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Von Alexander McCall Smith : The Charming Quirks Of Others: 7 (Isabel Dalhousie Novels) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Charming Quirks Of Others: 7 (Isabel Dalhousie Novels):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An exploration of trustVon Kirsten DierolfIn this sequel of the Isabel Dalhousie series, Alexander McCall Smith explores

"trust and proof" in many different ways: Isabel is to marry Jamie and is sure of her trust but is tested by finding out that he's been to the cinema with a female colleague from an orchestra. She is asked to look into an anonymous letter written about an applicant for headmaster of a local school (and the resolution of the case -- again -- has to do with trust and infidelity, but I don't want to give too much away). Grace and Isabel discuss again on what to trust in the paranormal, Cat has a new boyfriend who SEEMS trustworthy and Isabel wants to acquire a new painting but ends up leaving it with someone she does not know anything about just because she feels a proximity that enables her to trust him. The mystery evolves slowly and as always it is a great pleasure to follow Isabel's thoughts and slightly quirky actions. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More Subtle Practical Philosophy Challenges for Isabel Dalhousie Von Donald Mitchell "Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth speaks lying words, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood." -- Psalm 144:7-8 (NKJV) Reading this series is enough make a reader wonder if being aware of philosophy is a blessing or a curse as Isabel Dalhousie agonizes over tiny aspects of her life, such as how to respond to a contributor she doesn't like who tells her that he is going to send a book review that she doesn't want to receive. The larger issues in this novel relate to being asked to investigate three candidates for a headmaster's job and responding to Jamie's not telling all about a woman who is making a play for him. A few minor matters also arise for philosophical consideration. As is often the case in the series, the book reminded me of the kind of hypothetical discussions that law professors loved to lead us through. They make you think . . . and you realize that clear answers may not be easy to find. To me, the best two parts of the book came when Isabel's persistence led her to reach somewhat Solomon-like judgments about what the right thing was to do. Those were neat solutions. Otherwise, I think the book would have been very forgettable. I think the differences here between Mma Precious Ramotswe and Isabel Dalhousie . . . and between Botswana and Scotland count for a lot. When not much happens in Botswana, there's still an exotic charm and the immense appeal of The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency characters to carry the books forward. Isabel doesn't really have any problems, her Scotland isn't all that charming, and the other characters aren't terribly interesting. But if you like to read fiction about applying philosophy to daily living, these books certainly provide quick and pleasant ways to do so. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Isabel Dalhousie's life and times Von matilda special, Belgium Lovers of the Isabel Dalhousie series will love this novel, too, since it features the same heroine with much the same thoughts and quirks. This series is more slow-moving than McCall Smith's 44 Oxford Street series, but it has a certain charm due to the personality of its heroine. It is about domestic happiness and the vagaries of the human mind, as usual.

Kurzbeschreibung As well as its advantages, there are drawbacks to the enlightened village that is twenty-first-century Edinburgh, where every Saturday night ears burn at dinner parties across the city, and anyone requiring the investigative abilities of a philosophical soul knows where to find her. Jillian McKinlay -- wife of a trustee of an illustrious school -- is the latest petitioner; she asks Isabel to look into a poison-pen letter that makes insinuations about applicants for the position of principal. Isabel's niece Cat has another new boyfriend who seems too good to be true. And when a pretty cellist with a tragic story takes a fancy to her husband-to-be, Isabel finds herself contemplating an act of heroic and alarming self-sacrifice. Pressestimmen "A seriously charming mix of romance and revelation." -- Parade Magazine McCall Smith continues to capture the best of traditional British mysteries. Sacramento Book Like Mma Ramotswe of the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency, Isabel has the gift of an expansive, forgiving humanity which embraces the world it inhabits. The Scotsman Lighthearted . . . spiced by [McCall Smith's] own subtle humor. The Washington Times McCall Smith's heroes are among the most endearing in contemporary fiction . . . because they're so humble in their quest for goodness. Richmond Times-Dispatch Isabel is a force to be reckoned with. USA Today Charmingly told. . . . Its graceful prose shines, and Isabel's interior monologues meditations on a variety of moral questions are bemused, intelligent and entertaining. The Seattle Times Endearing. . . . Offers tantalizing glimpses of Edinburgh's complex character and a nice, long look into the beautiful mind of a thinking woman. The New York Times Book In Mma Ramotswe, [McCall Smith] minted one of the most memorable heroines in any modern fiction. Now, with the creation of Isabel Dalhousie, he's done it again. . . . She's such good company, it's hard to believe she's fictional. You finish [one] installment greedily looking forward to more. Newsweek Werbetext* The wonderful new Isabel Dalhousie novel -- out now in paperback