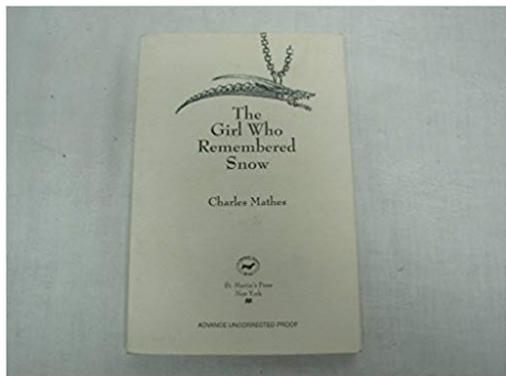


## The Girl Who Remembered Snow *by* Charles Mathes



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When her beloved grandfather is killed in an apparent mugging, Emma Passant's career as a magician comes to an abrupt halt, and when a second victim is murdered by the same gunman, Emma begins an international journey to catch the culprit.



## Reviews of the *The Girl Who Remembered Snow* *by* Charles Mathes

### Dodo

I just finished reading "The Girl Who Remembered Snow" and thoroughly enjoyed it. I love mystery novels and mystery movies, but more often than not, I am able to figure out "who done it" before the end of the book/movie. However, I had no such luck with this book. Charles Mathes was able to keep me guessing throughout the entire book. It had so many colorful characters, and so many twists and turns, that every time I thought I had it figured out, I was surprised by something else.

I felt an empathic connection to his protagonist, Emma Passant, and really enjoyed watching her turn into an amateur sleuth. I would love to see her appear again in another of Mathes's books,

solving someone else's mystery.

I also love the way Mathes describes a scene, so that you really feel like you are there, and the dialog is very clever and amusing. Many mysteries also include graphic violence, which I am never fond of. I appreciate the fact that Mathes was able to write such a good "read", without having to include any of that. I am looking forward to reading more of his novels.

### **Samugul**

Really enjoyed reading this and the other three mystery books written by Charles Mathes. Although the same theme name "The Girl Who", the books are independent of each other.

### **Chi**

Charles Mathes' "The Girl Who Remembered Snow" (not ...Who Remembered THE Snow) not only has an interesting title but it has a plot that is well thought through and a protagonist who is unusual and appealing. All of the characters have a memorable part to play in this sometimes quirky mystery that starts out in San Francisco with the introduction of Emma Passant, a female magician who struggles her way through as she travels around the country performing her magic show. Emma has lived with her grandfather, Pepe Passant, since she was little, and now her beloved grandfather has been murdered.

Emma must bury her grandfather's ashes in the water at his request, so she is on a ferry to do just that when she asks a handsome French gentleman if he will create a little scene while she does the burial because she is afraid of being caught throwing the box of ashes in the water. Emma can be very humble. Henri-Pierre Caraignac yells, "I love San Francisco!" a couple of times and all eyes are on him, not Emma. Mission accomplished. Henri asks Emma to dinner. Before Emma can have dinner with her new found friend, Henri is found murdered with the same gun that killed her grandfather. Emma must put the pieces of this strange puzzle together if she is to understand her family and what these murders mean in terms of her own life.

Throughout her life Emma remembers being a little girl holding hands with an adult and walking through deep snow, but she has never been out of the country and was never in snow as a child. The memory haunts her year after year, but Pepe has told her to stop speaking of it and that she never had that experience. But Emma remembers snow.

This is an excellent mystery with several important characters and locations involved. It moves along fast and is very enjoyable, not an easy mystery, and at times humorous. This is the first of Mathes' books that I've read, and although not a series with the same characters, I've ordered another of his "The Girl Who..." novels because I had such fun with this one.

A mystery that will take you to international locations that are necessary for Emma to find out the real truth about herself and her family, and that's with a big twist.

### **Steelrunner**

I picked up "The Girl Who Remembered Snow" at a secondhand book sale and am glad I did. Charles Mathes is a talented writer and I found his second novel to be touching and engaging. It's written in literate prose, is filled with empathetic characters, has flashes of quirky humor and whimsy, and contains enough interesting plot twists to remind you this is a mystery, not only a bildungsroman.

Struggling professional magician Emma Passant is the girl who remembers snow. Her first real memory is of having her hand held in a snowstorm, although the grandfather who raised her chides her for speaking of it. When Emma's grandfather is murdered, she embarks on a journey of discovery, not only of who committed the crime, but who she is. Along the way, she meets a cast of colorful and wonderful characters, from Big Ed Garalachek, the Chevy King, to Tomoteo, her ten-year tour guide in the benighted island of San Marcos, to Bernal Zuberan, a courtly drug dealer. All

of them offer her aid as she wends her way through a psychological terrain of uncertainty and a landscape that begins in San Francisco and ends in Paris.

This is the kind of novel you wish you could keep reading for a while longer!

### **Jum**

My only quibble with this book is that the plot verges on something out of Ludlum or (yikes!) Sheldon. But the narrative is wonderful -- smooth and well-paced -- and the characters are interesting and well-drawn. In a field crowded with wooden and poorly-edited clunkers, this was a refreshing find. I hope Mr. Mathes gets noticed by the paperback majors soon -- he deserves it.

### **Brakora**

really enjoyed the story and the characters

### **Der Bat**

i read this book in one sitting and couldn't turn the pages fast enough! emma as heroine is alive, spunky and full of zest--her inquisitiveness makes the story happen...a clever title which ties the entire story together!

This book was incredible. I've read it three times, and every time I get caught up in the story and the characters. My mother read the book, and also loved it. Emma is so well created that I start to feel like I'm living her story, and experiencing what she experiences. I definitely recommend this to everyone!

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