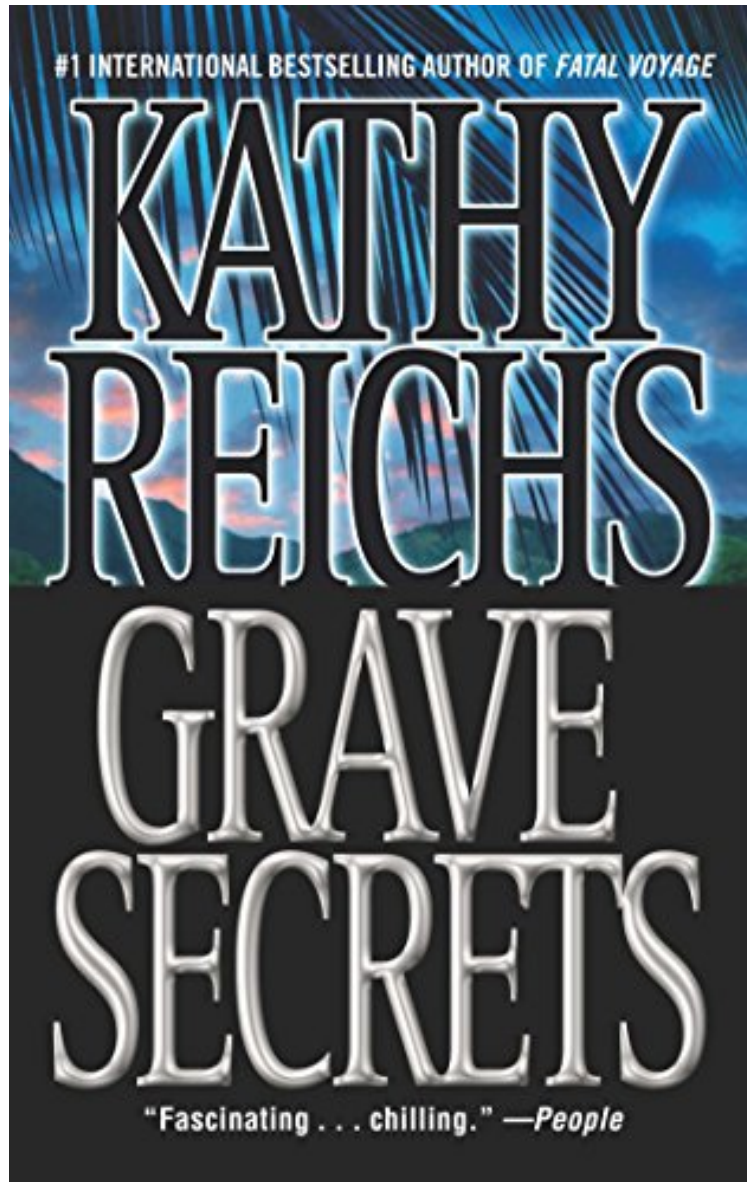


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Von Kathy Reichs : Grave Secrets: A Novel (Temperance Brennan Book 5) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Grave Secrets: A Novel (Temperance Brennan Book 5) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not the best of her serie!
Von CustomerThis time Tempe brings us to Guatemala, where she takes part in an search for the victims of the ended civil war. At the same time 4 young girl went missing and she is asked to help to identify a found skeleton. The book is a must for someone, who read Kathy Reichs other books. But if you haven't read a book from her, then start with one of the others. Reichs' forensics are rock solid and fascinating. You can tell she knows by heart about what she is writing.... and this makes her books always very good. Its not one of her best, but it's still interesting and you can learn something about the history of Guatemala and about the situation there. Which is very interesting. But I missed to learn more about the ancient dig, even when the cases about the missing girls got solved. The ending came pretty quick and her personal plans left an open ending, but nevertheless I can't wait to read the next book.
1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not her best effort!
Von pompfis_hoppiDr. Tempe Brennan helps identify remains of villagers in Guatemala that "have been disappeared" in the early 1980's. Friends of hers get shot on the very first pages and she is called to consult on the deaths of recently missing young women. The massacre and the deaths of the young woman seem to lead to a serial killer and even the Canadian ambassador to Gustemala seems to be involved. Brass first makes Tempe consult, then obstructs investigations (bodies get confiscated or are being cremated after a very short period of time). As usual forensics is gruesomely, nail-bitingly wrapped up but I couldn't have cared less about the lengthy explanations regarding the Guatemaltecan judiciary system. As Ryan put it: "Give me the five minutes version", which she unfortunately did not. Relations and connections between several people in this book seem a bit far-fetched to me, political enmeshment a tad too piled on for the sake of the story (okay, okay...one wouldn't have been possible without the other). The Guatemaltecan cop investigating the deaths of the young women happens to be a college buddy of Andrew Ryan, now isn't that a convenient thread to get Ryan involved in the story (apart from having amorous interests in him)? Naturally she encounters dangerous situations in this book, but I still wonder how that Diet Coke could have