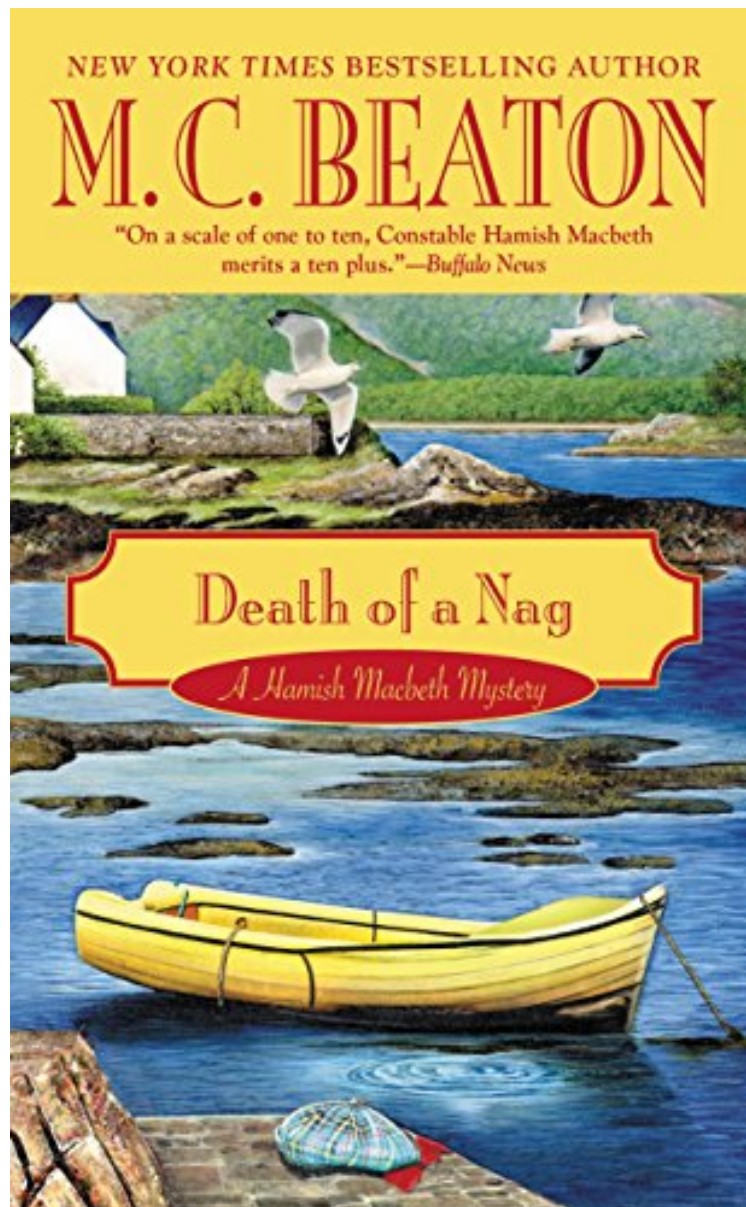


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**Von M. C. Beaton : Death of a Nag (A Hamish Macbeth Mystery Book 11) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Death of a Nag (A Hamish Macbeth Mystery Book 11) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Holiday House of HorrorsVon Donald MitchellThis is the 11th Hamish Macbeth mystery. At the end of Death of a Charming Man, Hamish breaks his unofficial engagement with Priscilla. It wasn't just that she tried to run his life; she was too good at it! Also, Priscilla couldn't warm up to him at male-female level which left him feeling bereft. Naturally, the sturdy citizens of Lockdubh and his police colleagues think that Hamish must have lost his mind. He gets full blame for the breakup. Hamish is also demoted back to police constable for his mistake at the end of Death of a Charming Man. Feeling pretty bad, he decides he needs a wee holiday. Finding a low-priced boarding house in Skag, Hamish heads off with Towser.Arriving in Skag, Hamish finds that he's jumped out of the pot into the fire. The boarding house (so-called Friendly House) serves inedible food that seems spoiled, and the owners are openly hostile. Not only that, someone has been into his things. His next-door neighbors never stop arguing, and the husband is always nagging his wife about something or the other. The only respite comes when Hamish slugs the nag in self-defense and threatens to kill him if he doesn't stop on his wife. Naturally, the husband calls in the local constabulary. Hamish is saved from jail by the wife's willingness to defend him. After that contretemps, Hamish tries to organize outings with the more amiable of the fellow guests and starts to have a good time . . . when he suddenly spots the nag's body in the water. Naturally, Hamish is suspect number one . . . until a retired teacher gives him an unexpected alibi.Hamish finds himself drawn into the investigation, but he's got a tagalong, police constable Maggie Donald, who wants to use her female wiles to get ahead. Through some pretty unusual detective methods, Hamish begins to uncover the secrets of his fellow boarders . . . and plenty of motives for murder.Before the book is done, Hamish has suffered another great loss. The book concludes on a sad note that strikes against optimism about love conquering all.In many ways, this story has better development than most of ten books that preceded it. But the book lacks charm and appeal. Frankly, it's a bit of a downer.But for a continuing series, this story fits nicely and lays the groundwork for further series developments that I'm sure will reward readers in the future.But if you don't feel like you need to read every book in the series, you could skip this one.I usually devour one the Hamish Macbeth books at one sitting. In this case, I found myself going very slowly. It was just such a downer. I give Ms. Beaton great credit for being able to capture that mood and transmit it to me.Ultimately, the story's weakness is that the characters aren't very attractive. Even the ones you don't like in a normal Hamish Macbeth story are interesting enough that you want to know more about them. In this case, I didn't find any of the new characters to be particularly interesting.