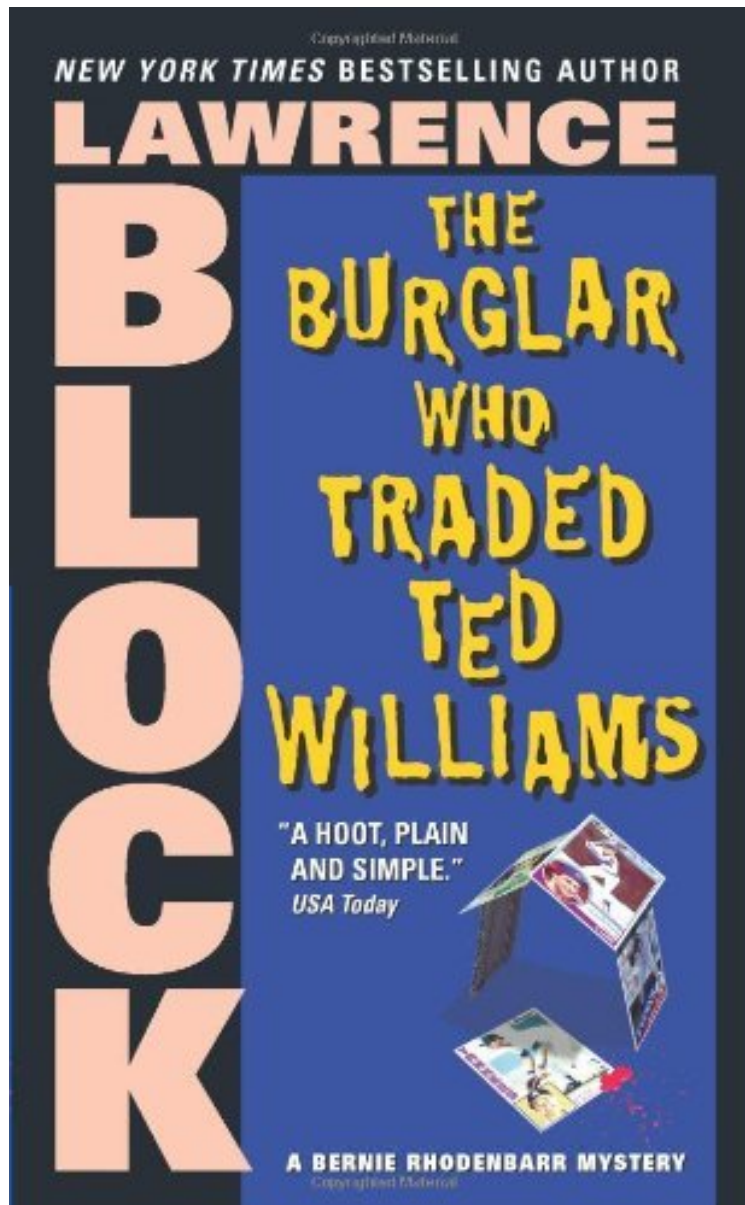


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Von Lawrence Block : The Burglar Who Traded Ted Williams (Bernie Rhodenbarr Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Burglar Who Traded Ted Williams (Bernie Rhodenbarr Series):

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11 year hiatus, Bernie returns, as funny as ever. Von Customer Readers of Block's magnificent *THE BURGLAR WHO PAINTED LIKE MONDRIAN* in 1983 had a long wait before they got to read the next installment: 11 years passed before Bernie resurfaced in *THE BURGLAR WHO TRADED TED WILLIAMS*. When the curtain finally rose again, they learned that Bernie had gone straight in the intervening years. Never fear: before long, our hero is driven back to a life of crime when his new landlord raises his rent from \$875/month to \$10,500/month. This time, the job at hand is the theft of a set of extremely rare baseball cards, but before long there's also murder involved and, as usual, Bernie finds himself on the hook for it. The plot gets very hairy very quickly, and unlike in *MONDRIAN* (where every ball juggled remains miraculously aloft and -- to mix metaphors -- every loose end is brilliantly tied off) it quickly spirals out of Block's control. "Everybody knows you can't tell the players without a scorecard," says one character, and it's certainly true here: before long you give up trying to follow the improbable relationships among characters. But the comedy is great, as is the opportunity to visit with one of mystery fiction's most appealing protagonists, and no fan of caper novels should miss this one.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hilarious story and involving mystery. Von Ein Kunde. It's five stars for its mystery category but it would be four stars in the general category. This was my first "Burgler" book of the series, and now I've been picking one up steadily for the last two years. Bernie is one of the funniest idiosyncratic heroes I've ever encountered. Some of the things he says and situations he's in are uhh...priceless. The setting of the story, a little bookstore in Greenwich makes it all the more fun. This is still my favorite burgler book, but that's because it's the first one I read. The funny thing was I picked this book off the shelf because the NYC skyline was on it, and after reading the backcover.. I thought it'd be good for cheap entertainment. I was sorely mistaken, it is FANTASTIC and is a hilarious twist on "mystery noir" kind of writing. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Funniest mystery novel I have ever read. Von Harold L. Laroff. *THE BURGLAR WHO TRADED TED WILLIAMS* is the first Bernie Rhodenbarr novel I have read. The title caught my attention when I spotted it on a shelf at a truck stop on I-95. I enjoyed Lawrence Sanders' poking fun at authors Sue Grafton and Lilian Jacskon Braun. two of my favorite authors. Block's humor and tongue-in-cheek dialogue makes this mystery fun reading. I have just returned from my local library with three more of Block's Bernie Rhodenbarr mysteries where the hero is a burglar.

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**Synopsis** This book introduces Bernie, a reformed burglar, who resorts to his old ways when his rent is raised. But first time out, Bernie finds not only a stash of cash but a dead body. Things get complicated when Police blame him for a different burglary, a collection of valuable baseball cards.