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Fossil: Murder In The Serengeti (An African Wildlife Mystery Book 4)



Synopsis

Fossil is the fourth fast-paced African mystery in the Jazz Jasper series. This time we journey to Tanzania, to the world famous Olduvai Gorge, where the Leakeys discovered the missing link between apes and men. An all-star team of international scientists has uncovered a hominid skull which will shed light on the big question of human nature: was it killing or cooperation that was the driving force behind human evolution? Explosive rivalries--personal, professional and racial-- are tearing the archeological team apart. Human predatory behavior intrudes into the natural order. One of the Tanzanian paleontologists is murdered and the fossil stolen. An innocent camp servant is arrested for the crime, plunging Jazz and Omondi into the search for the real killer. Their pursuit of clues leads them through dramatic African adventures of the sort readers have come to expect from previous Jazz Jasper mysteries. Clues, plot twists and African adventures are integrated into a realistic world of wildlife brought to life in vivid detail. For readers who have enjoyed the wild animals in previous books, Fossil will focus on the predators--lions, leopards, wild dogs and hyenas--who gather in the Serengeti to feast during one of the great animal spectacles on earth, the mass migration.

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Customer Reviews

Overall, I think this is the best book in the series so far. There's quite a lot of interesting information about fossil-hunting, local tribal customs, and wild animal behavior, all of it delivered painlessly as part of the story-line. There's more character development than the previous books have had, which is always welcome. (I'm one of those readers who's more interested in the characters than in the actual plot.) I couldn't decide whether to check "some sexual content," or "explicit sexual content" because it's borderline--the author went into more detail than in the other three books in the series. It was also, in my opinion, unnecessary, although I wasn't offended by it. It certainly didn't further the plot. The plot itself was well-thought-out and had several unexpected twists and turns, all of which had been well set-up to be believable when they occurred. As always in books of this type, there's a number of characters who could be the murderer and it keeps you guessing very nicely. It's a "good read," and I'm looking forward to the next book.

A good who dun-nit and it gives an arm chair traveler a look at Oldivai gorge and it's environs. It has good character development and the Jazz Jasper character is developed nicely. A good change of pace.

Karin McQuillan does it again! Another great mystery/thriller in the Africa wilds. Jazz and Omondi are a formidable team that after lots of twists and turns expose the perpetrator. Let's hope that Jazz makes another appearance soon.

This book will have you hooked from the get go. Great descriptions of Africa, and tensions build quickly as this skillful writer's story unfolds. READ THIS BOOK

Fossil - Karin McQuillan 4th book in the Jazz Jaspers African escapades. Another great whodunit, fast-paced and engaging. Set in Tanzania, in the Olduvai gorge, where the Leakey's early explorations took place. Jazz arrives at Olduvai to take over as camp manager. However, on her way there, she finds a man who's been shot and dies in her arms. She is determined to get the person responsible. The race is on to find the killer and along the way, she encounters near death experience in the dangerous African countryside. There are numerous clues and plot twists but as always it's not easy to pin down the culprit or culprits. Jazz's good friend, Inspector Omondi is along for the ride and is invaluable for his assistance and good humor. The wild animals of the Serengeti, especially the predators are brought to life in vivid detail. The wildebeest herd migration is truly an

amazing spectacle and Jazz is caught in the middle of it several times. Even in matters of the heart, Jazz overcomes her distrust to find man worthy of her love. This is a great story with a positive heartfelt ending.

I love Karin McQuillan's books. I have now read all four of them and wish there were more. Her heroine, Jazz Jasper, is my kind of gal- smart and sassy.. McQuillan is a great writer. She has written a page turner which also teaches so much. It is a very satisfying reading experience.

This is the third book of her's that I've read. They are fun and easy to read. I love the africa connection.

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