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A Deadly Grind Victoria Hamilton 2012-05-01 A Hoosier to die for? When vintage cookware and cookbook collector Jaymie Leighton spies an original 1920s Hoosier brand kitchen cabinet at an estate auction, it's love at first sight. Despite the protests of her

sister that the 19th-century yellow-brick house they share in Michigan is already too cluttered with Jaymie's "junk," she successfully outbids the other buyers and triumphantly takes home her Hoosier. But that night on the summer porch where they've left the Hoosier to be cleaned up, a man is

murdered, struck on the head with the steel meat grinder that is part of the cabinet. Who is this stranger—and what was he doing on their porch? Does his death have anything to do with the Hoosier? As the police struggle to determine the man's identity, Jaymie can't help doing a little digging on her own, accompanied by her three-legged Yorkie Poo, Hopalong. But in her bid to uncover the truth about the hidden secrets of the Hoosier, Jaymie may be the one who ends up going, going...gone. [Holding Back The Tears](#) Annie Mitchell 2013-09-16 This is true story about real people is set in Edinburgh City and Dundee, where a petite Scottish Lassie called Rosie Gilmour, mother to Finlay Sinclair, receives news of the death of her son - who tragically has taken his own life by hanging. Rosie pretends her son is still alive by talking to him, for that takes away the unbearable pain of her loss. But once she begins to face up to the fact that Finlay is not coming back, her conversations become more of a challenge

than she can handle. When memories of her past are triggered by everyday life events, they take her mind back and forth in time - back to her own childhood days in 1960, when she flirted with the fairground boys, and to the day she gave birth to Finlay - "ME LADDIE". Rosie's Scottish accent becomes more apparent whenever her emotions are heightened and she begins to recite poetry. She goes on to reveal doubts about her own self-worth and how she reunites her role as mother - a role she had denied herself for seven years prior to Finlay's death. Rosie learns how to forgive herself and how to accept her loss with using practical coping strategies that sometimes but not always work for her. Many voices of different natures and walks of life appear in Rosie's, story with each one offering a part of their own belief to try and console her in her misery - except that she turns her back on any advice or support offered. Rosie is convinced that she can cope with her loss on her own and

“needs no help from anyone, thank you” - until a sweet, gentle, soft-spoken voice begins to travel with her throughout her ordeal, leaving her no other choice but to listen. Eventually moving to the countryside in Angus, Rosie finds the isolation gives her life a new meaning offering her the opportunity to re-value her beliefs about her own self values and decides the time has come to give her son a memorial service and invite a chosen few dance companions whom she met on a regular basis in Edinburgh to honour this day. Rosie begins to accept she will never be the same person she once had been and shall never be again, believing now her journey through grief taught her many lessons making her a stronger and better person than she imagined she could ever be. Parentology Dalton Conley 2014-03-18 An award-winning scientist offers his unorthodox approach to childrearing: “Parentology is brilliant, jaw-droppingly funny, and full of wisdom...bound to change your

thinking about parenting and its conventions” (Amy Chua, author of *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*). If you’re like many parents, you might ask family and friends for advice when faced with important choices about how to raise your kids. You might turn to parenting books or simply rely on timeworn religious or cultural traditions. But when Dalton Conley, a dual-doctorate scientist and full-blown nerd, needed childrearing advice, he turned to scientific research to make the big decisions. In *Parentology*, Conley hilariously reports the results of those experiments, from bribing his kids to do math (since studies show conditional cash transfers improved educational and health outcomes for kids) to teaching them impulse control by giving them weird names (because evidence shows kids with unique names learn not to react when their peers tease them) to getting a vasectomy (because fewer kids in a family mean smarter kids). Conley encourages parents to draw on the latest data to rear children,

if only because that level of engagement with kids will produce solid and happy ones. Ultimately these experiments are very loving, and the outcomes are redemptive—even when Conley's sassy kids show him the limits of his profession. Parentology teaches you everything you need to know about the latest literature on parenting—with lessons that go down easy. You'll be laughing and learning at the same time. *The Cat Sitter's Pajamas* Blaize Clement 2012-01-03 Hired by a famous football player to pet-sit his cats, Dixie meets a celebrity fashion model who claims to be the athlete's wife, a situation that culminates in Dixie's discovery of a ring of high-fashion counterfeiters. By the author of *Raining Cat Sitters and Dogs*.

