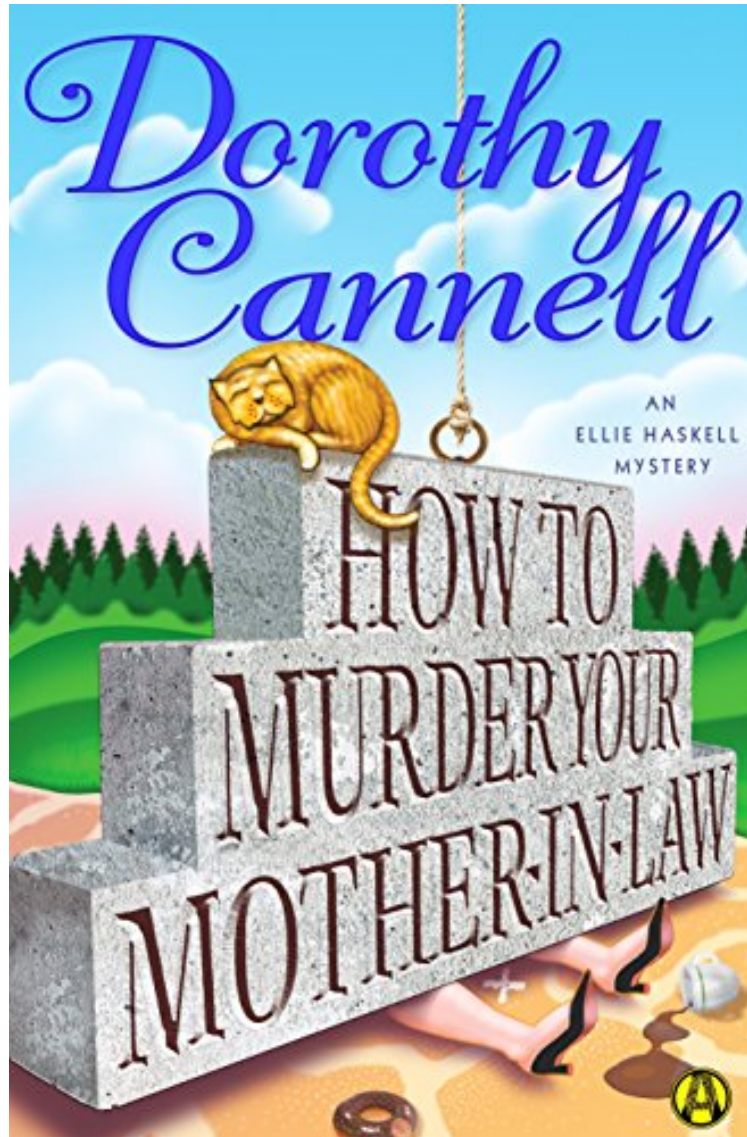


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**Von Dorothy Cannell : How to Murder Your Mother-In-Law (Ellie Haskell mysteries)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised How to Murder Your Mother-In-Law (Ellie Haskell mysteries):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Obnoxious mother-in-laws nearly become extinct.Von Ein KundeA smart and funny cross between a comedy of manners and a murder mystery, Dorothy Cannell's How To Murder Your Mother-in-Law is a true delight. The heroine

Ellie Haskell has a sensual and handsome husband, adorable two-year-old twins, a fashion disaster for a housekeeper who is well-meaning albeit always slightly tipsy, and a cousin who enters through the windows -- never the doors -- of their English mansion quaintly named "Merlin's Castle." Into this charming mix arrives her straight-laced mother-in-law and mostly deaf father-in-law who have their own surprises in store for Ellie and her husband. After one extremely frazzled dinner party that goes awry, Ellie marches down to the pub where she comes upon the local rector, the daughter-in-law of the local patroness of the arts, and another friend who are all having mother-in-law problems. Their fantasies of "doing the old girl in" begin to be realized much to these ladies' horror. Ellie must move swiftly to unravel the mysteries of these deaths to save her own mother-in-law.

