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Living in the peaceful city of Pickax may be restful, but it certainly isn't dull. At least not for one of the most eligible bachelors in town, veteran newspaperman Jim Qwilleran. Having inherited millions, Qwilleran and his two feline companions, Koko and Yum Yum, are preparing to settle down into a life of purrfect luxury. That is, until the son of a rich banker and his wife are found murdered. To the police, it looks like a robbery gone awry. But then Koko develops an odd appetite for glue. Qwilleran doesn't spot the clue until his beloved Siamese's taste for paste tangles them in a web of love, danger, and their stickiest case yet!

The Cat Who Sniffed Glue Details

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Knit Spirit says

Cet ouvrage est le 8ème de la série, Qwill a déjà hérité mais il n'habite pas encore dans la grange, il commence le théâtre mais tout s'arrête lorsque deux membres de la troupe sont assassinés.

Koko sniffe la colle des livres et Yom Yom est très perturbée. Qwill a du mal à interpréter les signes que lui envoient ses chats mais il finira forcément par découvrir la vérité.

Encore un épisode très sympathique de cette sage des « Le chat qui... ». C'est toujours un plaisir de retrouver les différents protagonistes et de les voir évoluer au cours du temps, notamment les relations de Qwill avec les femmes et Pollie en particulier.

En bref : à lire si vous aimez cette série !

Ed says

#8 in The Cat Who ... series.

The Cat Who ... Series - Pickax City, in Moose County ("400 miles north of everywhere") is first disrupted by vandalism, then by murder. When Harley Fitch, vice-president of the Pickax Bank, and his wife, Belle, are found shot to death, police chief Brodie, a bagpipe-playing Scotsman, thinks that vandals, from neighboring, low-class Chipmunk are responsible. After three of the suspects die in a car accident, the case is effectively closed. But Jim Qwilleran ("former journalist, now heir to the Klingenschoen fortune - a big man about 50, with graying hair, bushy moustache and doleful expression") doesn't agree. Involved though he is in starting up a newspaper, juggling several platonic romances, redecorating his house and spoiling his Siamese cats, Koko and Yum Yum, he finds time to snoop around.

Ferne says

What an absolute delight to spend reading time with favorite characters Jim Qwilleran with Siamese cats Koko and Yum Yum. Regardless of what Jim Qwilleran is describing - daily habits with Koko and Yum Yum and his dining adventures with various female friends and acquaintances, he can make the ordinary become extraordinary. As Jim is back on the trail for a good story to meet new deadlines, this one definitely becomes one of my favorites of the series.

One hurries to enjoy the adventures and how murder and mayhem play a part but the story is always over too soon. Thankfully, there are many more in the series to read and savor.

Tommy Verhaegen says

Een nieuw avontuur in deze bekende en steengoede reeks. Een paar nieuwe karakters maar ook vele oude

bekenden, waar wel een paar onverwachte en nieuwe aspecten van naar buiten komen. Een gezapig boek over een gezapig levende man en zijn twee katten. Een snuifje paranormaal gedrag zonder het echt te erkennen of op de voorgrond te zetten. De lezer mag er het zijne van denken - voor of tegen, het heeft geen invloed op de kern van het verhaal. Doet een beetje aan Mrs. Marple dorpje denken waar achter de schermen zich veel meer afspeelt dan wat je in zo'n rustig plaatsje zou verwachten. Opnieuw een voltreffer.

Maggie Hull says

This is a very interesting read that I thoroughly enjoyed. Koko was into the glue! The hypothesis that he was interested in it because of bookworms, however, never really resolved. I would have liked to see him discovering a bookworm infestation and giving our bibliophile, Ed, a job!

Ange H says

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I can't believe how fast I'm blowing through these. #8 in the series was another good one, with the most interesting murder so far; involving a set of wealthy twins and a family that did not quite live up to its sterling reputation.