### **Alone In Vietnam**

**Meet Isabel Puddles** M. Byrne 2020 "To the tourists and summer residents, Kentwater County is a picturesque community of small-town charm, fruitful farmland, and gorgeous freshwater beaches.

To middle-aged widow Isabel Puddles, it's where she enjoys breakfast every morning at a local café with her childhood best friend and spends her evenings cozing up with a good book and her devoted Jack Terrier, Jackpot. In between, Isabel makes ends meet through a variety of trades - preserving pickles, baking pies, working the counter at her cousin's hardware shop, and occasionally helping "fix-up" the hair of corpses at the local funeral parlor. When Isabel discovers a two-inch nail embedded in the skull of Earl Jonasson, it seems the octogenarian may not have died of a stroke. His son is quickly arrested when his alibi doesn't check out. But Isabel has known Earl Jr. since they were kids and can't believe he'd murder his own father, regardless of his financial difficulties. As gossip about Earl Sr.'s land and insurance policy money starts to spread around the county, Isabel finds herself conducting her own investigation to clear her

friend's name. "--Publisher.  
Fahrenheit 451 Ray Bradbury  
2003-09-23 A totalitarian  
regime has ordered all books to  
be destroyed, but one of the  
book burners suddenly realizes  
their merit.

*Cold Snap* Codi Schneider  
2021-09-12 Tucked in the cold  
Colorado mountains lies the  
remote village of Gray Birch, a  
place where outsiders are  
frowned upon. In this village  
lives a cat named Bijou. But  
she's no ordinary house cat;  
her ancestors were mousers on  
Viking longships, and their  
blood runs through her veins.  
Since her battle skills are hardly  
needed in this modern age,  
however, she spends her  
energies running the Fox  
Burrow Pet Inn with her human,  
Spencer, and her assistant,  
Skunk, a mentally negligible  
Pomeranian. Together, the  
happy trio has created a safe  
haven for their four-legged  
guests. But when Eddy Line, a  
handsome baker from  
California, comes to the  
inn—along with his piglet and  
pit bull puppy—everything  
changes. Spencer falls for Eddy,

Bijou is unhappy with the  
sudden changes to her clan,  
and the townspeople are  
anything but welcoming; in  
fact, threats are made against  
Eddy when he buys the town's  
historic firehouse in order to  
open a bakery. Then a shocking  
murder/dognapping occurs on  
the night of the bakery's grand  
opening, and Bijou finds herself  
thrust into a tangled mystery.  
To solve it, she will have to  
summon her inner Viking—and  
fight tooth and claw for her new  
clan.

Cat Striking Back Shirley  
Rousseau Murphy 2009-10-27  
Joe Grey is carrying a gift of  
mice to a litter of local kittens  
when he stumbles upon a  
murder scene that lacks its  
most vital ingredient--a victim.  
As feline detectives Joe, Dulcie,  
and Kit search for clues, they  
find that more than murder is  
afoot int

Cat Sitter Among the Pigeons  
Blaise Clement 2011-01-04  
Author Blaise Clement has  
earned herself a legion of fans  
with the first five books in her  
pet-sitting mystery series. Now  
Blaise's beloved heroine, Dixie

