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Una Tiers says

Not the usual plot and pace. In fact the plot is fractious. Still, I'm half in love with Qwilleran.

Courtenay says

Koko & Yum Yum are genius detectives. It's a good thing that Qwill can understand these Siamese cats who don't speak English, but do dredge up clues open to interpretation - Qwill's interpretation. Once again a new venue (the Gage mansion) gives the cats & Qwill lots of clues to solve a new murder mystery - or two. It also provides Qwill with enough history to write & produce a one man show about the 1869 fire in Moose County. Since it's the holidays - Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas - Qwill also shows us how to celebrate in Pickaxe as only a bachelor can. So much is going on in this little book - did I mention the dog sled team & Mildred getting married? - that it entertains completely with satisfying conclusions for all story lines introduced.

Amy Miller says

I LOVED this series! I've read them all and rate them all a 5. If you like quirky mysteries this is one you should cover. Jim Qwilleran is my kind of detective ... add in a couple of clever cats & what you have is involved, funny and interesting.

Kirsti says

Koko is up to his tricks again, and it's up to the intrepid investigator Qwilleran to put together the puzzle pieces and come up with a solution. Koko is obsessed with objects that have something to do with feet, pulling them from the mansion's fifty odd closets. Qwill begins investigating the mysterious 'suicide' of Euphonia Gage, Junior's grandmother, at her new retirement home. Here he enlists one of my favorite characters, Celia Robinson, and slowly the truth comes to light. This one also deals with the 'Big Burning', a concept I enjoyed reading of, and I would have liked to see a show like it.

I love these books, and I have ever since I discovered a few hidden away in a box at a secondhand shop. As always, I was quickly drawn into the plot, and read this one in one sitting. I'll end this review with a favorite quote from Koko; "Yargle!"

Rage says

wow... sinister villains! this series keeps surprising me, because although the novels are cozy, there are these really dark themes underlying all of the food and interior decorating and cat antics.

Lisa Hall says

Winter is moving in on Pickaxe, and this year its supposed to be the big snow. Not wanting to get stranded, Qwill rents a mansion and moves the cats to town. The owner has moved to Florida to retire in style, leaving the place partially furnished and the closets stuffed. All fifty of them.

Well, you know how long it takes Koko to get into those. Before you know it, Qwill has a story to write, one about the big fire that nearly burnt Pickaxe to the ground over a hundred years ago. But the cats aren't done. When a local potato farmer is killed and the houses' owner commits suicide, Qwill's mustache starts to twitch, and the cats begin snooping in earnest.

This is #15 in a series that is full of short, fun reads that don't get too dark, despite being about murder. Starting to look like Qwill is going to live in every house in the county! Maybe he'll start renting the cat out for their clue searches.

Tommy Verhaegen says

Erg prettig lezend feelgood verhaal met prachtige sfeertekeningen, het handelsmerk van deze schrijfster. Zoals gewoonlijk wordt pas langzaam duidelijk dat er misdaad in het spel is en duurt het tot erg ver in het verhaal voor er schot in het ontrafelen van de zaak komt. Ondertussen wordt er al dan niet smakelijk gegeten en gedronken. Vooral de rit met de hondenslee is beklijvend beschreven en een absoluut hoogtepunt qua spanning.

Reba says

I just can't even with these books. Why do I love them so much? They are like the ultimate comfort food for me. They are like putting on a pair of slippers and eating a big bowl of Mac & cheese.

Donna says

Can a cat sense danger and help solve crimes? “The Cat Who Went Into the Closet” will make you a believer. Jim Qwilleran (Qwill) is renting the Gage mansion in Pickax and has brought his two Siamese cats (Koko and YumYum) with him. While both cats have attitudes, Koko seems to have an affinity for “finding” things and exploring. While trying to figure out what Koko is doing, Qwill hears that the former owner of the mansion has committed suicide in Florida. Qwill begins an investigation into her death and makes many discoveries. Did Euphonia Gage really kill herself? Where will the objects Koko finds lead Qwill?

This fun romp of a mystery kept me captivated as I wondered what Koko would do next. The murder mystery is also interesting, but a bit predictable. If you enjoy fun, relaxing, enjoyable reading, this is a book for you. It is perfect for a day at the beach, when you are homebound in the snow, or just relaxing in the backyard. Lilian Jackson Braun certainly makes the cats come to life!

Debbie says

This is one of my favorite series and I am reading through it very slowly, because I don't want it to end. LJB was a great story teller and each book just builds on the last so well and the characters become the readers dear friends.

One of my favorite cat parts in this book is the time change in October and the fact that the cats do not accept breakfast being an hour late....I can relate to that so well with my 3 girls. Time change is a rough couple of weeks here.

Nicole says

Another interesting book in the Cat who series! This one had a bit of a different feel, with Qwill staying in a local mansion. I enjoyed Arch and Mildred's wedding. Great book.

Gebanuzo says

Cat, cat, cats!

Un libro lleno de misterio y buenos momentos.

Ange H says

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In the 15th ...Cat Who... book Qwill rents the Gage mansion in Pickax for the winter, feeling that the converted apple barn where he and the cats usually live will be too isolated when the "big snow" sets in. The mansion's elderly but spry owner is Euphonia Gage, Junior Goodwinter's grandmother. She is now living it up at a high-end trailer park in Florida. While in residence in the mansion, Kato discovers that the closets are a treasure trove of interesting bits and pieces of the past. When the news comes that Euphonia has unexpectedly committed suicide, Kato's clues from the closet lead Qwill to suspect that something much more sinister happened to Euphonia.

This was probably not one of the stronger Cat Who books, but 15 books in I just enjoy hanging out in Pickax with these characters, I feel like I know them and I like hearing about what they all get up to: Arch and Mildred get married in a lovely ceremony on Christmas Eve. Junior and his wife have a baby. Qwill and Hixie put on a play about a historic fire in Pickax. We meet a cool old lady named Celia Robinson, who helps Qwill solve the mystery of Euphonia's death, and I'm pretty sure she and her grandson become recurring characters.

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Next Up: The Cat Who Came to Breakfast

Previous: The Cat Show Wasn't There

Melissa says

Book #2 read in 2009

While the mystery in this one was interesting, the writing seemed to lack something. There were whole scenes about the play that were repeated over and over. Why do we need to know which door Qwill is going to use for enters and exits? The whole play had so little to do with the major plot points in the story. This was not one of my favorites in the series for this reason.

James says

Book Review

4 of 5 stars to the 15th book in the "Cat Who" cozy mystery series, The Cat Who Went into the Closet, written in 1993 by Lilian Jackson Braun. I found this to be one of the stronger books in this series, combining genealogy and great family dynamics within Pickax. When Qwill and the cats take a mini-trip to the Goodwinter and Gage mansion, they find themselves stirring up a little trouble in the Pickax. Uncovering information about the great fire from nearly 150 year before, the town has some secrets people wanted to keep hidden. It also shows the good and the bad about the two leading families who built Pickax over the years. If Qwill isn't careful, he'll find himself burning to the ground in another fire. What I love about this book is the true strength of the mystery the author built into the cozy story. There is a lot going on and it involves many great town members and historical settings. If you've never read the series, and only want 1 or 2, give this one a chance. If you enjoy the series but stopped because there were too many (~30), give this one a try -- it's a good mystery this time.

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