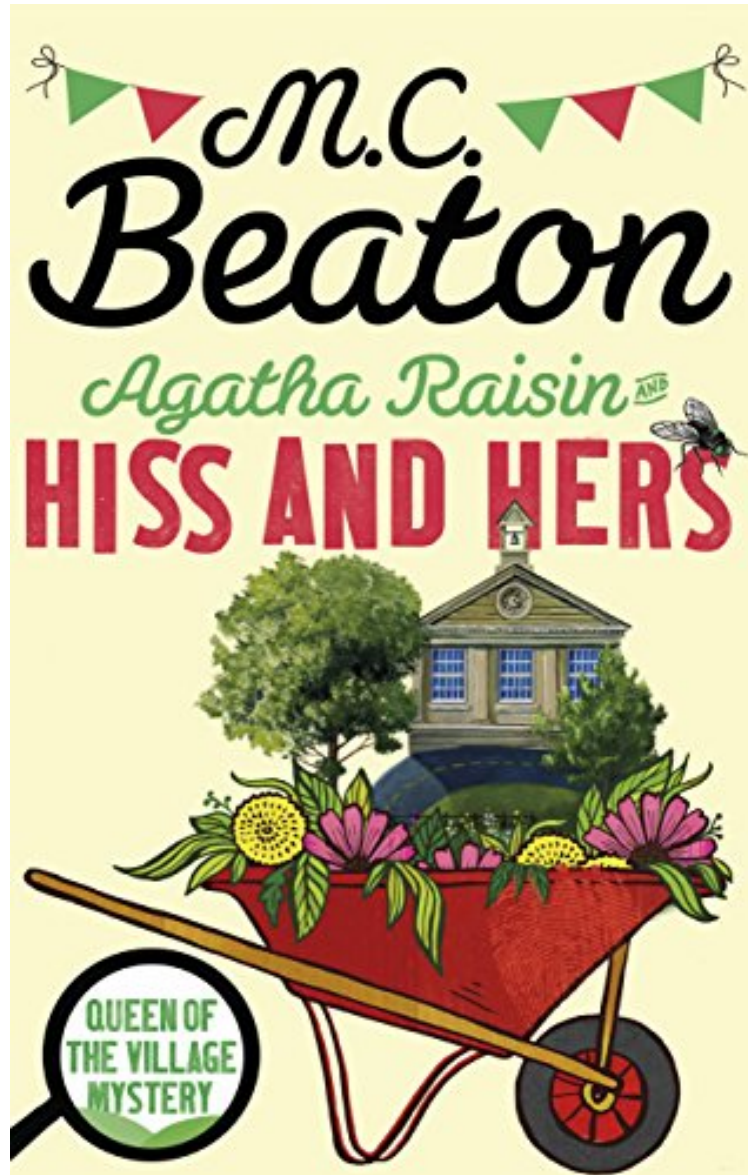


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. As Entertaining As EverVon Meks LibrarianThat's no typo in the title; this latest Agatha Raisin mystery by M. C. Beaton is really called "Hiss [with two s] and Hers". And appropriately, too, because the reader (and Agatha as well as all the