A lot of the now-familiar characters are on hand. Arch Riker, Hixie Rice, and Junior Goodwinter are all involved in the launch of the eagerly awaited newspaper that is replacing the Picaxe Picayune. (That publication went belly up in the last book after the owner/editor was murdered.) A contest to name the new paper came up with "The Moose County Something." Qwill decides to abandon his ill-conceived plan to write a novel and will be a contributing feature writer. This will give him the opportunity to interview some of Moose County's more colorful characters and gets him back into the career that he has missed since moving from Down Below.

On the romantic front, Qwill has already screwed up his relationship with Polly by getting a little too friendly with Francesca Brodie. She is helping him redecorate his bachelor pad, and is also involved in the local theater group he has recently joined. In a surprise move, Arch Riker proposes to Amanda Goodwinter, Francesca's cranky boss.

The cats were mentioned frequently but Koko's role in solving the crime didn't become obvious until the very end, which involved a neat surprise.

Originally published: 1988

Body Count: 7 (view spoiler)

Preceded by: The Cat Who Knew Shakespeare

Next Up: The Cat Who Went Underground

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Sherri F. says

Audio version: Can you say Booooooring? With a name like The Cat Who Sniffed Glue, I thought I could expect a few laughs at the very minimum. I barely eeked out a chuckle & by the end don't even remember that. Granted I wasn't feeling well & was in bed for most of this 6 1/2 hr audio, but I fell asleep about 30 to 40 times so a lot of rewinding. Oh, and the parts I then had to listen to twice weren't anymore interesting. The storyline itself could have been interesting but this author didn't make it so. I'm having trouble figuring out why this series is so popular, but I guess boring works for some people. Since I only read 1 other in this series and it was a long time ago and don't remember much, I may try another but not for some time AND I will look for one that is the highest rated to see if I can even be interested in that one. The silver lining is I needed a male Q for a challenge and luckily this was a short book/audio.

In this book, Jim Qwilleran and his 2 cats (Coco & Yum Yum) are getting there house remodeled while 2 women are fighting over Jim (if you want to call it that, it was lame either way) and Jim goes back to writing a column for the new newspaper, when the towns banker and his wife (or was it the son & daughter-in-law of the town banker) were killed. The brother and his wife found him, but their mother had a stroke from it all and soon passes and the father kills himself b/c he can't live without the wife and everything else that's happening. There are a variety of quirky town people that all seem to know this family's business. I never met so many quirky ppl in a book and it still managed to be incredibly dull and boring. At the same time, there are some burglaries and some rowdy kids in town that they try to blame for all this but, of course, doesn't turn out to be the case. I was just glad Jim with the help of his cats found the murderer(s) b/c it meant the end was near!

Cláudia says

I seem to be finding these books less interesting... the people from Moose County are always excessive excentric and weird, and they always keep getting killed (I don't know how there's still people there!). And the cats re funny, but the mysteries are just suddenly solved 2 pages from the ending, like it was obvious and Koko and Yum Yum had been mewing that since the start... Maybe it's my mood, how knows?...

Mike (the Paladin) says

This is one of those wierd non-mysteries I mentioned if you read my review of the first "Cat Who" book (which was much better). This is more like reading an account of people's day to day lives with the idea that a murder happened sort of in the back ground. You don't really get an investigation, no clues are uncovered, it just sort of "ends" after it just sort of "starts".

Sort of odd.

Carol says

First Read (1989): Qwill has become retired with his wealth and does some work for the newspaper. Now the son of a banker and his wife are murdered. It appears to be a robbery that went awry, but the cats know better, and they help Qwill figure it out. A good read.

Second Read:

This is Book #8 in the whole series, so quite early. Koko and Yum Yum are Qwill's two Siamese cats, both of whom came to him during the course of solving a mystery. The cats have a tendency to uncover clues. Qwilleran in a previous book inherited a fortune on the condition that he live in the town of Pickax, an upper Midwest mining town, for five years.

