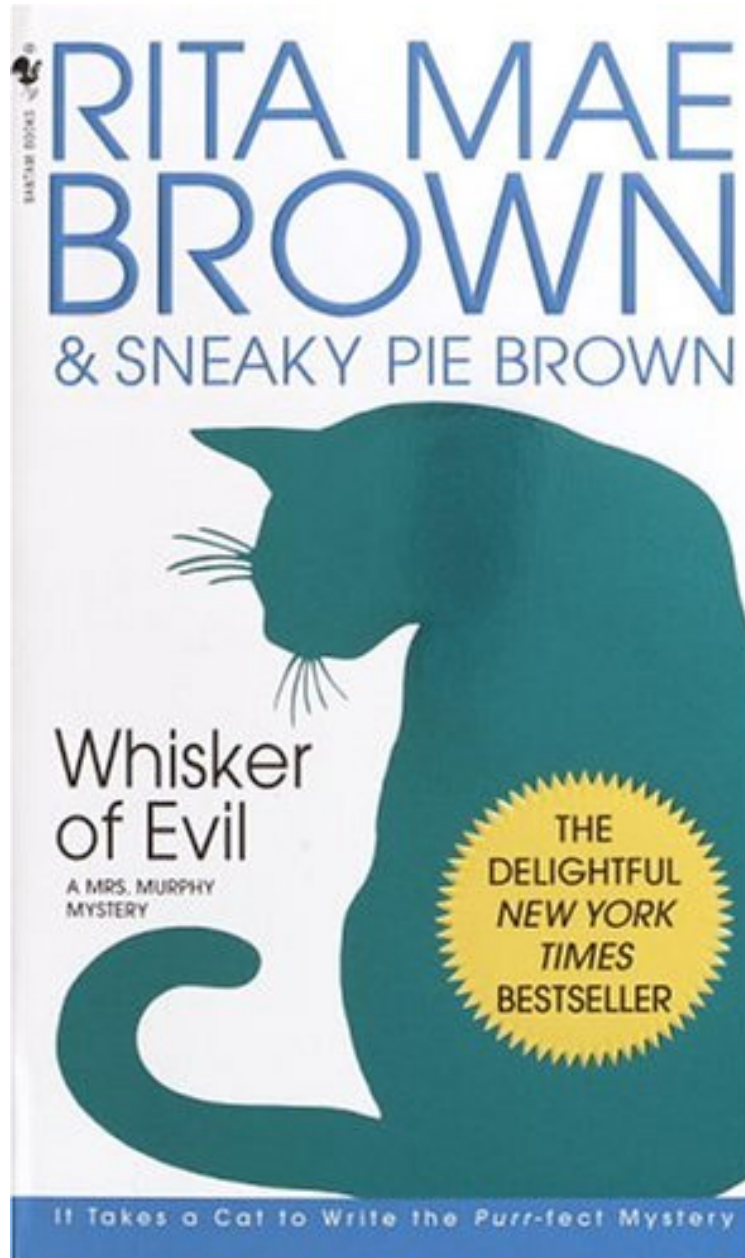


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Von Rita Mae Brown : Whisker of Evil: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Whisker of Evil: A Mrs. Murphy Mystery (English Edition):

