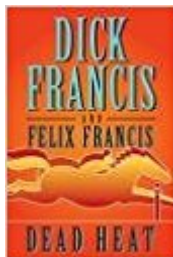


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I usually don't like children in books (they are traditionally depicted as cliched brats, and tiresome to read), but Francis did a marvelous job of making the six sons in this novel individual and delightful. The hero's relationship with his wife was sad--I would've preferred something more romantic and loving, as the reader usually gets from Francis. The evil Stratton family was pretty darned evil. Francis seems to have a habit of never involving the police in the nasty affairs of his plots, so not all of the bad guys receive a proper comeuppance. In this book, some of the Strattons got their just desserts, but others didn't, which is somewhat unsatisfactory. But everything, as usual, was well-depicted, and so this Francis novel is a win. I'm still thinking about it...

I love every one of Dick Francis's novels. Some have seemed more interesting to me than others, but they all have what so few authors can match. The protagonists are always interesting, highly intelligent, kind, and interested in doing what's right. This particular protagonist is a father of six boys and a tangential member of a highly dysfunctional family. The way he solves problems and works with various family members, while trying to find answers to tough questions, truly shows Francis's skill as a story teller. As long as I can find his books, I'll read them with exquisite pleasure.

I have read all of his books, but this one has always been my favorite and I have reread it numerous times. Though always about horse racing, this one concentrated on family, loving, caring, overbearing, evil and manipulative. It was two sides to a coin showing what a loving and caring father was like versus the infected diseased over wealthy family. I miss his books very much as there will never be another Dick Francis.

Have read this book at least eight times. It is delightful every time I read it. The characters are great as they are in every one of his books. There has not been a Dick Francis book that I haven't liked. And all of them I have read more than once. This is one of my very favorites. A super read for those who like a bit of humor and a bit of 'Who dun it'. I recommend all of his books not just this one. I have them all in paper copy and will keep the paper copy even after I purchase the e books.

I love all that I've read of books by Dick Francis. This, like the others, is a page turner. The hero you can relate to. He is believable. He is the kind of father every child wants, and would be proud of. He also inspires his children to be heroic in his and each other's defense.

I own almost all the Dick Francis books. I wish there was a Dick Francis collection that was available. I am in the process of trying to fill out my collection in "used" book stores to acquire the ones that are "out of print." I love his characters, although they are basically the same. I love the strong quiet men who always have great values and persevere against evil. Of all of his books, however, I think this is my favorite. I love the fact that the hero is a serious, constructive and committed father. His interactions with his children are fabulous!

Love the authors view of the culinary arts and use of the expert Gordon Ramsey.

I LOVE the original novel. I HATE this production - a poorly-narrated audio version of a dreadful abridgement. The narrator (Simon Jones) is useless compared to Simon Prebble, who narrates the Dick Francis novels in the "Recorded Books, LLC" series. The Recorded Books, LLC version takes 10 hours to play, This version, by Simon & Schuster Audio, runs 3 hrs. I can't tell who wrote the abridgement, but it's stripped of everything that makes Dick Francis great. I will get rid of this as quickly as I can!

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