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Blacklin County, Texas, Sheriff Dan Rhodes investigates a crime wave of emu-rustling and a murder that may be related to the theft of the valuable birds. By the author of *Booked for a Hanging*.

Murder Most Fowl Details

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David says

Our main here is a likable small town sheriff. The small town, simple folk horse sense is present but not over played. In this book one crime if followed by others as things get more and more complicated, until a solution is found.

Erin says

Fun, exciting. Definitely an enjoyable read Would make a good beach book. Another edition in the Dan Rhodes series worth a read.

Stephanie Childs says

A quick and fun murder mystery!

Stephanie says

I continue to enjoy these fast, easy reads. They have enough humor and a few twists, plus great characters, that I can't wait to read all of these in the series.

Susan says

Sheriff Dan Rhodes is hearing rumors about a cockfighting ring, when he finds a former local storekeeper, put out of business by a WalMart, dead in a Porta-Potty floating in the river. The dead man had few friends, but frequented a local tavern. At the same time, Rhodes must deal with a case of emu rustling--you can't brand an emu--and the antics of his helpers Hack and Lawton.

Roberta says

A slow-walkin' slow-talkin' mystery set in a small Texas town that treats us to all of the stereotypes including cock fighting and drunken yahoos taking pot shots at outhouses. But this time the "cattle" are emus.

Olean Public Library says

A good detective series each easily read in an afternoon - (in Nantucket - don't I wish). Very good.

Kimberlyn says

Funny. Easy, relaxing read.

Caroline says

Continuing to read this series and enjoying every book so far. Bill Crider has a laid back style to his writing and great characters with interesting plotlines.

I will definitely look for more in this series!

Karl says

If one were a person whose tongue were firmly pressed against their cheek, then I guess it would be fair to say Bill Crider's seventh installment of the Dan Rhodes saga has gone to the birds. However, Mr. Crider avoids any foul language regarding the Fowl's in question, though foul things do go on in this installment.

We learn that Emu's are becoming a major problem in Sheriff Dan Rhodes county. Lots of folks are raising them. The birds are not branded and are generally hard to tell apart.

When the theft of a couple of Emu's causes the Sheriff to investigate the crime it leads him to the death of a local man who was shot and place in an outhouse, and that outhouse was subsequently pushed into the river, and was floating past the place where a local minister was baptizing one of his flock.

We also learn that Emu's don't taste like chicken. Speaking of chicken Rhodes must also deal with a Cockfighting ring in the county. Which to no surprise brings up the famous pulp book by Charles Willeford "Cockfighter". References to old mystery novels abound in the books as do classic television shows and classic movies.

One observation about this entry in the series is that The Sheriff gets beat up less often than in previous books. However, funny/bad stuff does happen to him in his pursuit of the killer(s).

I am happy to report that Sheriff Rhodes still likes his bologna sandwiches and can't seem to find the time to exercise.

This was a fun and entertaining read. Both thumbs up.

Ed says

#7 in the Sheriff Dan Rhodes series.

Sheriff Dan Rhodes finds a corpse in a bullet-riddled portable toilet floating down river. The three young

drunks discovered shooting at the toilet claim not to have known anyone was inside. The victim, a former hardware-store owner who had recently chained himself to the local Wal-Mart to protest the discount store's competitive edge, has an illegal cockfighting tool in his pocket. Then the dead man's widow is killed. The inhabitants of Blacklin County have lots of generally bad advice for their sheriff, who has two murders to solve, two emus to find and a secret cockfighting ring to break up.

Abbey says

A bunch of drunk young men taking pot shots at an outhouse that's floating by a riverbank interrupts a baptismal ceremony - annoying, but not particularly peculiar for Blacklin County. But the dead body in the outhouse certainly is, and it's up to Sheriff Rhodes to figure out what the heck happened. And then there's the stolen emus and the guy who chained himself to the front door of the Wal-Mart, and the little fact that everybody's trying to keep something important from Dan - it's pretty confusing. This seventh in the long series is a solid mystery and another fun visit with the Sheriff and his friends and constituents.