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12 von 14 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Auf der richtigen Spur
Von francon1973
Nachdem die Mrs.-Murphy-Serie bei den beiden letzten Romanen "The tail of the tip-off" und "Catch as cat can" in puncto Nebenhandlungen ein wenig eingebrochen war, legt das Autorengespann Rita Mae Brown und Sneaky Pie Brown mit "Whisker of evil" endlich wieder einen Roman vor, bei dem einfach alles stimmt.
Die Haupthandlung: Mary "Harry" Haristeen und ihre ständigen Begleiter, die Katzen Mrs. Murphy und Pewter sowie die Corgi-Dame Tee Tucker, finden den jungen Pferdezüchter Barry Monteith sterbend auf. Offensichtlich ist er von einem Tier angegriffen worden, denn seine Kehle ist auf brutalste Weise herausgerissen worden. Erst als Barrys Partner Sugar an Tollwut stirbt und bei Barrys Autopsie dieselbe Diagnose gestellt wird, beginnt es Harry und den Tieren zu dämmern, dass es sich um Mord handeln muss, denn schon seit Ewigkeiten ist in der Gegend um Crozet kein natürlicher Fall von Tollwut aufgetreten. Tatsächlich hufen sich die Verdachtsmomente. Stehen die beiden Morde in Zusammenhang mit dem mysteriösen Verschwinden der erfolgreichen Pferdezüchterin Mary Pat Reines und ihres wertvollen Zuchthengstes Ziggy Flame vor über zwanzig Jahren? Immerhin ist ihr High School Ring nahe der Stelle gefunden worden, an der Barry nur einen Tag zuvor gestorben ist. Harry und die Vierbeiner ermitteln in alle Richtungen, bis sie selber in tödliche Gefahr geraten...Neben einer soliden und spannenden Haupthandlung liefern die Autorinnen Brown bei "Whisker of evil" auch endlich wieder einmal eine respektable Nebenhandlung ab. Nach einem Stillstand bei den beiden letzten Romanen entwickeln sich die Stammprotagonisten Harry, ihr Ex-Mann Fair sowie Harrys langjährige Intimfeindin (und Fairs Ex-Verhältnis, Harrys Scheidungsgrund) Boom Boom Craycroft nun wieder in ihren Persönlichkeiten weiter: Ausgelöst durch eine lebensgefährliche Begebenheit am Ende von "Tail of the tip-off" haben Harry und Boom Boom ihre Ressentiments gegen eine noch junge, aber doch ernsthafte Freundschaft eingetauscht. Zudem kommen Fair und Harry sich wieder näher, so dass sowohl bei den Tieren als auch bei den Freunden der beiden (und nicht zuletzt beim Leser) die Hoffnungen auf eine Wiedervereinigung der beiden neue Nahrung finden. Und auch im von Harry geleiteten Postamt von Crozet kommt es zu Veränderungen, die nicht ohne Folgen bleiben...Durch diese perfekte Kombination von gelungener Haupt- und Nebenhandlung knüpft die Serie wieder an ihre alten Qualitäten an. Wie immer besticht auch dieser Roman durch eine detailreiche Kenntnis der Tierwelt sowie durch eine sorgfältige Portraitureierung der gesellschaftlichen Verhältnisse in den Südstaaten. Die witzigen und scharfsinnigen, mitunter auch scharfzüngigen Dialoge tun ihr Bestes, um "Whisker of evil" zu einem Lesevergnügen allererster Güte zu machen und die Serie wieder auf die Erfolgsspur zu bringen.
3 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good entertainment, some tension included
Von Regina Karolyi
Rita Mae Brown's (and Sneaky Pie Brown's, of course) detective/mystery novels are, at least in my opinion, always more like novels about village life in South Carolina than thrillers. This one is no exception. Naturally, murders do occur, and scenes closely connected with the murders certainly are thrilling, but in between there are heaps of village gossip and the changing and development of personal bonds between the human and animal protagonists, which often don't have much to do with the actual story - they keep the series running. There are also, as usual, many amusing scenes displaying dialogues between the animals, written with a wonderful warm-hearted sense of humour and knowledge of pet and animal behaviour. This introduction is mostly meant for new or potential friends of Mrs. Murphy's and her animal and human fellow-citizens.
A pretty notorious womanizer is found dying (by Harry, the human protagonist, of course), his throat cut expertly. The PM shows that he was infected with rabies (in German: Tollwut). While Harry, the local police and the whole town of Crozet wonder if this murder is connected with the disappearance of a rich woman and her thoroughbred horse thirty years earlier, another man dies - actually from rabies. A suspect is suddenly missing. As Harry and her four-legged helpers get close to guessing the truth, the murderer feels trapped, and a really exciting showdown leads to the answers of the few left-over questions. The plot is well made up, everything seems logical to me. One gets to learn a few facts about rabies by the way. Some of the main characters, already well known to the Mrs. Murphy addict, undergo some changes which were, in my opinion, overdue. However, the interruptions to the mystery by rather meaningless scenes sometimes last too long, although I really do like the typical "southern" atmosphere in these books. So some parts are close to boring.
On the whole, this is another good and entertaining reading experience.
3 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Too much horse breeding, otherwise fine!
Von Wombatsbooks
As I have mentioned in a previous review, I do love the Mrs.-Murphy-Series, but "Whisker of Evil" in my opinion is one of the weaker books in this series: Crozet is about to become "Murder Capital in the US" when two horse breeders die of rabies and Jerome Stoltfus, animal control, is shot. There seems to be a connection to Mary Patricia Reines who vanished in 1974 together with her favorite horse. As usual Harry and her kids investigate along with sheriff Rick Shaw and Deputy Cynthia Cooper. The tidbits on rabies were very interesting, I also liked the portrayal and the character developments in Crozet's residents and although I do share Harry's love for animals, there was too much in-depth detail on horse-breeding in this book (for my liking). Of course the details on horse-breeding were case-related but made reading somewhat tedious at times. Result: A fun, though at times slightly taxing read. Read it on account not to have missed out on what has happened once you read the follow-up "Cat's Eyewitness" since major changes have been insinuated ;-).

