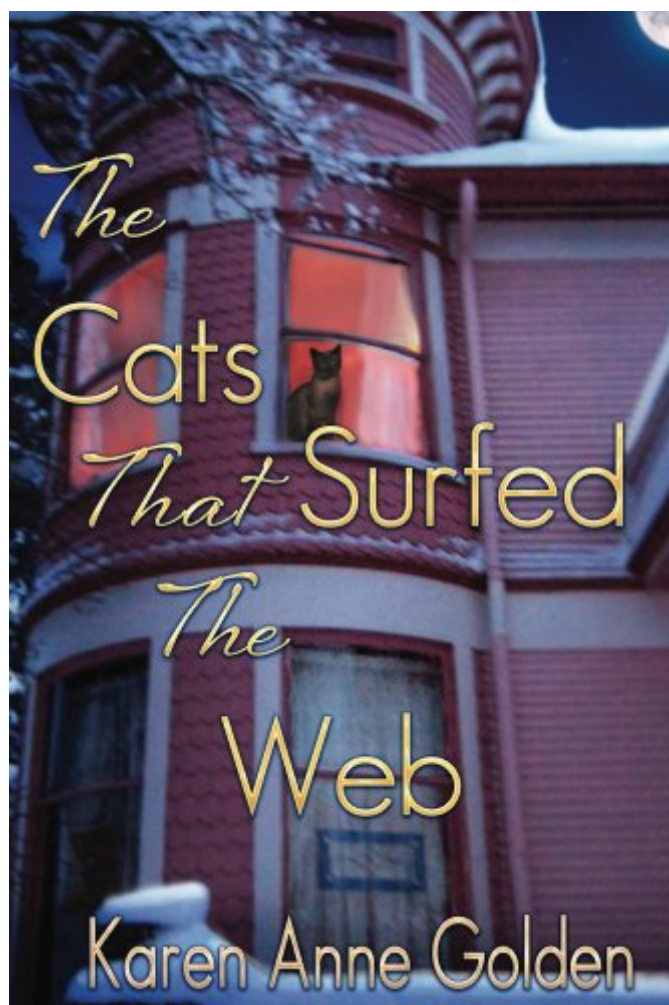


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The Cats That Surfed The Web (The Cats That . . . Cozy Mystery Book 1)



Synopsis

If you love cozy mysteries, don't miss this action-packed read! When Katherine "Katz" Kendall, a career woman with cats, discovers she's the sole heir of a huge inheritance, she can't believe her good luck. She's okay with the conditions in the will: Move from New York City to the small town of Erie, Indiana, live in her great aunt's pink Victorian mansion, and take care of an Abyssinian cat. With her three Siamese cats and best friend Colleen riding shotgun, Katz leaves Manhattan to find a former housekeeper dead in the basement. There are people in the town who are furious that they didn't get the money. But who would be greedy enough to get rid of the rightful heir to take the money and run? Four adventurous felines help Katz solve the crimes by mysteriously "searching" the Internet for clues. Binge-read all eight in the series for a "you-can't-put-it-down" roller-coaster ride.

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Customer Reviews

The initial plot of The Cat that Surfed the Net caught my attention, but over half-way through the book and nothing happened except a great deal of exposition. The murder does not happen until over 60% of the book is read and once the murder happens it is at 94%. The murderer confesses

very quickly and everyone goes to take a nap.

I was looking forward to this book as a light read, so I didn't have high expectations. I thought that if this was good, maybe I'd try out the rest of her books in this category. But for the first half of the book (literally), nothing happened. I mean ... nothing. Sure, there was a move to Erie. There was a snowstorm. But as much as I love cats (I have two cute ones!), it was tiring after a while to just read a bunch of descriptions of what her cats were saying (basically, "waugh!" over and over again). I wanted the plot to move forward, not read a diary of someone. I'm okay with slow books, but there literally was no point in the first half of the book. The author could have summarized it in less than 4 sentences, and it made me put down this book, finish two other books, and then come back because I don't like leaving things unfinished. Finally, at around 60% of the book, the actual murder happened. But then solving the murder was just so predictable, and not actual "solving" happened. Literally, at the end, the chief comes up to the main character and says, "Welp, the person admitted to the murder, so you're all set." Karen Golden tries to convince the readers to read more by inserting a hint of potential foul play with the aunt's death, but if the second book is as drab and boring as this one, then I most definitely will not read it. The way that the characters talked was dry, and the attempt at romance was just ... not working out at all. I think the idea was that nothing romantic would happen? But was there supposed to be tension? This story could have been written in a page, and it's a shame I wasted time on this.

I like any book that has a cat in it and this one has four. Unfortunately, they have very little to do with this story. Another problem: the murder doesn't take place until 2/3 of the way through the book. Until then, you have two rather silly women running around terrified of their own shadows. Finally, two corpses show up and one is so random it just had me shaking my head. Usually these little cozy mysteries make me laugh and hold my interest throughout but this one was a very hard read and I was glad when I got to its very bad, poorly written ending. I don't know or care if this book will have a sequel because this author is off my reading list.

Actually 2 1/2 stars...A bit boring but it's the first book in the series. Hopefully the others will have a more complex story and depth of characters so it's not so easily discernible. If you're into murder mysteries you'll know who the killer and motive is from the the 3rd chapter on....and you'll be right. And if you're looking for a replacement to the defunct "Cat Who" series by Lillian Jackson Braun, this book is not it, even though you'll notice a very blatant similarity in why the character goes to

Erie, Indiana and the conditions of the will. Next month I may try the second book in the series as a free Kindle Prime download but I won't pay money for it.

This is a delightful book about cats. The background takes place in New York and Erie, Indiana. Katherine Kendall is surprised to learn that she has inherited her Great Aunt's estate and she will live in the house for one year and care for an Abyssinian cat. She already has 3 Siamese. A refusal means she will get nothing. If Abby dies, during the year she gets nothing. The plot is easy to follow; there is no sex and very little violence. I hated to put the book down. Like cats you will enjoy this book.

Katherine has just inherited her great aunt's Victorian house in Indiana, but the will stipulates she must live there for one year and also take care of her aunt's cat, Abigail. After this, she would inherit an estate worth forty-four million dollars! After visiting the town for a weekend and meeting with the lawyer, she decides to move there and returns to New York to pack up her three Siamese cats and belongings. For the drive back, her friend Colleen goes with her and with their arrival again at the house, things quickly turn mysterious. A body is found in the basement, doors are left unlocked, personal items are missing...someone or something obviously doesn't want Katherine to stay. I fell in love with the antics of the four cats and the story itself moved along at a nice pace. My only criticism would be that I felt the resolution was obvious and then revealed almost too abruptly, but overall an enjoyable read. I am looking forward to reading another story about Katherine and her cats.

OK--I love mysteries and I love cats so I was really looking forward to this book. Unfortunately, this was just too much of a "copycat" from Siamese who solve crimes by pulling books off the shelves (and finding facebook pages?) to the fact that someone inherits a mansion and millions from a long lost relative and has to live there for a certain amount of time in order to get the money. The "mystery person" was never really in question and while the cats were cute and fun, I am not going to get many more of these books unless they are free from the library.

This is a trivial piece of writing. The characters are cardboard, the plotting is simplistic, and the cats are designed to be adorable, but they are merely stage-dressing. I wouldn't consider reading any other work by Karen Anne Golden.

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