been tampered with (and while we are at it: where did she get Victoria's Secret lingerie from all of a sudden? Does she wear that when excavating victims of a massacre? Or does G-City happen to have a Victoria's Secret Store??). She even seems to keep her short temper under control, more or less. Why is that? Different climate? Due to being sick? Go ahead and read this book, if you have read the previous novels, but don't start with this book as the first one in the series, because you won't read the others then. I hope that Keithy Reichs brings back the real Dr. Temperance Brennan in her next book and that she won't digress into lengthy unnerving explanations on political systems again. This book is definitely not a competition for one of the Dr. Kay Scarpetta books by Patricia Cornwell Daniels.
6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannend!
Von Dr. T.Die Autorin von "Grave Secrets" Kathy Reichs ist eine Ausnahmeerscheinung sowohl unter den forensischen AnthropologInnen als auch unter den SchriftstellerInnen: Sie ist nicht nur eine der bekanntesten Gerichtssachverständigen für schreckliche Leichenfunde in den USA und Kanada, sondern auch noch eine herausragende Thriller-Schriftstellerin. Zusammen mit Patricia Cornwell (deren letzte Bcher allerdings stark an Spannung verloren haben) besetzt sie die Sparte "scientific suspense" innerhalb der Krimiautoren-Gemeinde. Danach kommt lange nichts mehr. Wie Kathy Reichs es schafft, in beiden Jobs dermaßen gut zu sein, ntigt Bewunderung ab. Ihr fnftes und neuestes Buch "Grave Secrets" beginnt in Guatemala. Eigentlich soll ihr alter ego Tempe Brennan dort Klarheit in ein Massaker bringen, das Regierungstruppen vor vielen Jahren im Brgerkrieg begangen haben. Wie wichtig die Arbeit von forensischen Experten (Bosnien!) dafür ist, dass ein betroffenes Dorf Frieden finden kann, wurde mir erst durch dieses Buch klar. Dann aber findet die Polizei unter schaurigen Umstnden berreste einer Toten. Die guatemalteckische Polizei vermutet einen Zusammenhang mit dem Verschwinden von vier jungen Frauen. Die Spur fhrt dann nach Kanada und zurck nach Guatemala. Die Spannung reisst dabei niemals ab. Die Schaupltze sind farbig, das Geschehen dynamisch und die Wendungen unvorhersehbar. Die von den frheren Bchern vertrauten Charaktere entwickeln sich weiter, sind sehr plastisch beschrieben, und selbst die Zickigkeiten von Kathy Reichs Heldin Tempe Brennan werden sorgsam gehegt. Für Freunde des intelligenten suspense ist das Buch ein Fnf-Sterne-Genu! Wer ein wenig Englisch kann, dem sei das amerikanische Original empfohlen. Reichs schreibt ein klares Englisch, das zu lesen ein zuztzlicher Genu ist. Wann kommt ihr nchstes Buch?

