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It's Christmas on Madrona Island and Cait and friends have plans to embrace the magic of the season. The only dark spot on their celebration is the fact that a miserly old landlord is set on evicting an apartment building full of tenants just days before Christmas. Cait makes it her mission to save the old building and is aided by a cat named Ebenezer as they try to convince the old man to change his mind. Things look hopeless when she realizes that an unsolved mystery may be behind the man's gruff exterior. Cait vows to solve the mystery as a means of softening the man's heart and saving the apartments. An impossible task? Maybe. But Cait knows that miracles are real and anything can happen at Christmas.

Note for mystery purists: This story involves a cold case mystery which is linked to a modern day problem but does not contain a present day murder.

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Robin Leslie Coxon says

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The Christmas season and the magic felt during that season has come to Madrona Island. Caitlin Hart and her boyfriend, Cody West, are preparing the children of St. Patrick's Catholic Church for the Christmas pageant. A time when all should be joyful is soon turned dim due to information that the Bayview Apartment complex was being sold and all tenants were being given notice they must move out by the first of the year.

Unfortunately many of the tenants did not have anywhere to turn. A visitor in the form of a cat named Ebenezer has been sent to Cait to assist her as she attempts to convince the owner of the apartment complex, Balthazar Pottage, not to sell the complex and to go through with fixing up the complex. Mr. Pottage agrees to consider doing this if Cait and her friends can find his son who was kidnapped many years ago on Christmas Eve. You will lose track of time when reading and continuing until the end.

Doward Wilson says

Balthazar Pottage has chosen to demolish rather than upgrade an apartment building he owns on Madrona Island. This displaces 12 families who won't be able to find other affordable housing over Christmas. Cait decides to intervene and makes a deal with Balthazar to find his son who was kidnapped from the island 20 years earlier. With less than 30 days and Christmas celebrations and duties to handle can Cait find out what really happened and save the apartment building? This family and animal oriented cozy series continues to grow and expand in new directions that continue to entertain.

Marissa says

Kindle Copy for Review

It is Christmas season at Madrona Island and Cait and the gang is once again busy with season activities. But things are not so festive when an elderly land owner has decided to kick out his tenants of his rundown apartment building.

Cait finds herself involve in saving the building with the old man's cat Ebenezer. In order to save the building, she must find out what happened to the man's kidnapped six month old son on his christening day. What really happened that day and is the son still alive?

Once again another interesting read and no dead bodies this time.

Sherry says

Delightful Christmas Tale!

I always enjoy Kathi Daley's stories, but this one just touched my heart especially. Maybe because it was a Christmas tale with a Christmas miracle? Maybe I'm just sentimental. But whichever, I really enjoyed this light cozy tale, just perfect for the upcoming holiday season.

Barb says

How delightful and unusual to read a delicious mystery without a murder! Kathi Daley has crafted a wonderful, heartwarming Christmas story centered around a miserly man and the 20 year old kidnapping of his son. Located on a scenic island near Seattle, the place just oozes charm and Winter Wonderland. The characters are the kind of folks you'd love to have for neighbors, and the plotting is impeccable. THE CAT OF CHRISTMAS PAST is a great addition to the Christmas Cozy Genre. I received a Kindle edition of this book from the author in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Sue says

Book Six in the Whales and Tales Cozy Mystery Series

Cait is a perfect heroine...she has family, friends, a cute and wonderful boyfriend, and a penchant for solving mysteries on her lovely island. This mystery is, fortunately, not about a dead body that she is led to by a mysterious cat...it is a missing baby, unhappy millionaire, and an apartment building full of almost displaced people.

I actually kept up and figured out the mystery this time!! I love Kathi Daley books - she is a great entertainer! This book was a quick and cozy read - and very entertaining!

Laura Reading says

A definite 5 star read. Another winner from Kathi Daley.

I was so excited about this sixth book of the Whales and Tails series that I preordered the book in order to have it as soon as it went live.

While there is only one spiritual cat, instead of the three ghosts of past, present and future, he plays his part well, when he isn't lounging by the fire.

Even if you have parts of the mystery figured out early, you will still be captured by the storyline and won't want to set this book down until all the puzzle pieces have come together. Some clues come from unexpected sources.

You can read this as a stand alone but I suggest you also pick up the other books in this series and enjoy

them as well.

A wonderful cold case mystery that is in need of a Christmas miracle.

We again get to enjoy the friendship of the residents of Pelican Bay and the Coffee Cat Bookstore and see how they pull together, not only to solve a mystery but to ensure that no one spends a holiday alone.