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Yes, yes, yesVon Ein KundeOkay, I only picked up Death of a Glutton because I was caught out of the house without a book and had some wait time on my hands. I owned everything else that interested me and Hamish Macbeth kept catching my eye. I read it in less than a day and was hooked. I now have the entire series and just finished Death of a Nag last week.I suppose this qualifies as an "English cozy" even though it is in Scotland, but since I live in Kansas I guess I'm not supposed to know there's much of a difference. Scotland has technically been a part of "England" since the 1600's and of course they share the same island, but still there is the hope that someday Scotland will be free? Yes, and the south will rise again, but back to the book.Hamish is a complex man of great simplicity. Yes, he's a mooch, a bit of a poacher, but quite a good sleuth. I love his contacts with the rest of the world and how he puts "the touch" on his relatives to help get the info he needs to solve his cases.The latest entry I've read, number 11, I believe, has Hamish off on a well needed break from his beloved Lochdubh and the irritation of of the villagers for his perceived misbehavior.I must admit the funeral scene and what lead up to it was a bit dismaying. I hope he finds a new "friend" with whom to share his life, and perhaps he has, but as I said, I'm only up to #11 and the rest of the books are sitting there waiting to be read so maybe he has done so already.I recommend you get the first one in the series, Death of a Gossip and go from there. There is a lot of background and build up of characters as the series progresses. I almost had to skip one of the books because it was reportedly out of print, but I was able to find it on line and was glad I did. It helps to have access to all of the books when you start a series. It helps to cut down on the wait time.Read and enjoy0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Endearing, Exciting EscapeVon MamalindeHamish MacBeth escapes the gossip of Lochdubh for a bit of a seaside vacation in Skay at the "Friendly House" - which is anything but. No one is terribly surprised or even upset when the "Nag" is found floating in the sea, and everyone seems to have a motive. Truly an "cozy" - the endearing MacBeth takes us all under his wing for summertime in Scotland, complete with bad food, lots of luscious gossip, seaside strolls and devotion to his dog. The tale twists and turns but never confuses, works its way to an exciting climax, and even has a nice ironic twist. From the roses at the police station, to the sometimes vile Highlands weather, to Hamish's dogged persistence, lack of ambition and willingness to give credit to someone else, this series is absolutely charming. Davina Porter does an admirable job on the voices and accents, she just takes some getting used to. My second Hamish MacBeth, and not only am I hooked, I think I have a crush on this man! Apparently Hamish MacBeth is a TV series on BBCAmerica. Mamalinda will have to seek this out as well as the other books in this series. Highly recommended.

KurzbeschreibungFrom the author of the Agatha Raisin television series...