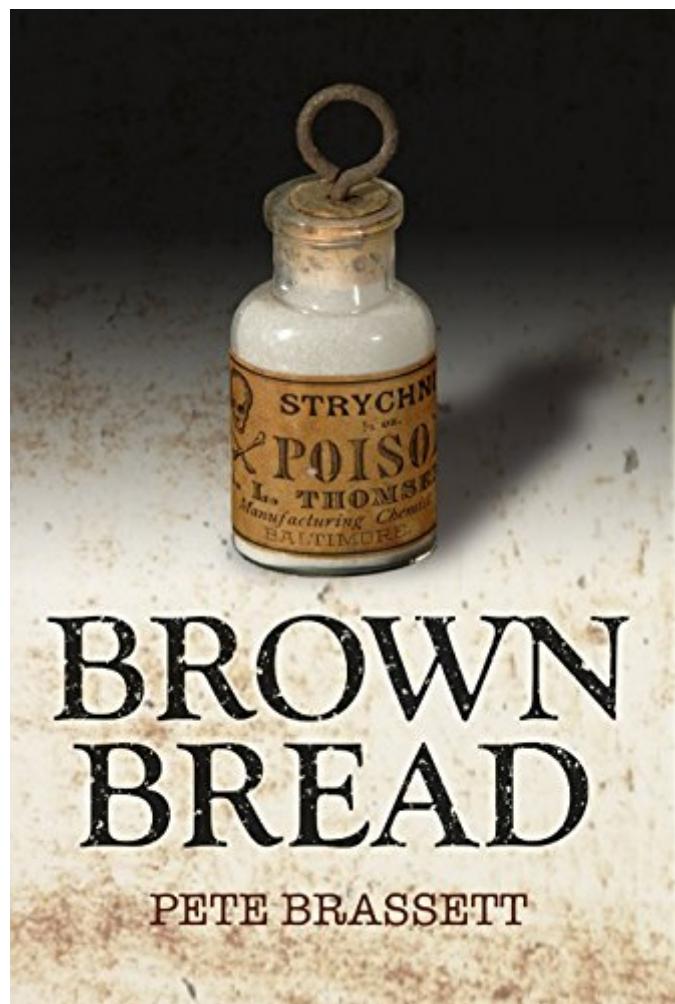


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BROWN BREAD: An Exceptionally Humorous Literary Satire



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Customer Reviews

Murder seems to run in the family. Naturally, if someone stumbles upon the body you hid in the freezer, you have to kill them too. But what happens when nosy people keep showing up and you run out of room in the freezer? This short novella reminded me of a bizarre cross of the play/old movie Arsenic and Old Lace and the children's story about the old lady who swallowed the fly. Bodies continue to pile up as the family with a loose set of morals follow the easiest solution time after time. To offset the murders, the dialogue is fast and sharp. Now, this story might not appeal to a lot of readers that are used to comedies of today that specializes in blatant humor, usually having to do with bodily functions, and foul language. This is a more subtle and intelligent play of words that can be missed if you aren't on the ball. If you enjoyed old comedies like Arsenic and Old Lace or Harvey that are filled with an over the top story and lots of quick patter, this story is for you. If you prefer your humor in the form of drunken louts on reality TV, this story might be a little too advanced. It would make a hilarious stage play.

Brown Bread is murder wrapped up in great fun—think Arsenic and Old Lace. This story is light and comical, just a joy to read. What to do with all the bodies? Most families have a problem with their freezer at some point or other. So too the Benardinos. Yet their problem is of a very unusual nature. Despite running out of places to store the bodies of previous unwelcome guests, gin-soaked mother Virginia has organised a party to celebrate her fifty-fourth birthday. Will anyone get out alive? Treat yourself to this book and have a good laugh-out loud, even! I highly recommend this book!

The family written here by Mr. Bassett is a wonder to behold. A lascivious mother whose sexual conquests range from the common to the upper crust. Her son, way too good looking and charming, lives on other people's money. The part of the family in Ireland is a father who takes no responsibility and a sharp tongued daughter. Their enemies all die, some stuffed in freezers for chilling out. What makes this book fun to read is a strain of irreverence and dry wit of the English. What should be *horror* and *moral* captivates and creates laughter - as in, nothing to be excited about. And yet, once in the groove of the reading itself, is crystal clear. This is funny stuff.

This "novella" had so much dialogue that it read more like a play than a novella. In fact, it really should have been a play instead of a novella. If the author, Pete Brassett, would like to have it adapted into a play, I would be very happy to oblige. I think it would play very well in America's community theatres.

Brown Bread was a very different story than I was expecting. It took me by surprise how casual the family (including the maid) was about the events that take place in their home. After I got the gist of what was happening I was really into it and ready for more.

Clever and witty, the devious machinations of Virginia and Harwood left me giggling in spite of myself. If your day is too serious or stagnant, peruse this little gem of frivolous fun and you'll be snickering in no time. Pure delight.

this is great satire. At times I am surprised to say I did find myself laughing out loud. If you don't take life too seriously this book is for you. very well written too.

This short story takes place entirely in one day at one place. The cast includes the homeowner Virginia and her son Harwood. It would work very well on the stage.

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