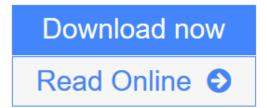


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But it's tiger cat Mrs. Murphy, roaming the netherworld of Crozet Hospital, who sniffs out a secret that dates back to the Underground Railroad. Then Harry is attacked and a doctor is executed in cold blood.

Soon only a quick-witted cat and her animal pals feline Pewter and corgi Tee Tucker stand between Harry and a coldly calculating killer with a prescription for murder.

Claws and Effect Details

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Ewa says

I really like this book, it's 100% cozy - nice small town setting, real characters, lovely animals, nice crime story, really light reading. I even don't mind talking animals.

Randee says

Number 9 was another great visit with Mrs. Murphy, Pewter and Tucker!! Now on to 10!!

Laurel Bradshaw says

Not a review. These notes are for my own reference and may contain spoilers!

Reread on audio. 3.5 stars.

Takes place in February. Harry has been divorced for four years. She is said to be 37.

Tracy, Mrs. Hoggendobber's "boyfriend" is away in Hawaii selling his house. Plot revolves around the Crozet hospital. Lots of new characters from the hospital staff. And there is a lot of fox hunting.

Regulars:

The usuals: Harry, Fair, Mrs. Hogendobber, Susan Tucker, Big Mim and Little Mim, Cynthia and Rick (police). Tee Tucker, Mrs. Murphy, and Pewter. Regular Larry Johnson (retired doctor) is shockingly one of the murder victims. Little Mim is running against her father for mayor of Crozet.

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Samantha says

Not my favorite of the Mrs. Murphy Mysteries. These are not exceptionally brainy mysteries. Very often one can figure it out before the end and even more often belief must be suspended to imagine the cats and dog are solving the crime and then leading the humans to the answer. I mean, I believe my cats and dogs are more than they seem, but I am fairly sure they would be unable to drive a car---a standard shift, in particular.

In this installment yet another Crozet resident (it's such a small town, Brown is likely to run out eventually, right?) is found murdered. This time, the victims throat is slit in the basement of the local hospital. Yet again, our heroine Harry and her band of critter sidekicks find themselves in the middle of the investigation (or rather, insert themself in the middle of the investigation) and in the path of danger. What will happen? Well, the critters will solve the case, lead Harry and Cooper to the answer and then rescue one, or both, of them from peril, of course. Critters save the day! :) A delightful, fluffy series. Love them, love them. (Some more than others...)

Tara says

I love these books. The mysteries are good. The characters are interesting and the animals are the best.

Patt says

This series by Rita mae Brown will be a pleasure to anyone who has lived with a pet and enjoys mysteries that are of the "cozy" variety. The animal characters are fun; the characters engaging and the books an easy and pleasurable read.

Joyce says

Love it as usual. Easy to read. Love the cars and dog. All the characters are good. Harry Haristene too.

Oceana2602 says

Ok, I'm going to do a standard review for the rest of the Mrs. Murphy books I read, because I really can't think of something smart to say about every single one of them. Actually, it's hard to come up with something smart to say about any one of them, because they are not really smart books.

Though, no, that's not true. They aren't trivial as such, they aren't too easy - or, in other words, they don't hurt my brain while I read them. But I think we can all agree that they are also not "great literature", and certainly not intellectually challenging, and as such, they are a bit of a guilty pleasure for me. (that and the talking animals, of course)

But they are pretty straight-forward crime stories, not overly complicated, but also never boring. They live from the interaction of the characters and the settings, both of which Brown handles brilliantly. That she also manages to make the reader fall in love with the characters, not only the familiar ones, but also the new ones she adds in each book, shows that a master she really is.

And so I have no problem admitting that I have read and loved every single one of the Mrs. Murphy books, and I'm convinced that I'll continue to love them for as long as she continues to write them, which I hope will be until forever.

RICHARD B. REEVES says

Great read

Another enjoyable book with the cats and corgi. I wish my cat had their insights. Very enjoyable book. I look forward to the next one.

Joan says

Funny series! In this book besides Mrs. Murphy (tiger cat), Pewter (an overweight gray kitten) and Tee Tucker (a corgi dog) who always talk to each other to help their human solve murders, they are talking to horses, Simon (a possum), Flatface (a huge owl) and barn mice!!! I think I am alittle crazy but I do enjoy these books!!!

Kathryn says

i got this book as a christmas gift because it was purple and about cats:) for a book about cat detectives it was ok i guess. the town was cute and that was nice to read about, but there were way too many characters to keep straight and the hunting part was too detailed.

Mary Ellen says

Audiobook Light entertainment

Karen says

I read this first, and I think I need to go back and start with book one. I always see these at booksales and finally took a stab at it. The animals are cute but it would be even better if we only learned through them.

Kellene says

I really like the old books in this series better than the newer ones.

MayberryAfterMidnight says

Bumping up to 3 stars because animals are main characters and there's a shout-out or two for adopting from shelters. :-) It is not absolutely essential that you read the other books in the series before picking this one up, but it likely would have made me care more about the characters if I had...As this was my first foray into the "Mrs. Murphy" mystery series, I could only come away thinking that it's a weird (maybe endearing? not sure) little universe Ms. Brown has created.