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Author Blaize Clement has thrilled readers everywhere with the first six books in her pet-sitting mystery series. Now Blaize's beloved heroine Dixie Hemingway is back for another adventure, and she has her hands full when the worlds of celebrity hijinks, counterfeit fashion, and naughty cats collide.

Dixie Hemingway, no relation to you-know-who, accepts a job taking care of famous linebacker Cupcake Trillin's cats, Elvis and Lucy, while he's away. But what seems like an easy job turns scary when Dixie finds a celebrity fashion model in Cupcake's house. The woman refuses to leave AND she also claims to be Cupcake's wife. But Dixie has met Cupcake's wife, and this woman certainly isn't her.

Soon, Dixie is spun into the world of counterfeit high fashion. When a valuable list of fake merchandise sellers goes missing, the criminals go after Dixie. Once again, what started as a simple cat-sitting job has turned into a mess that only Dixie can solve.

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Ed says

#7 in the Dixie Hemingway series about a South Florida pet sitter. The author of this light-hearted, engaging series, Blaize Clement, is deceased, but her son is reported to be continuing the series from notes prepared by his mother in anticipation of her death.

Dixie Hemingway is surprised to find a nearly naked woman, supermodel Briana, at the home of vacationing pro football star Cupcake Trillin and his wife, Jancey, whose cats Dixie's pet-sitting,. After Briana claims to be Cupcake's wife, Dixie steps outside and phones Cupcake, who tells her to call the police. When Dixie re-enters with police, Morgan, Briana has fled and there's a dead woman in the living room. Briana spins a tale of woe, and Dixie becomes enmeshed in the troubled model's complicated mix of lies and truths. One of Dixie's feline charges holds an important clue,

Gramy says

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This is the first book written by John Clements, after collaborating with his mother before she passed away.

The positive points are that most of the description align with the previous books nicely.

The negative point, which really irks me, is that the author thinks that a woman finds a man 'sexy' because of his use of profanity. That affected me in the opposite manner completely, turning me off! There was excessive profanity from several people, which I don't recall in any of the previous books. I personally do not think it is necessary. It detracts from the moral fitness of the characters, especially since they have never behaved that way it in the past.

Characters should grow and mature as the series progresses, not decline as they did in this one.

Brenda says

I did figure out about Briana and Elvis' paper, but the end was a surprise to me. I enjoyed the mystery and can't wait to read the next one.

Karen Blinn says

Dixie is taking care of the Tampa Buc's Cupcake Trillen's two cats. When she stops there one morning, she finds a nearly-naked model, Briana, inside the house. Stepping outside, Dixie calls the police. By the time the police arrive, Briana has vanished, but now there is a dead woman lying on the floor. The police remain

mum over the next few day's about the deceased's identity. Dixie convinces Briana to surrender to them, but she is released from custody after a brief stay in jail. Of course, Dixie remains involved in the case whether she wants to or not. Things get pretty dicey at the end of the book although the ending is not totally surprising if one has picked up on clues dropped throughout the book. A good read, as well as a somewhat sad one, as this was Clement's last book before she died in 7/11. Her son John Clement is supposed to continue the series, and it will be interesting to see where he takes Dixie.

Christina Jones says

OK, I'll admit I didn't want to wait to see where Dixie was going with her romance (I was number 113 on the waiting list at the library), so I bought the book. Since Dixie seems so caught up in detailing the relationship with her brother and brother-in-love, I was surprised she didn't catch on to the probable gender switch by Briana; especially as the story Briana told didn't jive with Cupcake's. I'm confident most reader's put that together long before Dixie...which makes her a little dense. The relationship conclusion with Guidry turned out a little too slick, but it gives the story line somewhere to go and keeps the setting in FL. Overall, I liked this one a little more than the others...maybe because the characters are developing more fully and the story lines aren't as shallow as the earlier ones.

