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No mission is impawsible for pet sitter Dixie Hemingway (no relation to you-know-who). On an early morning walk, she spots an exotic bird rarely seen north of the equator, much less in the sleepy beach-side town of Siesta Key, Florida. At first, Dixie thinks the bird has been blown off course by a terrible storm, but as she digs deeper into where the bird came from, Dixie becomes increasingly suspicious of its origins. When one client is found dead and a new friend and her baby disappear without warning, Dixie is pulled into a whirlwind of greed, deception, and danger. The eighth in this popular cozy series, John Clement and Blaize Clement's *The Cat Sitter's Cradle*, will keep both newcomers and loyal Dixie fans perched on the edge of their seats.

The Cat Sitter's Cradle Details

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ReadaBook says

Really like this series. However, the passing of Blaize Clement and the assumption by her son John in writing the books, starting with this book (I understand John and Blaize did work together on the story line before her death), meant some changes in how the main characters were presented in this book. Dixie is a bit less introspective, less fun; Michael and Paco are peripheral characters (which is a shame because they both have such potential to be more visible in these books); and Dixie's at-last boyfriend, Ethan Crane, has developed a potty mouth which seems totally out of character (and frankly, each time he swore, he came across as not very likeable).

Some changes in the series are inevitable, and I wish John Clement the best in continuing this series. It's so enjoyable, and there is so much potential for even more stories. Looking forward to reading the books already published since his mother's passing, and I hope John continues to develop the story line.

Amy says

Much thanks to John for the huge task of continuing his mom's series! Reading some of the reviews about inconsistencies bothers me a wee bit. It's impossible to write the same way as another author, even if it is your mother. You can't expect the exact same Dixie, but I recognized her well enough, in this book, to embrace her again.

I'm so glad she's back, more open, coming to a place of peace with her past losses, and moving forward. People change and tragedy and grief most certainly change a person. Or maybe she's finding her old self that was lost before her world got shattered.

The mystery was good, as always. I didn't guess who it was, until they were revealed. I'm always ready to go back to Siesta Key and visit. I like the direction Dixie is going. Well done, John!

Kimberly says

The Cat Sitter's Cradle: A Dixie Hemingway Mystery

This is the eighth book in the Dixie Hemingway Cat Sitter series. I have not read any of the early books but that did not spoil my enjoyment of this one. In fact, I enjoyed it so much I now want to read the first seven books.

The book had me hooked from the first couple of pages with the discovery of both an exotic bird and a young woman who had just given birth on a walking path near Dixie's home. Dixie is a former cop turned pet sitter. Her job brings her in contact with many interesting people in the town of Siesta Key, Florida in the Florida Keys. In this book a new client ends up dead, the young woman and her baby disappear, and a young man leaves a mysterious message on Dixie's answering machine. Dixie investigates while taking care of her animal clients and trying to decide what to do about her love life. The plot twists and turns kept me up reading late because I had to find out what happened.

This is a perfect book for people who love animals and mysteries. It is well written with likeable characters. It is a great book to escape into. Disclosure: I received this book as part of a Goodreads giveaway on the premise that I would review it.

* Jennifer says

Overall, John Clement did a good job picking up where his mother left off, although there are some moments here and there where it's pretty obvious a man is writing a female protagonist. But the mystery was very well done and the characters and setting are true to the original.

Full review: <http://jenn.booklikes.com/post/107900...>

Kim j says

After reading this book I found out that the author had passed away & was able to put the pieces together as to why this book was so different. I just did not feel Dixie in this book but I did enjoy it. I thought the book was filled with lots of dialogue & that did not feel like Dixie. I hope that if the son continues her work that he can get her back or somehow change the format so more continuity of characters remains. It all makes sense now what was so different in this book. The author was very talented but she had worked out the kinks & the son may need time to do so but I hope readers remain. No wonder this book was so late coming out!!! Good read...

4/9/15: I decided that I am going to read the series again because Blaize died during the series & her son picked it up. I have heard mixed comments about the books that Dixie has changed and other issues so I will read them all, make notes like Faye and see if the changes make a difference. I will keep you posted!

4/11/15: new review, I took the time to really read this book as I said above to see if my review was fair and what differences if any occurred. Blaize always mentioned those shutters & they seemed magical but it's not important if they are gone. She was always very descriptive of her surroundings and I found the same with John. All the major characters are in this book but I agree that Blaize always seemed to expand on the characters with each book and when I reread the next book I will see what he does with them. The cursing was horrible and not Dixie at all and I am a woman and know lots of women and cursing is not sexy. Lots of men find it unattractive in women as well. Some of Dixie's expressions in this book lacked maturity and seemed almost surfer girl like usually the word "totally" yikes! I still give it the same rating overall and think that kinks need to be worked out but I will continue on my quest to read all of the books before I read the new one to be fair in my reviews of a wonderful series that Blaize started and John is now trying to keep alive.

4/14/15: I am now reading Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin Roof in my quest to reread the entire series to be fair & just in my reviews since Blaize died & John took over. I have to correct this review again b/c the cursing, well Blaize did her fair share in the book so John is NOT the one who started this BUT it was not a lot coming out of Dixie's mouth & it seemed to fit with the story or the characters. I stand by my words that it is not sexy, not mature and leave it at that.

