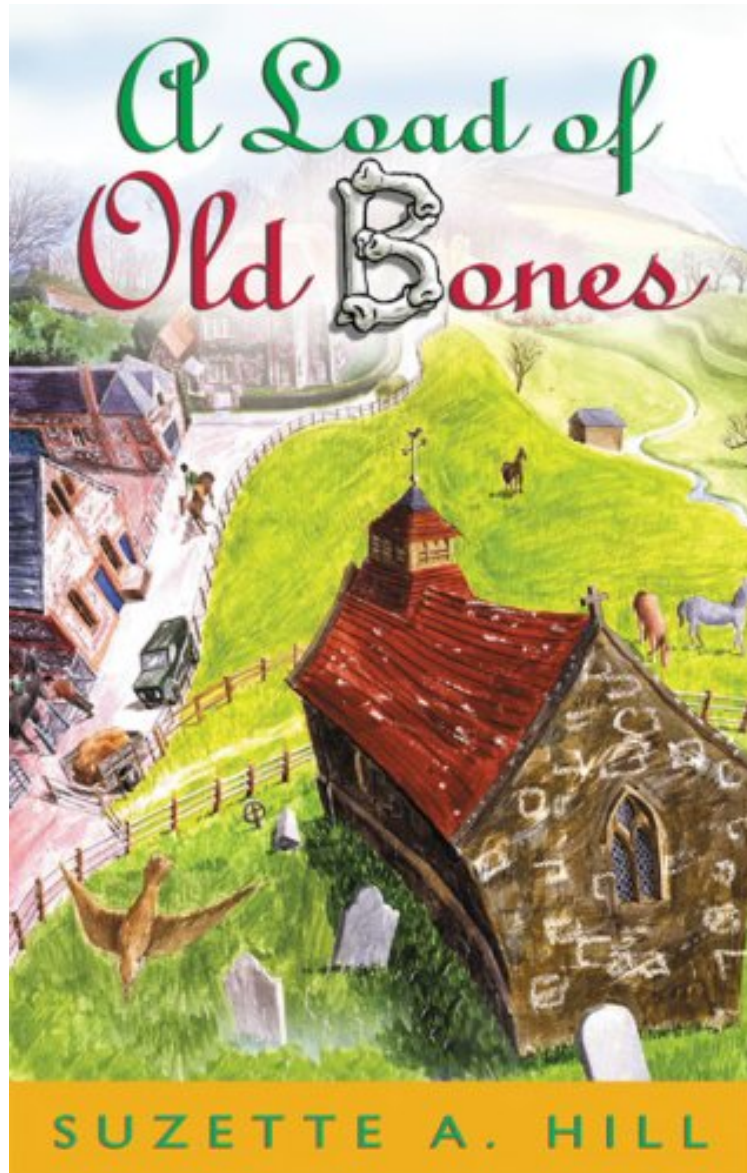


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Suzette A. Hill : A Load of Old Bones before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Load of Old Bones:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. If you liked The Trouble With Harry - you'll probably enjoy this book!!By P. M. ScoginWarning NOT your typical English village mystery not a cutesy pet mystery. You know who murdered who, how and why - it's the getting away with it, that's the tale here. The vicar could be considered the

typical bumbling village vicar, but here you know it's because he's just not very smart or very good at anything much and he's well aware of it himself. The cat and the dog who offer their views and opinions through out the book are not your typical sweet, adoring pets with all knowing wisdom. They are both actually very believable in their thought processes and personalities and in the ways they interact with the humans they decide to live with. I'm an animal lover and we have several dogs and cats, all rescues, all the time, but do not find myself a fan of the cute unanimal like pets presented as main characters in many books. Other than LJ Braun's cats - they're fun reads too. This is a bit dryer and perhaps more real than those, but the entertainment level is equal if not better than! And yes, would love to read the second in the series, and will when, to be perfectly honest, it fits into my budget. Fun reads often have to go on waiting lists - when you read 2 or more a week, you have to budget, or this old broad does! LOL. I liked this book - a bit quirky with some not so subtle undertones, at least to me, of digs at the village church system in England. Could never really decide if it felt dated or not - sometimes it did, but on the whole could be present as easily as not. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An enjoyable and laugh-out-loud funny read By Cathy G. Cole I downloaded this book to my Kindle on the strength of the synopsis and recommendations from friends, and then I promptly forgot about it. I've been making a point to go back to read the earliest books I downloaded. I'm not much of a cat person, so when A Load of Old Bones started out with "The Cat's Memoir" in Maurice's voice, I didn't know how far I would be able to read. That uncertainty held until chapter three, "The Dog's Diary." When I read the very first thing Bouncer the dog said, I burst into laughter. This book reminds me of the old "Columbo" television series when you knew the identity of the killer and all you had to do was sit back and watch the detective put all the clues together to catch him. What made me a bit uneasy is how quickly I accepted Oughterard killing a woman and covering it up. It undoubtedly has a lot to do with the fact that the dreaded Mrs. F. is the type of person who makes most of those who meet her want to strangle her. As a fan of Spencer Quinn's Chet and Bernie mysteries, I have no problem with dogs (and the occasional cat) speaking to me, but what surprised me was how harmoniously the voices of Oughterard, Bouncer and Maurice blended together. Between the three of them, a reader gets the complete picture, and watching these two animals come to the aid of the vicar is laugh-out-loud funny. There is very little interplay between the characters in A Load of Old Bones. You're going to spend most of your time in the heads of a vicar, a dog, and a cat. I had a delightful time there; however, I don't think I want to repeat the experience. There are other books in this series, which came as no surprise because there was a strong foreshadowing of blackmail at the end, but I don't think I'd find another visit to Molehill to be nearly as much fun. I'd rather stop with this book and keep the good memories and the smile on my face. (Purchased a Kindle edition of this book that is no longer available on .) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Load of Old Bones By Cphe This was a little different to my usual mystery fare. I wouldn't classify it as a "whodunit" cozy as you know early on who has actually "done the deed". The synopsis has more than adequately been addressed, but if you are looking for something that is a little different then this will be worth a look at. I did enjoy Bouncer (the dog) and Maurice (the cat's) perspective and personalities, and how they went about preserving their status quo. I'm not at all sure that I liked the character of Francis Outergerd though, just a mite self serving. However the book is written in an engaging lighthearted vein that I very much enjoyed.

A delightfully whimsical debut mystery that provokes nearly as much hilarity as whodunit.

"...writing is tremendous - flowing and amusing and professional' Dame Beryl Bainbridge. 'This is an enchanting tale, beautifully written, full of fun, wit and insight' The Rev. Alex Wedderspoon, Dean Emeritus of Guildford" About the Author Suzette A. Hill taught English Literature at Reading College. She lives in Herefordshire, UK.