KurzbeschreibungAs fresh and shocking as today's headlines, a bone-chilling new Tempe Brennan novel of international black marketeering in fetal tissue, decades old mass murder, and contemporary homicide from New York Times bestselling author and world-class forensic anthropologist Kathy Reichs, who is hailed by the critics as the new Patricia Cornwell. It was a summer morning in 1982 when soldiers ravaged the village of Chupan Ya, raping and killing women and children. Twenty-three victims are said to lie in the well where, twenty years later, Dr. Temperance Brennan and a team from the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation now dig. No records were kept. To their families, the dead are the disappeared. Forensic anthropologist for the medical examiners in North Carolina and Montreal, Tempe is in Guatemala for a months service to help some families identify and bury their dead. She digs in a cold, damp pit where she finds a hair clip, a fragment of cloth, a tiny sneaker. Her trowel touches something hard:

the hip of a child no more than two years old. Its heartbreaking work. Something savage happened here twenty years ago. The violence continues today. The team is packing up for the day when an urgent satellite call comes in. Two colleagues are under attack. Shots ring out, and Tempe listens in horror to a woman's screams. Then there is silence. Dead silence. With this new violence, everything changes, both for the team and for Tempe, who's asked by the Guatemalan police for her expertise on another case. Four privileged young women have vanished from Guatemala City in recent months. One is the Canadian ambassador's daughter. Some remains have turned up in a septic tank, and Tempe unfortunately knows septic tanks. Teaming with Special Crimes Investigator Bartolom Galiano, and with Montreal detective Andrew Ryan, who may have more than just professional reasons to join her on the case, Tempe soon finds herself in a dangerous web that stretches far beyond Guatemala's borders. The stakes are huge. As power, money, greed, and science converge, Tempe must make life-altering choices. From cutting-edge science in the lab, where Tempe studies fetal bones and cat hair DNA, to a chilling encounter in a lonely morgue, *Grave Secrets* is powerful, page-turning entertainment from a crime fiction superstar who combines riveting authenticity with witty, elegant prose.

Temperance Brennan is helping her Guatemalan colleagues identify the remains of villagers who were "disappeared" 20 years ago when she's called in to consult on four more recent disappearances. Is there a serial killer loose in Guatemala City, or is the fate of the young women who've gone missing--including the daughter of the Canadian ambassador--connected to the murder of a human-rights investigator looking into the decades-old massacre? Brennan, the protagonist of Reichs's popular series, is literally hip-deep in intrigue, between the well in Chupan Ya where she unearths the bones of women and children slain in Guatemala's bloody civil war and the septic tank in the capital where the remains of one of the missing girls turn up. Tempe is a standout in crime fiction's crowded field of forensics experts--she's one of its more complex and interesting protagonists, dealing with intriguing cases that often cross national borders and a personal life that's rich in possibilities the author skillfully exploits. Tempe--and Reichs--just keep getting better.

--Jane Adams.co.uk

Kathy Reichs publishers' comparisons of her with the mega-selling Patricia Cornwell are based on the fact that more and more people (readers, critics, other writers) are calling her better than Cornwell! On the evidence of Reichs' splendid new novel, *Grave Secrets* the answer is yes--particularly as several recent Cornwell titles have been misfires. Reichs' speciality is the powerfully realised female protagonist: Dr Temperance Brennan is the best of the many forensic specialists rubbing shoulders in the genre at present: she's professional (never, of course, fazed by her often grisly work), forceful in everything but her messy private life. This time, Tempe travels to the Guatemalan village of Chupan Ya tracking the bodies of 23 women and children dumped in a mass grave. But while digging in the pit of death, Tempe finds the present contains further horrors: four girls have gone missing from Guatemala city--and one of them is the daughter of an ambassador. Soon Tempe is up against both a recalcitrant district attorney and municipal corruption, grimly aware that there are those who want the deaths in both the past and the present to remain a mystery. What makes this such a distinguished addition to the Reichs library (in a class with such winners as *Death du Jour*) is the brilliantly realised Guatemalan locales. Not many thriller writers can evoke comparison with such masters of foreign climes as Graham Greene, but Reichs pulls it off with aplomb. The web of deceit that Dr Brennan encounters is satisfyingly tangled, and the unravelling of the mystery has all the quirky energy of Reichs at her most stylish. Perhaps future Brennan outings will have to bring in new personal elements for the heroine to avoid staleness, but *Grave Secrets* has everything in place for the most diverting of reading experiences.

--Barry Forshaw