Lisa says

Good little cozy mystery. Just how I like them...lighthearted, not gory, interesting and likeable characters. This is the 2nd Cat Sitter book I've read after reading the first in the series a few years back. This one is much later in the series but don't feel like I missed anything jumping around.

Diane says

I've been following Dixie and her adventures since book one, I love this series. I could tell this book, was written by someone other than the original author, (which made me so sad to find out she passed away) Her son, has continued with this series, and for us fans, we are grateful. That being said. The Dixie I got to know in the other books I read would never have called anyone, "stupid bitch," it's just not in her character,(the books contains quite a few other cuss words) and while I don't mind swear words, (I use them myself) it is hard to introduce them into a series that has already published 7 other books, without the need for them. Regardless, I liked the book well enough, and hope to see more in the future.

Ellen says

The Cat Sitter's Cradle" by Blaize & John Clement.

While walking a schnauzer, Rufus, and her friend Joyce's Dachshund, Henry the VIII, Dixie hears a small sound in the bushes. Her curiosity gets the best of her and she walks into the bushes to find a young woman with a new born baby. As if that isn't enough to boggle the mind there's an injured exotic bird nearby.

Dixie calls Joyce to come ASAP. The two of them try to find out who this woman is and where she came from. The woman tells them in halting English that her name is Corina and as far as where she came from...they're guessing she's an illegal alien. Dixie wastes no time in calling for an ambulance.

Dixie and Joyce are trying to assist Corina and her baby in anyway they can. Joyce opens her home to the two of them and Dixie goes out shopping for the baby's needs.

Dixie has to keep up her pet sitting tasks and is called by one of the wealthiest women in Siesta Key. Mrs Harwick needs Dixie to take care of their cat and their extravagant aquarium while they are away. This is no ordinary aquarium. It takes up one wall of the master bathroom and has a life-size mermaid in it sitting on a treasure chest.

The Harwick's leave and Dixie returns to their home as agreed. That's when things begin to change and not in a good way.

This series does not quit. Another excellent addition to the Dixie Hemingway series.

Lorraine says

I was ready for a fun weekend read, and this one fit the bill nicely. Anyone who has read the previous books in the series, knows that Blaize Clements died in 2011. Apparently though, her son John Clements either has the writing style down pat, or he was actually a co-author with her all along. Regardless, this was enjoyable.

As Dixie is walking with a friend, they come across a young woman who has apparently just given birth in the woods. They also come across a dead exotic bird that turns out to be from Guatemala.

One of Dixie's latest job as a pet sitter is to take care of a pampered cat named Charlotte and a very expensive fish tank for a wealthy couple who are going away for a business conference.

The two of these come together in a story that actually comes together in a tale of greed and treachery. It's a nice, fast-paced story that is both entertaining and even a little educational - especially if you have pets!

Erica Kemplin says

Very interesting

Melody says

I didn't know the author of this series, Blaize Clement had padded away. Her son has taken up the series and done an excellent job on this installment, so much so that I didn't realize she hadn't written it until I got to the end of the book. I really enjoy the pet sitting heroine in this series. She is smart, funny, lonely and gets caught up in situations whilst taking care of her pet clients. Now she is getting some well deserved romance as well as staying busy ferreting out criminals. I look forward to the next book.

Ch J Loveall says

Next!

Kris says

I chose to read this book on a whim and had no idea it was a series. Even so, it was entertaining.

Phillis says

I was sorry to hear that the author of this book passed away in 2011. Her son has finished this book for her and got it published. For the Dixie Hemingway fans we are most grateful. I am not sure if there will be

anymore Dixie Hemingway books, but I am hopeful that her son, John, will continue the series. I could see John's influence in the book and still see the same rhythm that Blaize had established for Dixie and her storyline. These stories aren't deep murder mystery novels of epic proportions, but are murder mysteries of a fast entertaining read. Dixie Hemingway is a pet sitter and she always manages to get caught up in at least one dead body a book. Her day to day life is to take care of other people's pets who have to leave town for one reason or other. She likes her simple job and its place in her safe secure world on Siesta Key, FL. So when she discovers a body it really upsets her world and instead of stepping aside to let the authorities find out who did what, she manages to stumble on certain aspects of the case and continues to be a part of the situation.

Linda says

Wonderful cozy mystery, and Book 8 in the Dixie Hemingway Series.

Dixie begins another adventure after she finds an exotic bird near a young woman who has just given birth and refuses to go to the hospital. A friend lets the mystery woman stay with her while Dixie manages her pet sitting business. When Dixie finds the dead body of one of her millionaire clients in his own pool; she becomes entangled in the lives of several people who could have had the motive to kill him. As always, the question is....whodunit?

Blaize & John Clement's writing is vivid and entertaining. Siesta Key, Florida is a beautiful story setting. THE CAT SITTER's CRADLE was very enjoyable, and a fast-paced read.

I received this book for free in a Goodreads Giveaway in return for an honest review. Thanks!!
