affection. When asked by his guardian to investigate the girl by using her connections with the domestics who know everything about the private lives of the town's most prominent families, Blanche sees an opportunity to bring the man who raped her to justice. The fact that he's been implicated in the murder of another woman makes revenge an even sweeter prospect. What's most interesting about this lively series is the point of view of its heroine, a woman with a strong and clearly depicted perspective on the uneasy truce between blacks and whites in American society. Neely has created a true original in Blanche. With every new outing in this snappy series (Blanche Cleans Up, Blanche Among the Talented Tenth, Blanche on the Lam), she peels back more layers to reveal her heroine's emotional depths, her hard-earned wisdom, and her difficult but ultimately rewarding connection with the people she loves. Add love, hate, race, and homicide to Neely's expert characterizations, and you get a great read from a terrific, award-winning writer. --Jane Adams

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