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Depawsit Slip (Vanessa Abbot Cat Cozy Mystery Series Book 1)



Synopsis

If you love animals, especially cats, you will enjoy this cat mystery series. Vanessa Abbot, owner of the Cat Protection League, feeds and takes care of the cats under the League's care. She also collects the money from the register every evening in the League's Opportunity Shop and takes it to the bank. One foggy evening, she finds herself standing in the bank line when Alfred Botchweather, the local barber, is suddenly found lying dead at their feet with a knife protruding from his back. Vanessa suddenly becomes a suspect and must prove her innocence before it's too late. With the help of her cat friends, Vanessa closes in on the killer. Will Vanessa catch the killer before they strike again? Read to find out!

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Customer Reviews

i enjoy a good cozy story, and what's more cozy than 12 very personable cats? a charming little second hand thrift store in a little village, a warm cat loving proprietress all set the stage for a very exciting denouement. and, what a surprise, a budding romance. i would love for this series to grow and grow, longer books, more stories within the stories. charming!

I most thoroughly enjoyed this book. Of course I love the cats and their caretaker, Vanessa. I too talk to cats and they come up with great ideas so I know the cats can certainly solve crimes. This had a simple plot but interesting. A good read.

Funny cats and hidden murder. A lady who claims she is old when she isn't, her cats and a detective investigate a murder with a closed number of suspects. A very enjoyable read. Would like to see some more stories about the small town. One little kitty needs a follow-up story to, Aurora.

This is one of the worst cozy mysteries I have read. The main character is so rude to people, I don't know how she has any friends. I only finished it to see if it got any better or if her friends told her to take a hike. Won't be reading any more of this series.

I love a good cozy mystery and when that mystery involves cats well then it's an even better read for me. *Depawsit Slip* by Nancy C. Davis is the first book in what promises to be a great little mystery series that revolves around Vanessa Abbot a woman who runs the Opportunity Shop for the Hamilton County Cat Protection League, a league where she is actually the only member! When a murder takes place at the bank, she finds herself a suspect, and soon is trying to solve the case with the town's newest police detective Peter Wheeler. With some help from her clever kitties she just might figure out who-dun-it! Well developed characters and a fast paced mystery makes this a great little read, the only reason I gave the book four stars is because there were a few editing errors. I do plan on reading more of this series because I enjoyed this book so much!

I'm not turned off from the author, but I do think there is room for an improvement. It was a very quick read - just a couple of lunch breaks. The characters were a little cartoon-ish and the author was trying to shoehorn an entire (wanted to be complex) mystery with an awkward budding love interest in a short story. I did love that the main character was the equivalent of my mother -- that was certainly not the typical mystery story I've come across before, such as the single/lives alone/ridiculously attractive/entertaining-conversationalist female who just enriches the small town that she adores too much to ever leave. A nice twist regarding the main character's interaction with the rescue cats, but I won't spoil by revealing. But on the whole, this was not an exceptional short-story. I might read it again in a few years, since I've already paid for it. I suspect that the author

is chronically cold and therefore adores the idea of a dozen+ cats laying on you in the chair or bed. Reality for me is that 4 cats, with their higher body temperatures, who insist on laying firmly against me, means that I promptly begin sweating after an hour of "cuddling". In self defense, I strategically place heating pads around to entice the cats away (which they ignore unless they are also placed on the bed near me), maintain the indoor thermostat at 65F (yay high summer electric bills) and have even opened the bedroom window when the outside was in the low teens F. I cringed every time the story referenced a lapful/legful of cats. Comparison -- doesn't hold a candle to L.J. Braun Cat Who series (earlier and even the weaker later books) or to R.M. Brown Wish You Were Here (wish is the first of the Mrs. Murphy series and as of this morning, the only one I've read yet)

This book was a quick read, but the way the main character communicates with her cats needs an explanation. Too many plot points are oh so conveniently provided by the cats. Some of the dialogue is very repetitive as well and can be laborious to read through.

I feel like I cannot give this a proper review as I only read about 10 pages but that was 10 too many. I felt like I was reading something for a child of about 12 years old. Deleted it from my Kindle.

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