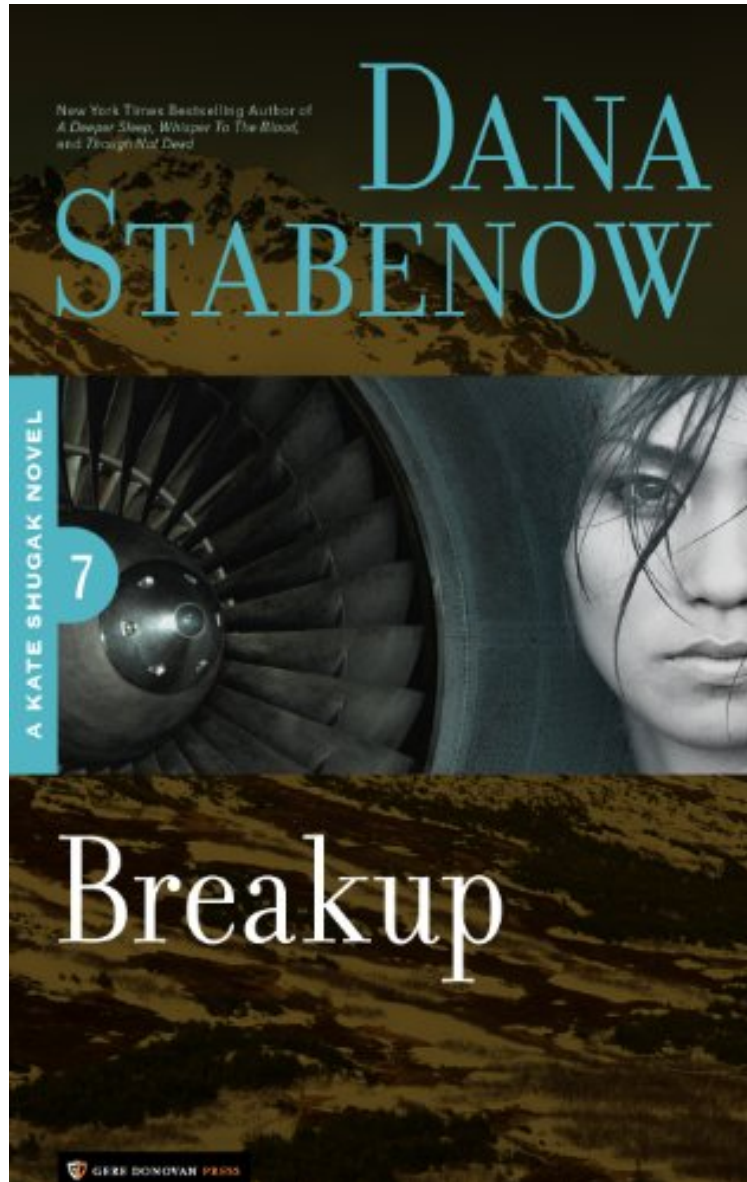


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Von Dana Stabenow : Breakup (Kate Shugak Novels Book 7) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Breakup (Kate Shugak Novels Book 7) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Another Winner In The Kate Shugak SeriesVon N. SausserWith the combination of humor, suspense and mystery, Dana

