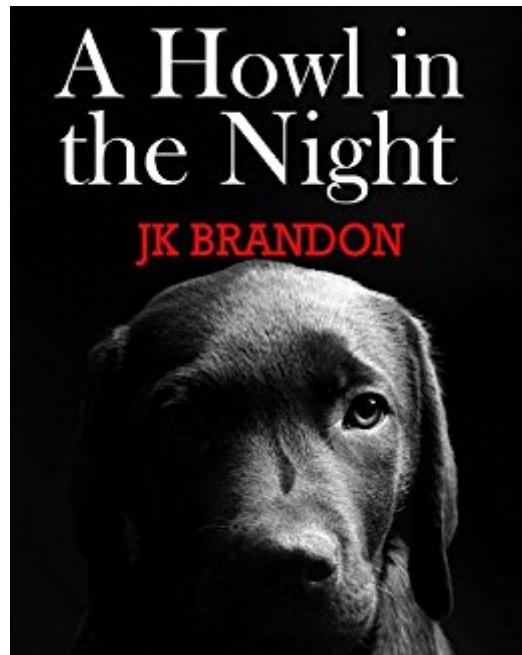




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A Howl In The Night (The Howl Series Book 1)



Synopsis

This is a fun and funny murder-mystery for adults, narrated from a canine point of view, written with a love of animals and their special quirks. After a few tough years, Taser finally has a safe home and a loving master in an upscale Scottsdale, Arizona neighborhood. When a woman is murdered on his street, this Black Labrador suddenly faces the loss of everything he's struggled a lifetime to gain. Taser must find the killer or return to the harsh world of the county dog pound. He's aided by his buddy, Meatloaf, and a colorful pack of neighborhood dogs. They struggle with their limited human vocabulary and their fractured knowledge of the world. Other obstacles include new alpha dog rivals, old deadly enemies, and a menacing coyote population from the adjacent Arizona desert. In the end, Taser must decide how much he will risk to save his world.

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Customer Reviews

This book started with a lot of potential. I enjoyed the two Labrador characters and their canine pals. However there was one part in this book where the author's apparent hatred for Pitbull type dogs shines through. I was disgusted. He does not call the breed by name but from the description given,

you would have to be an idiot to not see what breed he meant. I couldn't get over that part so the book was no longer enjoyable to me. Shame on the author for adding fuel to the fire. I recommended these books to my family and now regret it. The author continued his anti pitbull type dogs in his other novels. Really. He should have some imagination and come up with another breed to villify in his novels. Sad because the two Lab characters are a lot of fun. (I have Labs and two Pitbulls and to pick on one specific breed is in my opinion a deal breaker when it comes to reading a book). The books are easy to read and the story keeps your interest, despite some far out events. After all the book is from the V.O.P. of the dog so reality must be left at the door.

I read a lot of mysteries and love it when I find one that centers around dogs. I was especially excited to find A Howl in the Night because it's set in my hometown! What could be better? But this book was a huge disappointment to me because I found it to be violent and cruel. There are instances of dog fighting (and killing), and of coyotes stealing and killing small dogs. I'm sure that some people will be OK with that, saying that it's what really happens and it makes the story more realistic. For me, I'll take the Chet and Bernie or Raine Stockton series any day. Both are dog-centered mysteries without the sad, violent episodes. I cannot recommend this book.

I really enjoyed this book. I have read others written from a dog viewpoint, but this one gets it right. There is mystery, danger, humor, tragedy, plot twists and an interesting cast of characters - everything you want in a good book. Of course the main characters are dogs, and the author has a gift for showing things from a canine point of view. Each dog has its own personality and set of talents, all interesting and believable. In this first episode, the overachieving black lab Taser is introduced as the alpha dog of the local pack. His owner's roommate wants to sell the house and leave after the murder of a neighbor. Taser is afraid of being sent back to the pound, as that is what happened when his previous human had to move. The dogs, led by Taser and his buddy Meatloaf, use their canine senses and pack cooperation to overcome their limitations to help each other and solve the crime.

My brother, who is an avid reader, told me about the Taser and Meatloaf books by JK Brandon. I was doubtful at first but have enjoyed every moment that I have read them. The nice thing is there are 9 books in this series right now and I have read 4 books so far and I am looking forward to each new book. The stories of 2 dogs and their life happenings is so refreshing. Their detective skills along with the interaction with the rest of the "pack" in the neighborhood is amusing. They have their

own language and share with each other things they have learned from TV or their Masters. Sometimes it makes me laugh and sometimes the stories makes me feel sad. I nice little roller coaster of reading pleasure. Light reading which is something I need from time to time. Thanks JK Brandon for sharing these stories. Very delightful.

I enjoyed the plot, and "getting to know" Meatball and Taser (aka Chile). I love the Chet and Bernie series and in some ways, this was similar, tho the dogs' human(s) were barely a presence and the relationship between dogs and humans was never detailed. I am a stickler for detail - and I found the editing to be quite poor - misspelled word, some word processing errors - that are irritating to find. Still, I kept going back to see "who done it" - and I liked the fact that the dogs actually did the detective work without human intervention. I'll read book 2.

Are you tired of politics, horrendous storms and hurricanes, war, and/or just plain depressing news? READ THIS DELIGHTFUL BOOK! A black Labrador, Taser, and his buddy, another black Lab, Meatloaf, live with their "human", Robert and his not-so-dog-friendly "mate", Judy, in Scottsdale, Arizona. The "female human" of one of their four-footed friends in the neighborhood is murdered. Taser decides that in order to stay in their comfy home (Judy wants to leave the area for an apartment in Phoenix where dogs are not allowed), he and Meatloaf, along with the other neighborhood dogs are going to have to solve this murder and help to capture the killer. The book is written through Taser's words. But don't be fooled into thinking this is a juvenile book. The writing, though simple, brings the murder-solving process into play. The characters (dogs) are as well-defined as any humans in other books. There's even a sympathetic female coyote Taser befriends. Taser has had a pretty bumpy life before Robert rescued him from the pound. There are a few chapters devoted to what went on while he was "incarcerated" there. The other characters (dogs) also have a good command of their own English language. The author has written a well-defined, taut, empathetic book that can probably be finished in one or two longish readings. If you like dogs, you'll love this story. Brandon even throws in a snarky Weimaraner and a "hot" Golden Retriever Taser longs for. "A Howl in the Night" will certainly take your mind off the world around you..... and probably will make you smile every time you think about it.

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