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Show And Tail (Vanessa Abbot Cat Cozy Mystery Series Book 5)



Synopsis

When three strangers arrive at Harvest Home Cat Sanctuary, Vanessa Abbot finds herself thrust into her role as amateur detective once again. Someone winds up dead behind her tool shed and the Sanctuary is full of suspects. Who can she trust when one of the suspects turns out to be a long time friend? Vanessa will have to hurry to solve the mystery as she is swept up in the crosshairs of the killer. Can Vanessa and her cats solve the crime before the killer gets away? This is the fifth book in the popular Vanessa Abbot Cat Protection League Series.

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Customer Reviews

I've read all these books in this series trying to be supportive of the author. I enjoy the books but then part of me is like frustrated. The bad things are: I can't tell if the cats really are talking to her or she is just crazy. She being Vanessa the main character. I can't tell if she really cares about her cats or is secretly hoping they all die so she can be with the cute cop. I can't tell WHY on earth she is so stupid as to let her cats go everywhere she goes and not on leashes and has no care in the

world that they might get hurt. Case in point: There has just been a shoot out, her car has a flat, she sees someone who might be a suspect in the case trying to take his dog to the vet's where the shoot up happened. She leaves a sick cat curled up in a basket in the back seat of her car and two other healthier cats in the car while she runs over to talk to the guy to try to get some information from him and without even a backward glance goes to the vet's office with the guy completely forgetting she has a sick cat and two other cats in her car sitting right there in the middle of a shoot up scene. There is a thing, I think it is called an anacronym, for romance novel heroines TSTL which means Too Stupid To Live and I think this is what Vanessa is Too Stupid To Live. As a cat lover and a crazy cat lady there is no way in bloody damn hellnation I'd leave my cats anywhere without me to protect them. F---k that. Like I said I want to support the author because she loves cats but I think she really has to rethink her premiss and how she gets the cats involved and how she sets up the crimes to be solved. The first books were very babyish and like a reviewer said either on or goodreads seemed like it was made for children.

Nancy Davis writes sweet, fun cat-centered cosy mysteries. They are always a good read, if a little predictable. Her characters (including the cats!) are well-written and developed. Vanessa owns a cat sanctuary which provides both a perfect setting for her stories and a way for those of us who would love to live surrounded by many cats to live out that fantasy vicariously. I don't want to say much more for fear of spoilers, but if this setting appeals to you, you will enjoy this book. I suggest reading her series in order, although I would guess one could fill in the blanks.

This quick read (for me) is a fast paced story that lets several cats shine with highly differing personalities. Vanessa continues to care for the cat's, Pete continues to fight crime while courting Vanessa, the new characters have. Very different sides to their actions that makes the cat's contributions very important to the plotline. And one little girl is outstanding in her two short appearances.

A sweet story of a woman and her cats. Vanessa runs a cat sanctuary. And one day, she hosts a tour with kids and their teacher. While the tour is going on, and a man and his friends drives in with an injured cat. The vet who happens to be at the sanctuary, examines the cat and discovers it is not seriously hurt. In the meantime, the man who brought in the cat is murdered. A short story with a woman who communicates with her cats. Cute!

I did have this book first but felt I was missing something so went back and bought the other ones before it. Love the series. Love Vanessa being older and the crazy cat lady and Pete who is drawn to her and the cats. Nothing like a little help from your friends to solve the murder and keep you safe.

I love this cozy mystery series and always look forward to the next one releasing. I love the relationship that is growing between Vanessa and Pete, but it's the cats who steal each story. The mysteries aren't easy to solve and they progress at a good pace. Fans of cozy mysteries that revolve around cats will probably enjoy this author's writing. I look forward to continuing this series.

VANESSA ABBOTT & DETECTIVE PETE SOLVE ANOTHER MURDER WITH THE HELP OF THE HAVEN CATS. VANESSA'S SPECIAL CATS ARE ALL OVER THIS CASE. AN ENJOYABLE, QUICK READ.

Loved the book. I look forward to her next book. Have loved them all. They are like family now. Keep them coming Nancy!

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