Hemingway, is back, and when Dixie's latest assignment turns dangerous, it's up to her to save the day. Dixie, no relation to you-know-who, is helping an injured and cantankerous man take care of Cheddar, his orange shorthair cat. Soon Dixie finds herself totally smitten with the man's adorable infant great-granddaughter. But the baby's naive young mother has enough knowledge about certain powerful local big-mney honchos to send them to prison for life, and they are willing to do anything, even kill her baby, to shut her up. Caught in the turmoil caused by the grandfather's prickly pride, the granddaughter's misguided plans to regain her young husband's respect by telling the truth in court, and the ruthless determination of wealthy villains to preserve their ill-gotten millions, Dixie is the only person who can rescue the baby. And she has to do it without letting law-enforcement people know -- not even Lieutenant Guidry, with whom she has a new romantic

relationship. Does Dixie have her claws sunk too deep to make it out of this one? Find out in book six of Blaize Clement's splendid series. [Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin Roof](#)  
Blaize Clement 2009-01-06  
Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter introduced a winning sleuth in Florida pet sitter Dixie Hemingway, and the next books in the series, Duplicity Dogged the Dachshund and Even Cat Sitters Get the Blues, firmly established author Blaize Clement as a new star amongst mystery fans. Now Dixie Hemingway, no relation to you-know-who, is back in this fourth riveting installment. When Dixie meets Laura Halston, a newcomer to Siesta Key, she recognizes a kindred spirit and believes she's found a new friend. Disarmingly beautiful, Laura confesses that she's in hiding from an abusive husband. Later, when Laura receives threatening phone calls, Dixie is certain the husband is the culprit. But the more Dixie learns about Laura, the less certain she is about anything...and then matters

turn deadly. As she tries to understand Laura's past, Dixie is forced to acknowledge things about herself that she has never faced before. Fast-paced and gripping, *Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin Roof* is everything Blaize Clement's many fans have come to expect.

[The Myth of Ritual Murder R.](#)

Po-chia Hsia 1988-01-01 From the mid-fifteenth century to the early seventeenth, German Jews were persecuted and tried for the alleged ritual murders of Christian children, whose blood purportedly played a crucial part in Jewish magical rites. In this engrossing book R. Po-Chia Hsia traces the rise and decline of ritual murder trials during that period. Using sources ranging from Christian and Kabbalistic treatises to judicial records and popular pamphlets, Hsia examines the religious sources of the idea of child sacrifice and blood symbolism and reconstructs the political context of ritual murder trials against the Jews. "This volume combines clarity of thinking, elegance of style, and exemplary scholarly attention

to detail with intellectual sobriety and human compassion."--Jerome Friedman, *Sixteenth Century Journal* "Hsia has... succeeded in turning established knowledge to illuminatingly new purposes."--G.R. Elton, *New York Review of Books* "This meticulously researched and unusually perceptive book is social and intellectual history at its best."--*Library Journal* "A fresh perspective on an old problem by a major new talent."--Steven Ozment, *Harvard University R.* Po-chia Hsia, professor of history at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, is also the author of *Society and Religion in Münster, 1535-1618*

[A Diary from Dixie](#) Mary Boykin Miller Chesnut 1905 This book is the author's Civil War diary from February 18, 1861, to June 26, 1865. She was an eyewitness to many historic events as she accompanied her husband to significant sites of the Civil War.

**Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter** Blaize Clement

2007-01-02 While going to the

home of a vacationing client in Sarasota, Florida, professional pet-sitter Dixie Hemingway, a former sheriff's deputy, stumbles upon a traumatized cat and the corpse of a mysterious intruder, sending Dixie on a search for her missing client--and a killer. A first novel. Reprint.