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

This novel is a living testimony to the fine writing of Ms. Clement, who shall be greatly missed. I heard a rumor that her Son, continued on to finish this manuscript, if so, he is so in-touch with his Mother that the book was seamless. I pray he continues the series.

Our sleuth, Dixie Hemingway is a small animal sitter. She has her regular clients and does special jobs like watching over cats for a famous football player, Cupcake Trillin. Upon entering his house, Dixie is shocked to find a super fashion model standing in the house. Dixie demands 'Briana' to leave the house and runs outside to phone Cupcake, just in case it is a friend he didn't tell her about. Cupcake and his wife deny knowing 'Briana' and Dixie phones the police. When the police arrive there is no model but there is a dead body.

Although Dixie tries to stay out of this murder case, outside persons, such as Briana and thugs keep her involved. It seems to revolve around counterfeit Niki's and more. We are shown what a pair of Niki's mean to the disadvantaged, whether it be in New Orleans or in Eastern Serbia.

This was a murder mystery with a message.

*** Jennifer says**

A great plot, although the twist at the end was a dead giveaway to me from the beginning. The murderer completely escaped me however and the story line was intriguing. Not my favourite in the series because the

author messes with some of the main characters in ways I am not a fan of. Still, I grew up on Siesta Key and reading one of these books is like being home, so I'll always be a fan of the series.

Ch J Loveall says

Next sunset! (strenuously rubbing hands together with breathy, maniacal laughter).

Larraine says

After several serious books, I decided it was time again for something light and cozy. The Cat Sitters Pajamas really hit the right tone in more ways than one! Since I had just picked this book up at the library, I decided to dip right in. I started it yesterday and finished today. (Since we had freezing rain atop 2 inches of snow this morning, and the temperature hasn't gone above 30 degrees, I decided the best thing I could do was snuggle up with a book about cats and pets that takes place in Florida!)

This delightful book continues the saga of Dixie Hemingway, pet sitter and former deputy sheriff who had lost her husband and child to an elderly driver. Dixie is taking care of two cats, Elvin and Lucy, who belong to a famous football player, Cupcake Trillin, and his wife, Jancey.

They are taking a cooking vacation in Italy, and Dixie has a temporary security code to their villa in a high end secure neighborhood. However, no security is perfect because when Dixie steps into the house, she is greeted by a woman wearing nothing more than one of Calvin's shirts.

She is supermodel, Briana, who claims to be a childhood friend of Cupcake's. She has equipment which allows her to bypass security. Unfortunately, there is more to this than meets the eye when a dead woman with no ID is found in the house. Soon Dixie is drawn into a web of high end counterfeit goods, Serbian gangsters and more. It's a fun book and the latest in a series that I read from the beginning. Unfortunately, in reading some recent reviews, I learned that the author, Blaize Clement, died last summer. Her son, John Clement, is continuing the series and a new book is due to be published in 2013. I hope her son does a good job because I've enjoyed the little pet tips, and other trivia. One of the things included in the book is that if you freeze chocolate chip cookies after they have cooled, the chocolate sets up better and the cookies are crispier. I'm going to have to give that a try. RIP, Blaize Clements. Here's hoping John can continue the series.

Kim j says

I am really enjoying this series & the characters. This one did not show her doing a lot of detective work & I thought something was up with that piece of paper but I liked the "surprise" at the end. No spoilers here. I am sad that Guidry is gone but she does need to explore new relationships to heal so I am all for her going out. I cannot wait for her next book to come out. Thanks Dixie!

4/9/15: This is the last book Blaize wrote and I am reading the series over because the son took over and with the mixed comments I wanted to see for myself if its true. Plus I love going back to visit Dixie, the hurricane shutters, running with Billy Elliott, and the bacon obsession. Never disappointing and sometimes I can smell

Coras cbocolate bread--recipe please!! excellent read!!!