Kurzbeschreibung A mysterious death in a Virginia farm town has the locals scratching their heads while frisky feline Mrs. Murphy and her friends, fat-cat Pewter and corgi Tee Tucker, uncover clues as they curl their way around a cold-blooded killer. This balmy summer in Crozet, Virginia, postmistress Mary Minor Harry Haristeen has a lot to think about. Things have been pretty cozy between her and her ex-husband, Fair and her beloved old post office is in danger of being replaced with a modern building and modern rules. Harry's thoughtful contemplation is shattered the day she stumbles over a dead body near Potlicker Creek. Barry Monteith, the handsome local horse breeder, has been savagely murdered. A true ladies man, Barry was known to have left a string of broken hearts behind him. But could a spurned lover be responsible for his untimely demise? The plot only thickens when an autopsy reveals that Barry was infected with rabies weeks before he was killed. As usual, Harry can't resist doing a little digging with Mrs. Murphy close by to warn of approaching danger. Harry makes a remarkable discovery in the creek: the class ring of Mary Pat Reines, a local woman who disappeared thirty years earlier along with her prized Thoroughbred stallion. Like Barry, Mary Pat was a successful horse breeder and now all of Crozet is wondering if the two cases are linked. As the police struggle with the evidence, the pressure gets hotter than a June afternoon especially when another person is found dead of less-than-natural causes. As usual, Mrs. Murphy and her crew are the first to sniff out the truth. But if they don't find a way to help Harry piece together the puzzle, she could become the killers' next target and even Mrs. Murphy's slinkiest moves won't be able to save her.

From the Hardcover edition.

From Booklist Just when you think Brown might be running out of plotlines for her popular Mrs. Murphy series, she comes back with an intriguing new adventure featuring the titular talking cat and her animal and human friends. The story begins with a bang as protagonist Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen, postmistress of tiny Crozet, Virginia, happens upon a dying man whose throat has been slashed. As if that weren't bad enough, he also had rabies. Snooping around the crime scene, Harry finds a ring belonging to a long-missing woman. Are the two connected? This is just one of the many puzzles that unfold in this suspenseful tale that also involves the disappearance of a famous studhorse. Along the way, Brown imparts significant knowledge about horse breeding and dispels many common myths about rabies. Fans who think of Harry as a friend will appreciate how Brown catapults the young farmer out of her comfort zone, setting the stage for an exciting new chapter in her life. Admirers of Mrs. Murphy will enjoy the expanding repertoire of animals she converses with: snakes, owls, mice, swallows, and foxes. In a somewhat uneven series, Brown comes into her own here; never has she seemed more comfortable with her characters. The pick of the litter. Jenny McLarin Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved

From School Library Journal Adult/High School In a unique town in Virginia, the animals speak English to one another and help to solve murders. In this installment in the entertaining series, postmistress Harry finds the body of her friend Barry, a horse breeder, who seems to have been attacked by a bear. But no, it turns out that he died of rabies. When a second mysterious death occurs, the town is concerned that there will be an epidemic, and the officials refuse to let Harry's pets come to work with her. Readers learn details about rabies and horse breeding before the exciting climax in which Harry's animals fly into action to save her life. Delightful line drawings illustrate the creatures, usually in some adorable pose. Witty dialogue will bring a smile to readers' faces as the animals outsmart the humans. Claudia Moore, W. T. Woodson High School, Fairfax, VA Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.