**Across Patagonia** Lady

Florence Dixie 1880

**Vilonia Beebe Takes Charge**

Kristin L. Gray 2017-03-07

"Vilonia must prove she is responsible enough to get a dog in order to help her mom get over her grief"--

*Barnaby Rudge* Charles Dickens 1866

**The Photographer** Mary Dixie

Carter 2021-05-25 Mary Dixie

Carter's *The Photographer* is a slyly observed, suspenseful story of envy and obsession, told in the mesmerizing, irresistible voice of a character who will make you doubt that seeing is ever believing. "A breathless psychological thriller about epic mind

games."—PEOPLE A Publishers Weekly Best Mystery/Thriller of 2021! WHEN PERFECT IMAGES

As a photographer, Delta Dawn observes the seemingly perfect lives of New York City's elite: snapping photos of their children's birthday parties, transforming images of stiff hugs and tearstained faces into visions of pure joy, and creating moments these parents long for. ARE MADE OF BEAUTIFUL LIES But when Delta is hired for Natalie Straub's eleventh birthday, she finds herself wishing she wasn't behind the lens but a part of the scene—in the Straub family's gorgeous home and elegant life. THE TRUTH WILL BE EXPOSED That's when Delta puts her plan in place, by babysitting for Natalie; befriending her mother, Amelia; finding chances to listen to her father, Fritz. Soon she's bathing in the master bathtub, drinking their expensive wine, and eyeing the beautifully finished garden apartment in their townhouse. It seems she can never get close enough, until she discovers that photos aren't all she can manipulate.

**Raining Cat Sitters and Dogs** Blaize Clement

2010-12-28 Despite the efforts of Dixie Hemingway's on-again, off-again boyfriend to find a missing girl who may be a witness to a murder, Dixie finds that she must work alone to confront criminals who will stop at nothing.

**Even Cat Sitters Get the Blues** Blaize Clement

2010-04-01 Dixie Hemingway has a knack for being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The day she happens upon the dead body outside a fancy mansion is no different. She's had her fill of homicide investigations, so she leaves the gate-keeper's corpse to be found by somebody else. Unfortunately, that somebody else sees Dixie leaving the scene of the crime, and the fatal bullet might have even come from her own gun! To make matters worse, the owner of the mansion is Dixie's new client—a scientist who is either a genius, insane, or both—whose pet iguana is under her charge. All that, plus a feisty calico kitten that needs some TLC, means that time is running out for Dixie to catnip

this case in the bud... and collar the killer.

**Duplicity Dogged the Dachshund** Blaize Clement

2007-01-01 As Dixie and an adorable dachshund name Mame are out for a walk, a car speeds by and Dixie waves to the driver. Later, after the dog finds a dead body, Dixie realizes that she has waved to a killer. But what will happen next?

*Skellig* David Almond

2013-11-14 The beautiful and haunting novel that launched David Almond as one of the best children's writers of today When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sister's illness, Michael's world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old, ramshackle garage of his new home, and finds something magical. A strange creature - part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michael's help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health, while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more

than he at first appears, and as he helps Michael breathe life into his tiny sister, Michael's world changes for ever . . .

Skellig won the Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book Award and is now a major Sky1 feature film, starring Tim Roth and John Simm. David Almond is also winner of the 2010 Hans Christian Andersen award. Powerful and moving - The Guardian This newly jacketed edition celebrates 15 years of this multi-award-winning novel.

**Girlgoyle** Better Hero Army 2015-07-15 Tiffany Noboru has just awakened from her death, only to discover she has been drafted into the Gargoyle Ghost Hunter Corps. Soon she is fighting jealous rivalries within her own ranks, struggling to unravel the mystery of her recent death, and trying to avoid being killed a second time by a maniacal ghost named Bones who is seeking the destruction of the gargoyle world. In this full-length novel, appropriate for teens and young adults, a new twist on the role of gargoyles is

imaginatively brought to life in spellbinding fashion. Woven into the pages are twenty original works of art by Miimork, which breathe life into this ghostly tale.