Stabenow has once again produced a winning story. I particularly liked the reference to Jamie Fraser (from the series by Diana Gabaldon). The only thing I didn't like about this book was the "art work" (?) on the chapter pages. I was wondering how I had managed to mess up the first page without even opening the book when I realized it was a continuing theme on all the chapter pages.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Alaskan winter breaks up but Kate Shugak comes together. Von Ein Kunde I've enjoyed all the Kate Shugak books but this one rates as the best. Kate faces charging bears, tourists from Beacon Hill, falling jet engines, the Alaskan version of the Hatfields and McCoy's and the obligatory murder. And in the process the real Kate Shugak suddenly comes together and shows us the person we always knew was there. She once again demonstrates that Kate is not a person to be messed with (the more descriptive expression is not one I will write where anyone of any age can read it). But in all the daring do, in all the life and death experiences she goes through, those of us that love her know that the hardest for her to face, the one that takes the most courage is when Kate stands at a meeting of the tribal elders and acts as an advisory. She has begun to accept the heritage left to her by her grandmother. The only 'bad' thing about this book is that if you haven't followed Kate through her other books, you can't see what a victory this is for her. Thank you Dana Stabenow for giving us not just a female sleuth but a well-rounded person we can enjoy reading about and admire.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Guaranteed to make you laugh Von Ein Kunde I have been reading the Kate Shugak series in order this fall and just finished Breakup. By the time I finished the first chapter, I was already laughing. As each chapter continued, I just laughed harder and harder. This is one of the best female sluth series I've read yet (other good ones are Nevada Barr, Sue Grafton, etc.). In Breakup, Kate experiences a never-ending series of unfortunate events that are guaranteed to make you laugh. The mystery plot is not as prominent in this story as in the previous ones, but the humor and action more than make up for it. I definitely recommend this book and series to anyone who enjoys mysteries set in exotic and/or natural locations. My only hope is that you will start at the beginning of the series and read them in order. It's worth it!

Kurzbeschreibung When winters done, but spring has not yet fully-sprung, much of Alaska turns to slush. Locally, its called breakup, and its a messy time of year. Its certainly messy for Kate Shugak; between doing her taxes, being chased by grizzlies and getting shot-at by feuding families, she has to cope with an NTSB investigation that hits very close to home. Then, of course, theres the body in the woods. And up at the old mining town. And being Kate Shugak, somehow she cant leave well enough alone, and begins to tease-apart a well-planned and surprising crime. Breakup is the seventh novel in Stabenow's Edgar Award-winning Kate Shugak series, and is often-cited as a fan-favorite. From Booklist "Breakup" is what Alaskans call their brief spring, when the state "melts into a 586,412-square-mile pile of slush." The seasonal change unhinges Alaskans just as Santa Ana winds unhinge Los Angelenos in Raymond Chandler's mysteries. Kate Shugak lives in the bush with Mutt, a wonderful husky-wolf mix, and is facing a terrible breakup. Her taxes are intractable; she has three encounters with grizzlies, two near misses with airplanes, and ends up in a handful of gunfights--and a corpse turns up near her homestead. This sixth entry in Stabenow's lively, entertaining series offers a tough, insightful heroine; a set of intriguing, slightly eccentric supporting characters; and a healthy dose of Alaskan atmosphere. Although the mystery element isn't even introduced until well into the story, Stabenow more than compensates with a detailed look at how Shugak and company deal with the effects of breakup: verve is important, but it helps to have Jimmy Buffet playing in the background. John Rowen From Kirkus s Spring has come to Kate Shugak's Alaskan park, and the snow is melting, along with every trace of social inhibition among the human and animal residents. Item: Kate has close encounters with two grizzlies in two separate incidents on the same day. Item: a 747 jet engine falls from a passing plane's cargo bay onto her spread, spreading it out just a little more. Item: the pointy-heads who arrive to survey the wreckage find a ripe corpse just beyond Kate's property line. Item: Kate, reluctantly taking her friend Mandy Baker's visiting Brahmin parents off Mandy's hands and on a tour of the park--she ends up landing a handsome fee for this service--shepherds them into still another grizzly attack, the discovery of another body, and (when they stop for a well-earned drink) a shooting feud between two families who just can't agree on a right-of-way for their neighboring homesteads. Still on tap is a disgruntled wife who takes her husband hostage and a Niniltna tribal council argument about whether the tribe ought to contract with a mental-health group for an on-site counselor. (By this time, you'll swear nobody ever needed one more.) It's no wonder that Kate is joined by every other important character in her seventh appearance (Blood Will Tell, 1996, etc.) in a rousing chorus of "I hate breakup." Readers will find much more to like in this easygoing, farcical series of not-very-mysterious riffs--even though every separate plot seems like an afterthought, and the whole parcel a circus with Kate more bemused audience than ringmaster. -- Copyright 1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.