Debbie says

I loved this book, I found it refreshing in fact that there is no dead body but there is a mystery to solve. Cait finds that apartments are to be torn down and many people evicted before Christmas so she goes to talk to the owner Balthazar, the owner. He gives her the chore of finding his son who disappeared as a baby and he may save the apartments. We are then taken on a trip with twists and turns as to what happened many years ago. I think that I was piecing it together a little faster than Cait but what a fun read. I will definitely continue on with series.

There is also the extra bonus of recipes.

Linda says

A story with a touch of magic and charm that leaves you with a smile on your face. Delicious recipes included!

KimberlyDawn says

This was a heartwarming and cozy story. A definite must read!

Kimberly says

I totally enjoyed this gem of a book. The 20 year old mystery was an awesome one. A tough one to crack.

How can you solve a crime committed 20 years ago that the cops couldn't work out?

A little cat named, Balthazar joins in to help solve the mystery. I love this series! Includes recipes that sound wonderful!

Vivian says

A mystery without a murder - what a refreshing change! I really liked this book - the cover immediately draws you in and gets you in the holiday mood. The sense of community, the closeness of friends and family, the northwest setting and of course the mysterious cat and mystery all combine to make this book one of my favorites of the series. Cozy fans will enjoy the story and those who have not yet discovered Kathi Daley are missing out - all of her books are well written and the stories are entertaining good reads.

Joanne says

The Cat of Christmas Past is the 6th book in the Whales and Tails Mystery series by Kathi Daley. Creativity and an imagination flows smoothly on to every page bringing us a continuation of the adventures of Caitlin Hart (Cait) and her friends in the Madrona Islands. This adventure introduces, Ebenezer, a cat sent by Tansy and Bella to assist Cait in solving the mystery. Christmas is quickly approaching and the residents of Madrona Island, part of the San Juan Islands off the coast of Washington, are making plans for family and community festivities. Sadness envelopes the “locals” as word spreads that a wealthy, elderly land owner intends to evict the renters in a decrepit apartment building he owns and sell the land for a condo development. Ebenezer leads Cait to the reclusive, Balthazar Pottage, and the true mystery begins. To save the building, Cait and friends seek to learn what really happened to Balthazar’s infant son on the day he was christened and his wife soon afterward. Typical of small town living, as questions are asked and lead to answers, the gossip mill is active, as well as scandal(s), making room for more questions, that lead to answers. There are twists and turns to the plot and mysteries abound together with the revelation of many secrets. The characters are well developed and relationships are continuing to grow. A new character, Alex Turner, is introduced to the series. This story is quite touching and perfect for the Christmas season and Christmas miracles!

The Cat of Christmas Past can be enjoyed without reading the earlier books in the series. However, I prefer to read the series in order. I like the continuity, as well as the setting for the novel, the small town on the island. And, of course, the cats! I highly recommend this novel for readers of all ages who enjoy cozy mysteries with a potential to include romance, in which the sleuth is a feisty young woman. There are delicious recipes included in the book, and I am looking forward to sampling a number of them.

Penny Marks says

I loved this book from the start. Kathi Daley never disappoints her readers. It is always a great time to read one of her books but especially this one with the holidays fast approaching. This will lift your spirits and get you into Christmas and all the love and joy it brings. I must say my favorite part of this book is the modern day Scrooge concept. Especially Ebenezer the cat.

It is a magical Christmas on Madrona Island. Full of joy, laughter, and a 20 year old mystery???

Everyone appears to be in the Christmas spirit except old man Balthazar Pottage. He is determined to make everyone at the Bayview Apartments have a not so Merry Christmas. He figures if he is miserable that everyone else should be too.

Caitlin has a ton of things on her mind besides Cody, her very sweet boyfriend. She is in charge of getting the Christmas play and Choir with over 30+kids organized and off without a hitch. She is also worried about Destiny and the big decision she will have to make soon. On top of all of this she is told about the apartments. She wants to find a way to save them or at least slow the process down till after the new year. She and Mr. Scrooge, I mean Mr Pottage make a deal. Caitlin has 3 weeks to solve a mystery that hasn't been solved for 20 years to try and save the apartments. Will she be able to solve this mystery in time? She will have to call in the help of all her friends and family and hopefully with a little Christmas magic Madrona island will have a Merry Christmas after all.

Cathy G says

I am surprised that I liked these books so much. With all that is going on in the world today they are light reading and fun. Caitlin and her best friend Tara run a bookstore on the wharf on Madrona Island in the North west. Caitlin finds out that the owner of an affordable apartment complex has sent the residents a letter evicting them on December 31st. They will have nowhere to go, Caitlin is asked to help stop the evictions. She visits the apartment owner and makes a deal. His son went missing 20 years ago, she must find him or the apartment closes. Can one of her mysterious cat visitors help her solve the kidnapping? Her brother Danny, her boyfriend Cody, Finn the island deputy, Maggie the aunt who raised her and Sibohn her older sister all pitch in to help solve the mystery.