### **The Language Instinct**

Steven Pinker 2010-12-14 The classic book on the development of human language by the world's leading expert on language and the mind. In this classic, the world's expert on language and mind lucidly explains everything you always wanted to know about language: how it works, how children learn it, how it changes, how the brain computes it, and how it evolved. With deft use of examples of humor and wordplay, Steven Pinker weaves our vast knowledge of language into a compelling story: language is a human instinct, wired into our brains by evolution. The Language Instinct received the William James Book Prize from the American Psychological Association and the Public Interest Award from the Linguistics Society of America.

This edition includes an update on advances in the science of language since *The Language Instinct* was first published.

### **The Cat Sitter's Nine Lives**

Blaize Clement 2014-07-08

Plucky heroine Dixie

Hemingway is back in this ninth installment of Blaize Clement's beloved cozy mystery series.

While driving along the beachside road that runs through the center of her hometown Dixie witnesses a terrible head-on collision. Ever the hero, she springs into action and pulls one of the drivers from his car just before it explodes in flames. A little shaken but none the worse for wear, Dixie proceeds to her local bookstore where she meets Cosmo, a fluffy, orange tomcat, and Mr. Hoskins, the store's kind but strangely befuddled owner. The next day the driver whose life she saved claims that he is Dixie's husband. Meanwhile, both Cosmo and Mr. Hoskins have disappeared without a trace, and a mysterious phone call from a new client lures her to a crumbling, abandoned mansion

on the outskirts of town. Soon Dixie finds herself locked in a riddle of deception, revenge, murder, and mystery. *The Cat Sitter's Nine Lives* features a compelling main character and a riveting plot that is bound to satisfy the appetites of Dixie Hemingway fans and newcomers to the series.

### Duplicity Dogged the

Dachshund Blaize Clement

2007-10-01

The follow-up to

"Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter." Out on a morning walk with her dog, Dixie Hemingway waves to the driver in a passing car, only to discover that she has waved to a killer. Fearful that Dixie can identify him, the chase is on.

Martins Press.

### **The Texture of Memory**

James Edward Young

1994-01-01

Dotyczy m. in. Polski.

*Aveda Rituals* Horst

Rechelbacher 1999-10-15 Daily activities demonstrate Aveda philosophies of life, nutrition, and meditation, leaving room for participants to add their own healthy habits to their daily rituals

*The Cat Sitter's Cradle* John

Clement 2014-06-03 Spotting an exotic bird far from its indigenous habitat, pet sitter Dixie Hemingway uncovers sinister forces behind the bird's displacement before a client is murdered and a new friend goes missing with her baby.

**Jitterbug Perfume** Tom Robbins 2003-06-17 Jitterbug Perfume is an epic. Which is to say, it begins in the forests of ancient Bohemia and doesn't conclude until nine o'clock tonight (Paris time). It is a saga, as well. A saga must have a hero, and the hero of this one is a janitor with a missing bottle. The bottle is blue, very, very old, and embossed with the image of a goat-horned god. If the liquid in the bottle actually is the secret essence of the universe, as some folks seem to think, it had better be discovered soon because it is leaking and there is only a drop or two left.

*The Cat Sitter and the Canary* John Clement 2016-12-20 "This time out, Dixie's got a furry partner-in-crime, an irascible Lhasa Apso named Charlie. They've just arrived at the

home of one of Dixie's regular clients to check in on Franklin, a mackerel tabby with avocado-green eyes and a luxuriant coat the color of dried beach grass. Despite a couple of bumps in the road (Franklin seems to be hiding in one of his favorite cubby holes, and Charlie scratches up the parlor door trying to get to the other side), everything else is perfectly normal. That is, until the next day, when Dixie discovers a dead body on the other side of that parlor door, along with a note that seems to suggest she had something to do with it. Soon, there's another victim, and then another note, and Dixie quickly finds herself caught in a maze of mystery and danger, where all the clues have her name written all over them, and where she must find the murderer. . . before he finds her"--