Vontel says

Brought home a requested Charles Lenox book today. After starting it, realized it seemed quite familiar. Checked on GR & confirmed I had read it, to my chagrin.

I did pick up what seems a bit of cozy fluff as well, with a cute name, so will start it. Probably perfect for a hot summer afternoon.

Good read, not too demanding, but not cloying. Ended up looking for another one by same author for hot summer day/night reading.

Ellen says

The Cat Sitter's Pajamas

5.0 out of 5 stars On the Job with Dixie, May 2, 2014

This review is from: The Cat Sitter's Pajamas: A Dixie Hemingway Mystery (Dixie Hemingway Mysteries)

"The Cat Sitter's Pajamas" by Blaize Clement.

Dixie Hemingway is busy pet sitting for her regular clients and now has an additional client to add to her roster. The famous Tampa Bay Buccaneer, Cupcake Trillin, and his wife Jancey have 2 cats, Elvis & Lucy. They are going to Italy on vacation and requested Dixie to cat sit for them while they are away.

That's when Dixie walks into trouble aka Brianna. No sooner does Dixie enter Trillin's home than she is confronted with the world famous model, Brianna. It appears that Brianna has decided to go a bit further than stalking by breaking & entering his home. Dixie leaves to go outside and call for police assistance. she also calls cupcake to let him know his home has been broken into.

But this is just the beginning of a world that Dixie wishes she never knew. A world of international swindlers, thieves and murderers.

I so enjoy this wonderful series and look forward to each new installment. I've grown accustomed to Dixie, her brother Michael and his significant other Paco, along with the loving pets on her journey as a pet sitter. Highly recommended.

AngryGreyCat says

Once I started this I could not put it down. I have read a couple other Cat Sitter Mysteries and enjoyed them as well. Dixie Hemingway, cat sitter and crime solver, stumbles first across an intruder in a client's home and then a body. This puts Dixie right in the thick of the investigation, whether she wants to be or not. The

plot twists and turns involving counterfeit goods, the FBI, Interpol, supermodels and more.

What sets this series apart from many cozies is the pacing, it is paced more like a thriller. It keeps you turning the pages with the momentum of the story, however it still manages to pay attention to the cast of recurring characters allowing the reader to "get to know them" through their interactions with Dixie. Excellent mystery series. I would highly recommend it to fans of cozies or traditional mysteries

Dale Safford says

I put this book down, then picked it up again several times. Finally the story got moving along enough to be interesting. Couldn't the professional football player have been given a better name?

Dixie Hemingway is cat-sitting for professional football player Cupcake Trillin who is vacationing in Italy when she walks in on a naked intruder at his home. She briefly leaves to call the police, and when she returns a mystery woman has been murdered, the intruder, who is world-class model Briana has gone missing, and then Briana contacts her, pleading her innocence and asking Dixie for help. Soon Dixie becomes involved with the search for a missing list revealing the names of people who are making money from selling counterfeit high-fashion merchandise, and her very life is in danger.

Alannah Davis says

When pet sitter Dixie Hemingway lets herself inside famous football player Cupcake Trillin's home in order to feed his cats, she surprises a strange woman who'd broken in. After Dixie notifies both Cupcake and the police, she finds another surprise in Cupcake's house: a newly murdered body, and it wasn't that of the woman who'd broken in.

This book is just about everything I love in a cozy mystery: well-drawn characters, intriguing goings-on, cats (non-mystery-solving ones in the case of this particular series) and a book that can stand on its own even though it's a part of a series. Oh yes, and most important of all: a heroine who doesn't annoy me.

I did manage to figure out a couple of key elements of the ending, but I didn't mind because the story as a whole is so satisfying.

I've been sick for the past couple of days, and it wasn't so bad since I had "The Cat Sitter's Pajamas" to hunker down with. An excellent read. I can't believe this is only the 2nd book I've read in the Dixie Hemingway series. Definitely must get my hands on the rest of them!

