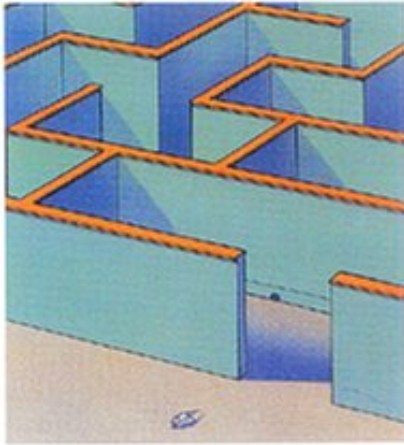

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Description

Un détective privé enquête à Cambridge sur des affaires criminelles dont le mystère n'a jamais été éclairci. Il doit remonter à des événements antérieurs, souvent très lointains, pour suivre les traces de la mystérieuse " souris bleue ". Les intrigues sont situées dans des milieux sociaux très divers, allant de la classe ouvrière à la gentry. Les drames les plus poignants alternent avec les épisodes désopilants.

Insightful reviews

Xueting: I'm so glad the last third of the book held up to expectations and quite made up for the middle third that felt a bit like it was going nowhere (in my opinion)...

After hearing so much about 'Case Histories' I finally decided to buy it and read it, and although I didn't find it spectacularly amazing, it was for the most part very engaging and very uniquely smart. It's not really a mystery novel, or at least not only a mystery. I think it really shows how we're all connected to each other somehow, even in our unbelievably strange lives, and how this connection can help us get through the strange stuff and make them seem not so bad. Kate Atkinson also has awesome storytelling skills: she's playing a lot with perspectives, of not only her different characters but also her reader. She hides certain very important things or obscures them from the reader, probably to tell us to focus on something else instead. One of the things that fell short for me was that sometimes it went a little overboard with the omniscient narrator's tone/voice... it was overly-dramatic sometimes, making me raise my eyebrows a little. Ha ha, that's probably just me though.

Sue: This is the second of Atkinson's Jackson Brodie mystery novels I've read. I've previously enjoyed [One Good Turn](#). To briefly summarize what others have already mentioned, in this novel, Brodie takes on three cold cases and deals with a variety of individuals who vary from eccentric to criminal, from engaging to seemingly insane. Their stories, and the stories of the old crimes, are set up carefully and with wonderful detail, wending their ways back and forth through the book. We see the story through multiple viewpoints, with Jackson being the center point and ultimately a sort of slightly flawed moral compass.

I am amazed at what Atkinson has accomplished with this book, keeping all these stories alive and bouncing in the air with multiple narrators along side the central narrator. And doing this, she keeps the reader not only engaged but anxious to know what is going to happen next and to whom. And why? And what happened 34 years ago? or 10? And the other thing I found....I really cared what happened to all of them, including to Jackson.

Oh---and I will continue reading this series.

Probably a 4.5. Part of me wonders if it's a 5.

Recommended for anyone who would like to read a literate mystery.

Barbara:

This is my second writing of a review of this engaging novel. The first has vaporized into unknown cyberspace!

It quickly becomes apparent that *Case Histories* is no ordinary mystery novel. Kate Atkinson has deftly woven the strands of suspense, intolerable and vicious crimes and astute detective work with sensitive tales of individual and family drama.

Briefly, Atkinson has written of Detective Jackson Brodie, who has undertaken the burdensome endeavor of solving three very cold cases. Initially one would view him as a rough-hewn, irresponsible individual, but it becomes evident that he is intelligent, responsible and sometimes tender, easily brought to tears. He is dogged in his pursuit of solutions and inextricably involved with the lives and emotions of his clients.

This author has seamlessly brought to life the stories of the victims and their families. Despite the differing situations and disparate times, she skillfully interconnected the cases. Her prose is fluid, engaging and richly plotted. Although the novel is sober and complex, Atkinson managed to interject moments of whimsy during which I found myself going from sobbing to chuckling.

This absorbing book was a unique experience for this mystery-loving reader. I certainly intend to seek out other novels by her. I would like to give this 4.5 stars!

Anna: I actually loved this. It is not your traditional detective mystery; regardless of a lacking child and murders, its emphasis is at the characters instead of the crimes. Detective Jackson Brodie is facing his personal emotional baggage, as are a few of the family of the 3 chilly instances he is investigating. The result's tragic, quirky, confusing, surprising, frustrating, compelling. I learn it in sittings, such is its complicated pull. Recommended for those who like whatever a bit different.

Amy Galaviz: In the back of the secret of every of the 3 Case Histories, the subject that appeared to unite different teams of characters was once "the misplaced formative years of younger girls." All of the major characters sought solutions to the tragic and surprising lack of a tender woman in his or her life. Atkinson does an exquisite task illustrating every one personality via description, nuances of dialogue, and monologue-type trains-of-thought, yet I discovered those components of the radical to tug on at times. My own choice may have been for her not to stray completely quite a bit from the vital mysteries of the novel. Also, for me the ebook received off to a gradual start; I in truth wasn't emotionally invested till nearly a hundred pages or so into the novel. Specifically firstly it saved leaping from side to side among different characters and scenarios. There have been elements whilst rather than soaking up what used to be going on, I discovered myself spending loads of time thinking, "and this pertains to every thing else, how?" The Michelle/Caroline storyline used to be rather susceptible within the time frame that it was once awarded within the novel. However, I did locate all of the resolutions to the Case Histories to be stunning and unexpected, but Atkinson provided them in a fresh and hopeful way. Apart from the case of Laura Wyre (solution thoroughly out-of-the-blue and un-inferable till the end), I beloved how the reader *could* have guessed on the recommendations (e.g. Sylvia now not being shocked in any respect whilst Jackson published Blue Mouse to her on the convent,

Shirley taking a look up and to the suitable whereas being wondered approximately Michelle), yet they weren't thoroughly obvious.

Lisa: 3.5 stars Three instances for Jackson Brodie, deepest investigator to solve. the 3 circumstances have been set out firstly after which we are dropped at the current for the investigation. The means the tale associated jointly labored rather well - i used to be a bit stressed every now and then yet this felt like a part of the sleuthing technique and used to be somewhat an additional challenge. I loved all of the characters other than Jackson - i am sorry yet he used to be an unconvincing detective (let's all take our eight 12 months outdated daughter with us to interview people??!) and an inconsistent and demanding person. i don't comprehend his courting with Julia and Amelia in any respect - he's the main unprofessional PI ever! The mysteries/stories have been first-class with the help of the characters concerned yet i'm dispose of interpreting to any extent further within the sequence simply because Jackson is ridiculous! (view spoiler)[Perhaps he do not need to be expert within the subsequent one now he's wealthy and so he could be extra leave out Marple which can swimsuit him greater and never annoy me so much! (hide spoiler)]["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>["br"]>

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