In this book Qwilleran has joined the local community theatre group which is preparing a production to be performed in the new theatre space at the Klingenschoen mansion. Koko meanwhile has developed an interest in glue, specifically licking the glue off of envelopes and stamps. He has also developed a bad habit of tilting a painting of a ship which hangs over the sofa.

One night a couple of the actors fail to show up for rehearsal and then the community finds out that Harley Fitch and his wife were shot in their home. The Fitch family has deep roots in Pickax and the father runs the local bank. Harley and his twin brother David are being groomed to take over when their dad retires. The police suspect a group of teenagers from nearby Chipmunk. Harley and David's mother is so upset she has a stroke and dies in the hospital. Their father then goes out and commits suicide rather than live without his wife. Finally, the group of teenagers from Chipmunk are killed in a car-train accident. The community assumes this is the end of the story but Qwilleran thinks there is more to it and Koko is still tilting that painting. So, the snooping begins!

If you are looking for an action-packed thriller then this is not the book for you. But if you like a mystery with well developed characters and a little quirkiness, and especially if you like cats then I think you will really enjoy this book and the others in this series. Enjoy!!!

James says

Book Review

3 of 5 stars to The Cat Who Sniffed Glue, the 8th entry in the "Cat Who" cozy mystery series written in 1988 by Lilian Jackson Braun. Moose County is certainly a memorable town. It's full of insanely eccentric characters who bring a bunch of laughs, whether it's over their appearance, action or words. And while Pickax, the town where Qwill, Koko and YumYum live has been the focus for the last couple of books, we're introduced to Chipmunk, the next town over, in this installment. And Chipmunk must be the bad side of town, as they have all the hoodlums who cause crime. How could a town called Chipmunk be so bad? I must put this place on my bucket list; sounds fun... but on a lighter note, this one made me think of The Cat Who Played Post Office, simply due to the postage stamp adhesive and now the glue Koko and YumYum become obsessed with... focuses on the crazy hijinks at a bank, a robbery possibly turned murder, and Qwill's decoration of his new pad... and a few added laughs when the woman gives Polly a run for her money in

trying to capture Qwill's heart. I love when there's Polly competition because she and Qwill can be super boring -- sometimes. Not always... and it's nice how it's only a little tease, believable, but never a real threat.

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Jennifer says

Jim Qwilleran and his cats Koko and Yum Yum are three of my all time favorite book characters. This book is the 8th in "The Cat Who" series.

First some background: Jim Qwilleran is a newspaper reporter with a hobby of unraveling mysteries. Koko and Yum Yum are his two Siamese cats, both of whom came to him during the course of solving a mystery. The cats have a tendency to uncover clues. Qwilleran in a previous book inherited a fortune on the condition that he live in the town of Pickax, an upper Midwest mining town, for five years.

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Loretta says

James Qwilleran is getting his garage apartment re-modeled by Francesca who seems to be making a play for him while Polly Duncan is acting cool towards him. There are frequent night time crimes happening in Pickax and everyone, including the sheriff, suspects the son-Chad-of a well known family. Koko has suddenly developed a fetish for any kind of glue and Yum Yum not only wants her own litter box but when it is supplied she refuses to use it! Then the young son of a wealthy family and his unusual bride who is pregnant are murdered leaving the community in deep shock. When Chad and three of his buddies are killed in an auto accident everyone thinks justice has been served except Qwilleran. I gave this book 5 stars because it was very lively from start to finish and the kitties were pretty cute also.

Tiffeny says

Often when I choose a book on tape to listen to, I select a book that I wouldn't normally actually read. This book is one of those. I'd seen these "The Cat Who" books before and decided to try one out. It started off pretty slow, but by the end I was really enjoying it. The characters were interesting and even though I'm not a cat lover, I enjoyed the descriptions of the cats and their antics. It was a fun book to try and while I probably wouldn't actually read one of these books, I will definitely try another one one tape.