Rebecca says

What an entertaining read this was! I was a little skeptical going into the series simply because I was afraid that the animals would be lost in the background (I am just SO addicted to cozies with cats and/or paranormal). To my delight, this was an entertaining mix of a very good mystery balanced with cats and dogs who are very much "normal" cats and dogs but also very much the wonderfully individual little fursonalities that they are! The Dixie Hemingway Mystery series is now on my "collect and keep" list!

Juli Pennock says

Another pretty good story. I liked this one better than the first, and I'm still envious of Dixie's life (minus all the, you know, violence and murder and crap) and especially her home.

I did think she was very slow on the uptake when it came to Briana and the list. Maybe that was the point, though, that the reader knows before the heroine. I usually don't figure out the mystery in a cozy til close to the end, so it was a nice change for me (wink), to be a little ahead of the heroine. I didn't know who the killer was til the end, and that was nice, also.

Briana ended up a little flat (no pun intended) and one-dimensional, even with all her 'maybe true/maybe lies' backstory and her penchant for lying. Never really got a handle on her, which again, was probably the point of the character. Strangely, one of my favorite characters was the neighbor woman who found "Cecil." Funny how little things will stick out.

I liked the resolution between Dixie and Guidry. Maybe it would be more heartbreaking if I'd read the first five, first, but since I have only read the one with their relationship working, I'm not emotionally attached to him.

I like Michael and Paco and I love Cupcake and all the animals.

The author's world-building is stellar, and the stuff about the psychoneuroimmunology (total 'sp' and I'm not going to look it up, either) is interesting and may need some further research.

A good book, a nice read, a fine cozy :)

Sherrie Dagg says

fun light read

Frenchie says

I don't like being mean but I couldn't wait to be done with this book. If I didn't have a compulsive need to finish every book I start I probably would have switched to another book much sooner. I like mysteries where the main character tries to solve the mystery. She just went about her day without any investigating, some visits to people that had nothing to do with the crime. More time was spent on whether she should break up with her current boyfriend & date someone else. Then the "mystery" was solved in a couple pages near the end. Also her brother that she lives next to is gay & she made a comment that the serpent was the only honest one in the garden of eden. Enough rambling. Time to move on to another book FINALLY!!!!

Sfdreams says

I really loved this last installment of the series! Mostly for the personal development aspects--I did not figure out "whodunnit" but I DID figure out a big secret in the book WAY before Dixie did. Well, actually, she NEVER figured it out--another character did. Maybe Dixie is way more naive than I am. I dunno.

I was also irritated at the author's assertion: "Blood has bacteria that seeps into cracks and crevices and gets into the air. It takes a specialized cleaning crew to sanitize a house where a brutal homicide has taken place." This makes it seem as if blood is festering with infection, and that's why the clean-up after homicides, when blood has no more bacteria in it (usually) than is EVERYWHERE present. Blood-borne pathogens are usually viruses, not bacteria. Most of the sanitization of a crime scene has more to do with killing any viruses present and removing any traces of hemoglobin. Most people do not like to dwell on the fact that our world is literally teeming with bacteria, molds, and very small "critters" that for the most part are harmless, and sometimes even beneficial to our health. But for the majority of readers, that would not even irritate them. I think my occupation as a clinical laboratory scientist has made me a little too sensitive about such matters! :-)
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I can also highly recommend the author's blog (Kitty Litter) on her website: www.blaizeclement.com. In this book, as in previous books, she mentions Cora's Chocolate Bread. Well, I just happen to be going to a party tomorrow and wanted to try it, so I searched her website for "chocolate bread recipe" and found the blog entry that had the recipe. I am so excited to try it! I even have all the ingredients on hand. I will edit this review after I have tried it out and let you know how it came out. (Lisa, if you are reading this review, be sure to remind me!)

Overall, I love this series, and I really LOVED this book! If you like cozy mysteries, like I do, and like animals, you would love this series too! Try it out.
