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Hell hath no fury like a feline enraged. Though Joe Grey and Dulcie are merely housecats, they each have a strong sense of justice -- to complement their uncanny ability to read, speak, and use the telephone. And they're furious that Max Harper, police chief of Molena Pointand preferred target for Joe's harmless pranks, has been accused of a gruesome double murder.

The fleet-footed sleuthing duo is intent upon restoring an old friend's good name. But finding the missing little girl who was sole witness to the crime won't be easy -- especially with a hungry cougar on the prowl, a cat-killer on the loose ... and the kittenish antics of Joe and Dulcie's playful new "ward" causing big trouble that could take more than nine lives to survive.

## **Cat Spitting Mad Details**

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## **From Reader Review Cat Spitting Mad for online ebook**

### **Laura Ruetz says**

I have not read the prior Joe Grey books and because of that, it felt like there was something missing from the book; as if I was missing vital information that I needed to really understand the characters. How and why can the cat's talk? It is clear that this was answered in prior books but not very well explained here so it was hard to really connect with the story but as the plot progressed, I was able to get into it more and found it to be enjoyable.

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### **Brenda Jenkins Kleager says**

The is the most delightful cat mystery series yet. The fact that the cats communicate with each other and their humans lends a demension to the stories that all cat-lovers adore.

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### **Cari says**

fun read! hope to read more in this series.

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### **TOTO from Kansas says**

A simple story with talking cats !

Need to read this book as a fantasy and go with the flow. Quick and easy. a good book for a young adult to start reading murder mysteries.

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### **Judy says**

In this book in the Joe Grey series, the police chief is set up to be the chief suspect in a pair of grisly murders, and the cats, plus their human friends, must prove him innocent by finding the remaining victim, a kidnapped girl. Except for the gratuitous cat-killing by the perpetrator, you can suspend disbelief and enjoy this mystery.

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### **Janice Dick says**

A fun read. Will look for more of Murphy's cat series.

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### **Donna says**

It was a fanciful book about adventurous cats. I really enjoyed reading it as it was lighthearted and playful.

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### **Miriam says**

Cozy mystery starting Joe Grey and Dulcie, who are talking cats (they only talk to a few people) and Max Harper, hunky sheriff of Molena Point, California. They become embroiled in a murder and a convoluted chase for the killers while searching for the 11 year old witness. Cougar, thieves, corrupt cop, and escaped convicts are just some of the characters that add spice to the chase and the story.

I devoured this book in one long, sunny morning. Now I am hooked and need to read the series from the beginning.

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### **Regan says**

I'm on the fence about this one. There were a few abrupt turn arounds like Clyde and Charlie's relationship and the sudden reappearance of Kate Osborne had me wondering what would come next. Having a new kitten in my own house I thoroughly enjoyed how Kit "tormented" Joe and Dulcie. It's the kind of parental exasperation that needs to be shared.

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### **Susan Ainsworth says**

This was a quick read, I haven't read any of the others but was at the grocery store and paperbacks that were less than \$10 were buy 2, get 1 free. I didn't realize it was a series so I will go back and at least read #1.

The plot moved quickly with a lot of characters so I had to go back and refresh who was who in some instances. I kind of knew who the culprit was but it didn't ruin the plot, it just made me read more quickly so I could find out what happened.

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### **Chris Meads says**

Another good mystery with Joe Gray, Dulce and Kit.

This time it's Kit who sees what happens and is scared enough to hide from everyone. Until a mountain lion visits the hills above Molena Point. The problem is that some one is trying to frame Max Harper, the chief of police. Who is doing it? Joe is out to get whoever is doing it--he believes Max didn't do it and will help any way his paws can.

I enjoy these books--they make you feel you are a part of the family in Molena Point and can cuddle with Dulce and Kit. I really doubt Joe is of the cuddling type.

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### **Jen says**

D'aww.

Really, that's what this is. Aww. And more aww. And a little bit of "wait, what?" But mostly aww.

Here's the thing; Murphy is really good at cat descriptions. She's not so good at gender roles that are anything but very 50s, even with fix-it Charlie who is female but can handle a wrench. She's really good at interesting twists. And thus, her mysteries are quintessential beach reads: very entertaining, not amazing enough to re-read tons.

I love the depth Joe gets in this one in terms of being attached (without, of course, looking like he's attached, because hey, he's a tomcat, and he's got pride) to Max Harper, the clueless (but maybe not) cop who gets framed in this installment for murder and kidnapping. Joe is furious that anyone could not see the essential goodness and forthrightness of Harper. So he sets out to solve the thing, which of course he does, and Dulcie and the kit (who is not a character I like, just as a disclaimer; I find her superfluous and foolish) come along after to smooth things out and make sure Joe doesn't get himself killed--especially by the mountain lion who's sort of running along behind the main plot to make things interesting.

This is one of the first books of the series that really can't stand by itself, because there are a lot of references to Clyde's ex-girlfriend's cat nature that were explained several books ago. I would imagine they would be utterly confusing if this was your first foray into the series--I've forgotten that back story, so they were confusing to me.

It was good. It was entertaining. It was not riveting. Moving on to the next; I think I may finish out the series, just out of curiosity.

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### **Cheryl says**

Better than some of the other books because a) Detective Max Harper is a murder suspect, which makes the cats spitting mad and b) there's a really big cat in the book, a cougar! This book sticks in my memory because of the cats' perceptions and feelings about the cougar. Big Kitty...

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### **Gaele says**

AudioBook Review:

Stars: Overall: 4 Narration: 4 Story: 4

Earlier in the series than my introduction to this author and characters, we are returned to Molena Point and find ourselves immersed in a murder mystery. Joe Grey and his partner in detection, Dulcie have found themselves the 'parents' of Kit, a tortoiseshell kitten with a never-ending source of energy and curiosity.

With the Chief of Police accused of a double murder he did not commit, these two detecting felines and their

new ward set off to find the true culprit, while avoiding the dangerous Lee the cat killer Wark who knows that they can speak, detect and use the telephone. As the three seek the real killer, they also need to watch out for three escaped convicts, and manage to survive several tangles and a jaunt through the haunted house that is occupied by an even larger cat: a cougar.

Narration for this book is provided by Susan Boyce, and her clear enunciation and use of pacing and modulation before overly adjusting tone and adopting a voice change to delineate the different characters is a delightful addition.

Shirley Rousseau Murphy has taken the mystery and turned it sideways with the addition of speaking, intelligent cats that never quite lose that sense that they are cats. Their interactions, likes and dislikes, and even their humor is very cat-oriented, and while a completely anthropomorphic delineation and description, it works quite well. The mystery in this book was well crafted and filled with enough twists to keep a reader engaged, and the human characters, well not as well-defined as the cats, still have a sense of realness and solid voice. This is a fun series for people wanting a lighter and more humorous mystery, especially if they are cat lovers.

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### **Emily Cullen says**

Two women are murdered and a child has disappeared, and all evidence points to Molena Point, CA's police chief Max Harper. Talking cats Joe Grey, Dulcie and Kit set out to find the real killer. I love this cozy mystery series! (A Joe Grey Mystery) I'm not much into fantasy, but the idea that select cats can talk appeals to me, probably since I love cats! The book had a great story and great cast of characters and I can't wait to read the next book!

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