The Bad Canadian Leonard G. Mokos 2016-10-24 IN A PLACE OF PEACEDURING A TIME OF WARTHE UNFORGIVEN WILL NOT GO FORGOTTEN.Edenville, 1940. In a rural hamlet where the majority of men are

overseas to fight Hitler's Nazi war machine, someone is killing veterans of the first world war. Wartime Special Constable 'Lame' Eddie Sommers, a crippled rich boy and the butt of derision, is doing his best to fill a uniform he believes in, yet wears too large. Inexperienced and out of his depth, he turns to a former detective and veteran of the western front for assistance. Involving Marshall Geary might be his biggest mistake. Marshall wears a copper mask, as much to hide behind as to conceal his disfigurements. He struggles against howling flashbacks and the lingering stench of his own concealed crimes. In a town meant for sanctuary, repressed horrors awaken like worms in a collapsing coffin. The closer they get to the truth, the nearer everyone is dragged to their limits, their failings and their buried pasts.

*The Cat Sitter's Whiskers* Blaize Clement 2015-03-31 Rendered unconscious by a housebreaker while caring for a mischievous Maine coon cat, Florida cat sitter Dixie Hemingway is

baffled to discover that none of the house's considerable valuables have been stolen, in a case that ensnares her in the world of black-market antiques. By the author of *The Cat Sitter's Cradle*.

Arc of Justice Kevin Boyle 2007-04-01 An electrifying story of the sensational murder trial that divided a city and ignited the civil rights struggle. In 1925, Detroit was a smoky swirl of jazz and speakeasies, assembly lines and fistfights. The advent of automobiles had brought workers from around the globe to compete for manufacturing jobs, and tensions often flared with the KKK in ascendance and violence rising. Ossian Sweet, a proud Negro doctor-grandson of a slave-had made the long climb from the ghetto to a home of his own in a previously all-white neighborhood. Yet just after his arrival, a mob gathered outside his house; suddenly, shots rang out: Sweet, or one of his defenders, had accidentally killed one of the whites threatening their lives and homes. And so it

began-a chain of events that brought America's greatest attorney, Clarence Darrow, into the fray and transformed Sweet into a controversial symbol of equality. Historian Kevin Boyle weaves the police investigation and courtroom drama of Sweet's murder trial into an unforgettable tapestry of narrative history that documents the volatile America of the 1920s and movingly re-creates the Sweet family's journey from slavery through the Great Migration to the middle class. Ossian Sweet's story, so richly and poignantly captured here, is an epic tale of one man trapped by the battles of his era's changing times. Arc of Justice is the winner of the 2004 National Book Award for Nonfiction.

**Duplicity Dogged the Dachshund** Blaize Clement 2007-10-30 Waving to the driver of a car that speeds by during her morning run with her dachshund Mame, Dixie Hemingway suddenly realizes that she accidentally waved to a killer when she and Mame stumble upon a corpse and that

the killer may believe that she can identify him or her. By the author of Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter. Reprint.

**Psychic Intuition** Nancy du Tertre 2012-08-22 Author Nancy du Tertre, "the Skeptical Psychic™," takes you on a journey to find the answer to these questions and more in Psychic Intuition. She became psychic in mid-life after years of intensive study and training, and is now a believer that everyone has the potential to tap into their intuition and understand the world at a deeper level. Psychic Intuition bridges the gap between skeptics who can analyze but don't experience psychic phenomena, and believers who have the experiences but lack the ability to analyze. This book explains, for the first time, how psychic ability works in the brain.

*Sarah* Robert Gottlieb 2010-09-21 Everything about Sarah Bernhardt is fascinating, from her obscure birth to her glorious career--redefining the very nature of her art--to her amazing (and highly public)

romantic life, to her indomitable spirit. Well into her seventies, after the amputation of her leg, she was performing under bombardment for soldiers during World War I and toured America for the ninth time. Though the Bernhardt literature is vast, this is the first English-language biography to appear in decades, tracking the trajectory through which an illegitimate--and scandalous--daughter of a Jewish courtesan transformed herself into the most famous actress who ever lived, and into a national icon, a symbol of France.--From publisher description.