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Nette Idee, laue Umsetzung  
Von Ein Kunde  
Die Idee "was wre, wenn die bsen Wnsche, die man heimlich hegt, sich pltzlich erfllen?" ist natrlich sehr witzig (die Nebenhandlung um die "wilde Ehe" der Schwiegereltern ist wirklich zum Schieen).  
Leider sind aber fast alle Figuren derart klischeehaft, dass man nach kurzer Zeit die Lust verliert. Die Schwiegermutter ist natrlich \*die\* garstige, nervige, kritisierende, der-Schwiegertochter-den-Sohn-nicht-gnnende Schwiegermutter; der Ehemann ist \*nur\* perfekt, gutaussehend, Mutter-und-Ehefrau-liebend; dann gibt es natrlich die leicht ungeschickte Schwiegertochter, die es allen recht machen will und von einem Fettnpfchen ins andere stolpert, den langhaarigen Rocker, die Alt-Hippie-Bekannte, die typische Haushlterin usw., usw..  
Irgendwann fragt man sich nur noch, wieso die Figuren sich nicht einfach mal wie normale Menschen benehmen, was schon die Hlfte aller Probleme lsen wrde.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Another fun read with Cannell's Ellie  
Von Ein Kunde  
I've only recently discovered Cannell's Ellie Haskell series and am quite thrilled with the find. I've just finished this one (How to Murder Your Mother In Law) and was again wildly entertained. At times while reading, especially during the coversations between Ellie and Mrs. M (a character introduced in earlier books), I laughed out loud (much to the amusement of my son). And the interactions between various women in the town and their mothers-in-law will strike a cord with many a reader. I can't wait to dive into the next adventure of Ellie (and her wonderful husband, adorable twins, and faithful cat).

Kurzbeschreibung  
The award-winning author of Femmes Fatal and The Thin Womanserves up the ubiquitous mother-in-law joke family stylewith death for the punch line. . . . Nothing like a live-in mother-in-law to reduce a woman to the role of junior housemaid. Thats what Ellie Haskell discovers when her husbands parents have a row in the midst of their anniversary dinner, and mother Magdalene seeks refuge in Ellies guest bedroom. Suddenly Ellie is being driven round the bend by the womans constant demands. Thank goodness for the other wives who also suffer the age-old mother-in-law curse. A chance meeting down at the Dark Horse pub finds them trading horror stories, and soon theyre mixing gin and tonics with homicidal fantasiesa soupou of poison here, a broken brake line there. All very therapeutic and no harm intended. At least, thats what Ellie thinks. . . . Praise for How to Murder Your Mother-in-Law  
Vintage Cannell. . . . Dorothy Cannell is a master at creating wildly ludicrous characters and hilarious plots. . . . Her latest Ellie Haskell adventure only enhances her reputation.  
Booklist  
Side-splitting!Rendezvous Toxic and hilarious.  
Publishers Weekly  
From Booklist  
Dorothy Cannell is a master at creating wildly ludicrous characters and hilarious plots where murder is often highly justified, even if it does tend to make a mess of the house. Her latest Ellie Haskell adventure only enhances Cannell's reputation. After insisting that husband Ben's parents celebrate their anniversary with them at Merlin's Court, Ellie is dismayed when her in-laws reveal that their religious differences (she's Catholic, he's Jewish) prevented their legal marriage. The cathedral-versus-temple controversy still rages, interfering with the idea of celebrating the anniversary with a real wedding. Then Ellie's father-in-law is caught skinny-dipping with a female friend, prompting mother-in-law Magdalene to leave him. Ellie seeks solace from friends in the village and discovers that everyone is suffering from a surfeit of mothers-in-law. A commiseration session among the afflicted daughters-in-law results in several vividly imagined murder scenarios--which, unfortunately, begin to happen. As one might guess, murder and mayhem run amok with Ellie frantically chasing after both. Vintage Cannell. Stuart Miller  
From Kirkus  
sAnother jumpy chapter in the life of Ellie Haskell (Femmes Fatal, etc.)--now thin, married to restaurateur Ben, mother of twins, and mistress of Merlin's Court in Chitterdon Fells. Her in- laws--dour, prissy Magdalene, devoutly Roman Catholic, and Elijah, non-observantly Jewish--have been invited to spend a few days in honor of their anniversary. But it's soon revealed that the two were never officially married, and subsequent recriminations lead to Elijah stomping off to the nearest hotel while Ellie tries to cope with the loss of faithful charwoman Roxie Malloy (fired by mamma-in-law)--as well as with the mother-in-law woes of deacon Eudora Spike and friends Pamela and Frizzy. A spot of blackmail, a wild assortment of eccentrics, the de rigueur antics of cat Tobias and dog Sweetie, and an annual fete--at which the awards are truly to kill for--are other elements in this near plotless, frenetic exercise. Amiable, sometimes funny, sometimes tedious nonsense. -- Copyright 1994, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.