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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

In bestseller Beaton's mildly entertaining 17th Agatha Raisin mystery (after 2005's *The Perfect Paragon*), Agatha still carries a torch for her ex-husband, James Lacey, who invites her on holiday after moving back to the cottage next door to hers in the small English village of Carsely. Unfortunately, the surprise destination is a rundown British seaside town, Snot-on-Sea, where a fellow guest at their hotel is murdered, strangled with Agatha's scarf. Before Agatha can make much headway in her investigation, two more guests are killed. More engaging than the crime solving—the underdeveloped victims and suspects are hard to tell apart, let alone care about—is the back-and-forth between Agatha and James. Driven by Agatha's strong personality, this predictable cozy will please devoted fans, but is unlikely to win new readers. (*Sept.*)

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In the long and successful string of mystery novels featuring private detective Agatha Raisin, who lives a perpetually prickly existence in the picturesque Cotswolds, trouble normally comes right to Agatha's tiny village of Carsely. In this seventeenth entry in the series, Agatha goes a little farther afield before trouble engulfs her. Agatha's ex-husband, James, from whom she has never fully recovered, has given Agatha reason to believe he may want to reconcile. He invites her to join him at the beloved scene of his childhood summer vacations, Snot-on-Sea. The resort is rundown, the food miserable, and the guests obnoxious. Agatha's shouting match in the dining room with a boorish, insulting woman comes back to haunt her when the woman is found strangled to death, Agatha's scarf around her pudgy neck. Agatha must investigate to clear herself. More murder follows. Another highly satisfying Beaton cozy, this one is long on the kind of social comedy that uses character, plot, and atmosphere to produce the laughter. *Connie Fletcher*

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Review

Acclaim for Agatha Raisin and M. C. Beaton

"Few things in life are more satisfying than to discover a brand-new Agatha Raisin mystery."

---*The Tampa Tribune*

"The irascible but endearing personality of Agatha Raisin is like a heady dash of curry. May we have another serving, please?"

---*Detroit Free Press*

"If you've never read an Agatha Raisin novel, it's time to start.... All of them are cunningly plotted, beautifully written, and more fun than you can imagine."

---*The Globe and Mail*

"Beaton has a winner in the irrepressible, romance-hungry Agatha."

---*Chicago Sun-Times*

"Anyone interested in...intelligent, amusing reading will want to make the acquaintance of Mrs. Agatha Raisin."

--The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

"Outwardly bossy and vain, inwardly insecure and vulnerable, Agatha grows more endearing with each installment."

--The Plain Dealer

"Welcome back to Carsely, the charming Cotswold village that's home to the sixteenth Agatha Raisin mystery. (If you've missed the first fifteen, just imagine a Barbara Pym novel with murder, mayhem and the sexual longings of a fiftysomething divorced lady sleuth."

--Publishers Weekly on The Perfect Paragon

Users Review

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