*Dixie Be Damned* Neal Shirley  
2015-05-11 In 1891, when coal companies in eastern Tennessee brought in cheap convict labor to take over their jobs, workers responded by storming the stockades, freeing the prisoners, and loading them onto freight trains. Over the next year, tactics escalated to include burning company property and looting company stores. This was one of the largest insurrections in US working-class history. It

happened at the same time as the widely publicized northern labor war in Homestead, Pennsylvania. And it was largely ignored, then and now. *Dixie Be Damned* engages seven similarly "hidden" insurrectionary episodes in Southern history to demonstrate the region's long arc of revolt. Countering images of the South as pacified and conservative, this adventurous retelling presents history in the rough. Not the image of the South many expect, this is the South of maroon rebellion, wildcat strikes, and Robert F. Williams's book *Negroes with Guns*, a South where the dispossessed refuse to quietly suffer their fate. This is people's history at its best: slave revolts, multiracial banditry, labor battles, prison uprisings, urban riots, and more. Neal Shirley grew up in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and now lives in Durham, NC, where he is involved in several anti-prison initiatives and runs a small publishing project called the North Carolina Piece Corps.

Saralee Stafford was born in the Piedmont of North Carolina. Her recent political work has focused on connecting the struggles of street organizations with those of anarchists in the area. She teaches gender-related health in Durham, North Carolina.

*The Cat Sitter's Cradle* John Clement 2013-07-09

Blaize Clement won fans all over the world with the charm and wit of her pet-sitting mysteries. Now, with the help of her son, author John Clement, Blaize's beloved heroine Dixie Hemingway is back for yet another thrilling adventure in this critically-acclaimed series. Dixie has built a nice, quiet life for herself in the sleepy town of Siesta Key, a sandy resort island off the coast of Florida. In fact, her pet-sitting business is going so well she's even taken on part-time help: Kenny, a handsome young surfer who lives alone in a rickety old houseboat. But things get a little messy when, on an early morning walk in the park with a client's schnauzer, Dixie makes a shocking discovery. Hidden among the

leafy brambles is a homeless girl, alone and afraid, cradling a newborn baby in her arms. Dixie takes the young girl under her wing, even though she's just been hired by Roy Harwick, the snarky executive of a multinational oil company, to care for his equally snarky Siamese cat, Charlotte, along with his wife's priceless collection of rare, tropical fish. It's not long before Dixie stumbles upon a dead body in the unlikeliest of places, and soon she's set adrift in a murky and dangerous world in which no one is who they appear to be. Smart, fast-paced and entertaining, *The Cat Sitter's Cradle* is a perfect illustration of why Dixie's loyal fans have come to know and love her and eagerly await the next installment of her adventures.

[Curiosity Killed the Cat Sitter](#)  
Blaize Clement 2007-01-02

Until three years ago, Dixie Hemingway was a deputy with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Department in southwest Florida. Then came a tragic accident. Now Dixie's a pet-sitter on Siesta Key, a lush,

exotic barrier island where the people tend to be rich, suntanned, and tolerant of one another's quirks. As Dixie tried to get her life back in order, pet-sitting is the perfect job. She goes into people's homes while they're gone and takes care of their pets; she likes the animals, they like her, and she doesn't have to deal with people very much. She especially does not have to be afraid that she'll run into a situation that will cause her to lose her hard-won composure.

But when Dixie finds a man bizarrely drowned in a cat's water bowl, she is drawn into a tangled web of danger and secrets. Unbeknownst to Lieutenant Guidry, the homicide detective handling the murder, Dixie begins her own investigation into the whereabouts of the cat's owner, who has now vanished. Fans of The Cat Who... book series by Lilian Jackson Braun will adore this riveting new pet-oriented sleuth and will eagerly await Dixie's next case: Will duplicity dog the dachshund?