other characters) does encounter quite a few snakes in this story. Adders, to be precise. It is the 23rd adventure in the series - have I really read them all? Yes, I'm afraid I have - and I also have the entire collection on my book shelf. My mother-in-law got me started on "Agatha Raisin" when, years ago, she sent me the first three books as paper backs in one of her wonderful parcels she always sends me from England for my birthday and Christmas. This time, Agatha is in love (in her usual obsessive way) with the handsome village gardener. George is a favourite with all the Carsely ladies, it seems, and Agatha is the only one who is blind to his various affairs - not because she is stupid, but because she simply does not want to see. For his sake, she even organizes (and pays for!) a charity ball, dreaming of herself swirling across the dance floor in George's arms. Dressed up to the nines, almost everyone in the village turns up - minus George, who is nowhere to be seen. When Agatha goes looking for him, she is shocked to find him murdered - and that's just the first of several murders (and a few attempted murders thrown in for good measure). In her usual blunt manner, Agatha soon is at the centre of the investigation, backed by her team of employees and friends, although some of them have their own agenda. We meet her ex-husband again, as well as her friends Sir Charles Fraith (my personal favourite - I know someone in real life who is exactly like him!), Bill Wong, Roy Silver and Mrs. Bloxby. As usual, Agatha gets herself in danger and is urged more than once (by the police as well as her friends) to let go - something that is impossible for our Agatha. M. C. Beaton has once again produced a fast-paced mystery with (at least to me!) a solution to the puzzle that is not obvious from the start. She portrays the characters in quickly drawn sketches, and yet they are well enough imaginable. The village, the weather, the atmosphere - it's all there, without many words. At some point, we skip half a year in just one paragraph. Now, if one would try to stick to a timeline with all the Agatha Raisin mysteries, she would by now be somewhere around 80 years old (after 23 books, starting out as a woman in her mid-fifties, as the first book clearly states), but for some reason, that discrepancy does not bother me when it comes to this series. Every now and then, Agatha says or thinks something that makes me either almost laugh out loud, or nod in agreement, or think "hey! she's right!". M. C. Beaton celebrated her 70th birthday last year. I do hope she will be just like her heroine, not sticking to any realistic timeline, and stay around for many more adventures.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. bewertung von hiss and hers Von susanne meyer natürlich bin ich ein fan der krimi-heldin. dieser band ist genau so unterhaltsam wie die anderen agatha raisin krimis. dass unproblematisch und prompt liefert ist sicher bekannt, genau wie der einwandfreie zustand der bestellung. also: gefällt mir sehr!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Grandios Von Dargo Einfach grandios. Wunderbare Charakterdarstellung und toller Wortwitz. Einfach sehr sehr empfehlenswert. Englischer Sinn für Humor kommt gut zur Geltung. Tolle Schriftstellerin.

Kurzbeschreibung Agatha has fallen in love - again. This time it's the local gardener, George Marston, she has her eye on. But competition for his attention abounds. With her shameless determination Agatha will do anything to get her man - including footing the bill for a charity ball in town just for the chance to dance with him. But when George is a no-show Agatha goes looking for him - and finds he has been murdered, having been bitten by a poisonous snake and buried in a compost heap. Agatha and the rest of her crew plunge into an investigation and discover that George had quite a complicated love life. And if Agatha now can't have George, at least she can have the satisfaction of confronting those women who have and finding a murderer in the process. Praise for the Agatha Raisin series: 'M.C. Beaton's imperfect heroine is an absolute gem' Publishers Weekly 'Clever red herrings and some wicked unfinished business guarantees that the listener will pant for a sequel' The Times (audio review) Pressestimmen CRITICS HAIL AGATHA RAISIN AND M. C. BEATON! Tourists are advised to watch their backs in the bucolic villages where M. C. Beaton sets her sly British mysteries... Outsiders always spell trouble for the societies Beaton observes with such cynical humor. The New York Times Book [Beatons] imperfect heroine is an absolute gem! Publishers Weekly Beatons Agatha Raisin series just about defines the British cozy. Booklist Anyone interested in... intelligent, amusing reading will want to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Agatha Raisin. Atlanta Journal Constitution Beaton has a winner in the irrepressible, romance-hungry Agatha. Chicago Sun-Times Few things in life are more satisfying than to discover a brand-new Agatha Raisin mystery. Tampa Tribune Times The Raisin series brings the cozy tradition back to life. God bless the Queen! Tulsa World The Miss Marple-like Raisin is a refreshingly sensible, wonderfully eccentric, thoroughly likable heroine... a must for cozy fans. Booklist HISS AND HERS As always, M. C. Beaton presents us with an Agatha Raisin who manages to infuriate, amuse, and solicit our deepest sympathies as we watch her blunder her way boldly through another murder mystery. Bookreporter Agatha continues looking for love in the most unlikely places. In spite of her inability to learn from past mistakes, one can't help but root for her to solve the mystery and, at the same time, find a man who will love her truly and deeply just the way she is. Criminal Element