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A Ravenmocker is the most dreaded and deadly of Cherokee witches. When Woodrow Mouse's elderly father dies in a nursing home, Woodrow thinks a Ravenmocker is to blame. But when Molly Bearpaw, investigator for the Native American Advocacy League, looks into the case, she finds a whole array of real-life suspects.

## **Ravenmocker Details**

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## From Reader Review Ravenmocker for online ebook

### Dawn (& Ron) says

There just wasn't a whole lot of Native American stuff here. I was disappointed by this, especially since I discovered this series and author after a recommendation from my favorite author, Tony Hillerman. His books give us a look into the Navajo culture and its myths, which is what I had hopes for here, for me there was too little about the Cherokee people. Normally I try not to compare books, unfortunately in this case and with any Native American mystery I read, fair or not, the comparisons to Hillerman are inevitable.

The mystery itself was good and compelling. I will try others in the series to see if the Native American aspects become more prominent.

### Ron's review

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### Norla Chee says

Okay. Nothing new in the way of mystery writing.

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### Colette JO schmidt says

#### Thumbs down

Unfortunately nobody took the time to proof read this book and it is tortuous to read it with so many mistakes. Paying for books is supposed to be entertaining but with several mistakes per almost every page it's hard to follow the story with all the stumbling around trying to read. This would be a good read but for the lack to attention and detail.

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### Tracey S Choat says

#### 3 1/2 Stars

While I did enjoy the mystery, this book desperately needs a good editor. Conversations were especially difficult to understand, causing me to re-read the dialogue. There were so many misspelled words that made reading some paragraphs confusing. I do plan to read the next book in this series with the hope the author hired an editor.

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### Donna says

Molly Bearpaw is asked to watch an autopsy as her client is afraid the Ravenmockers caused the death of his father. Although the corpse's heart was intact and the death wasn't the fault of the ravenmocker, Molly is drawn into investigating the deaths in the local nursing home as the residents seem to be dying from poison

despite the repeated favorable inspections of the nursing home.

The theme of native American culture entwined in mysterious deaths was interesting. Hager's writing is not as good as her plots and characters but it is a quick, enjoyable read.

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### **Roy Johns says**

#### **Charming story**

Entertaining and The Who done it mystery was intriguing. Not totally transparent. Good summer read. I did enjoy it. Recommend

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### **Joy Gerbode says**

This is an especially good cozy! First, it is set in a small Oklahoma town, particularly in the nursing home there. Since I have a love for the elderly and have worked and volunteered in many nursing homes over the years, that was especially intriguing for me. Also, the mystery is the predominant story going on here, which I appreciate. There are side stories: a possibly budding romance, the Native American cultural aspects, and of course, the DOG! But they do not at any time take over the mystery, which is "who killed and why". Then, the solution to the mystery, which has many possible outcomes, is, in the end, something simple, yet somewhat of a surprise, and I always enjoy a twist at the end.

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### **Marian H. says**

Loved it! Interesting characters, good mystery and no nonsense. No long, silly detours. Will definitely read more from this author.

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### **George says**

#1 in the Molly Bearpaw Cherokee Indian mystery series set in Cherokee County Oklahoma. Mary is the investigator for the Native American Advocacy League and responsible for investigating claims of civil rights violations for Cherokees. If this first mystery is any indication, Mary spends more time investigating actual crimes than potential civil rights violation claims.

An elderly Cherokee residing in a skilled nursing facility dies of food poisoning and his son asks Mary to find out who was responsible and why. Molly works with a part Cherokee deputy sheriff to solve the mystery which is more complicated than first appears.

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### **Anne Egbert says**

She is not Dana Stabenow or Tony Hillerman for mysteries with a Native angle, kind of slow and tedious, but I will read the second one and see if it is any better. I was actually excited to learn more about Cherokee

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myths.

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### **Donna says**

Great story about a Indian investigator helping her tribe with legal issues

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### **Kate says**

Woodrow Mouse is afraid his elderly father was taken away by a Ravenmocker, the dreaded of Cherokee witches. But when Molly Bearpaw, investigator for the Native American Advocacy League, looks into the death of Abner Mouse at the Country Haven nursing home in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, she find no Ravenmocker--only a simple case of botulism and then a not so simple case of murder.

Twenty-eight, rail thin, and rebounding from a love affair with a married man, Molly, with the help of a handsome sheriff's deputy named D.J. Kennedy, explores the dusty backwaters of the Cherokee Nation and finds a whole array of suspects who might have wanted an old person to die. Greed and money and lies are the spirits stalking the Cherokee Nation during this summer heat wave, and now Molly Bearpaw is in far more danger than she can know ...

~~from the back cover

I was so hoping this would be more about life in the Cherokee nation and a rollicking good mystery to boot. I'm part (very small part) Cherokee, so it caught my eye. I had hopes.

Well, it turned formulaic. Our heroine is ambivalent about the tall handsome dude who is madly in love with her. Our heroine makes the decision to go do something anyone with a lick of sense would know better than to do, & THD gets really really irate (as well he should do). Our heroine solves the mystery, and discovers in the last few pages that she's falling in love with THD. The end.

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### **Rose Zamy says**

I enjoyed the book. . .and was intrigued with the process Molly used to solve the mystery. Good book. . .I plan to read more of these.

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### **Lauri Saplاد says**

Interesting mystery with eerie undertones. Native American mythology comes home to a nursing home. Who or what is killing off residents?

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