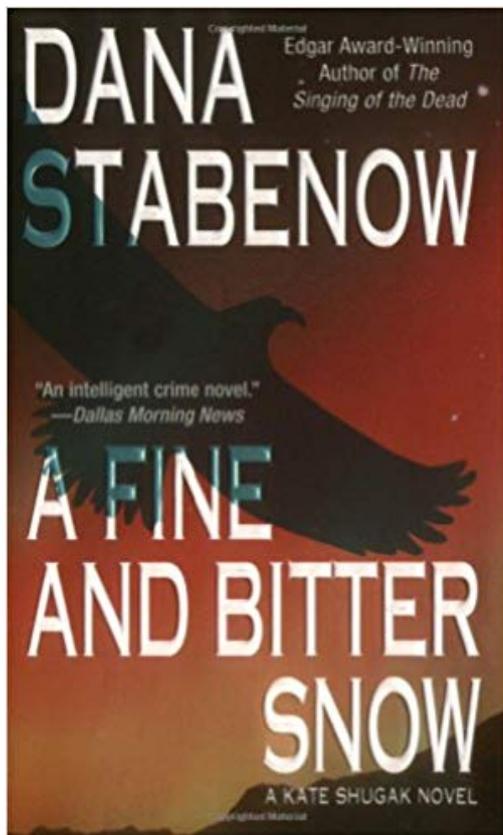


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Change never comes easy so when the news breaks that the new administration oil might be drilling for oil soon in a wildlife preserve in southeastern Alaska, home to P.I. Kate Shugak, battle lines are quickly drawn across the community. But for Kate, who hasn't been able to get back into her daily life ever since her lover's violent death a few months ago, it's a welcome reprieve from doing nothing.

Tensions run high when Kate's friend and chief park ranger, Dan O'Brien, is deemed "too green" for them by management and asked to take early retirement. Kate rallies the troops to fight for his job, but before she can really start throwing her weight around, a longtime resident is found brutally murdered. Alaska State Trooper Jim Chopin enlists Kate in the investigation, and it isn't long before she discovers that when it comes to the beauty and danger of living and dying in Alaska, nothing is as simple as it seems...



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The great thing about any sort of series is that if you enjoyed a part of it, there is still more waiting. Dana Stabenow's Kate Shugak series is one of those that from the first will have you wanting more. As always, I would encourage the reader to get the full list and start with the first, "A Cold Day for Murder." I think you will be hooked from the first chapter and it isn't just because Kate is an Aleut woman living in Alaska with a half wolf named Mutt for a companion. Which brings me to another of the main characters - Alaska. I've spent more time on Google Earth, pouring over maps, and following the Iditarod than I ever expected to. Now, 60 years later, I'm rereading "Call of the Wild." Kate's story and that of her life in an Alaska park where she is the perfect "crime solver" now covers 20 books and like her many other followers, I'm eagerly awaiting the next. If you are a mystery lover and many are starting to seem "old hat", The Kate Shugak series will be the perfect fix.

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This is one of Dana Stabenow's best books in the Kate Shugak Mysteries series so far. It takes a little while for the book to really move, but it's worth sticking with until the action starts.

As always, I love the scenery and wildlife that is always present in the Alaskan settings of this series. This time, Kate is drawn into an environmental difference of opinions when the administration oil wants to drill in a wildlife preserve and this doesn't sit well with the community or with Kate. To top it all off, Kate's friend and the chief park ranger is a little too green for some, so he is asked to take an early retirement. Kate tries to get support for her friend from the community around her. Two of the biggest supporters in favor of saving the wildlife preserve are two elderly women who have lived in a cabin off to itself and at the edge of a cliff for years. When one of them is found dead and the other hanging on to life, Kate goes into high gear to find the killer. As always, Kate has her much loved half-dog/half-wolf, Mutt, to help with her investigation. Mutt is a great character, too.

I really liked this book. The whole series is appealing to me because of the personality and growth of Kate and the native people who populate the area where she lives in Alaska. Dana Stabenow knows the area she writes about and that makes the descriptions of the settings authentic. As the series continues, new characters are introduced and the regulars evolve even more. I think Kate is my favorite mystery series protagonist.

Highly recommended.

Manesenci

I thought about giving this one three stars. After all, the action didn't even get started until about 45%. But I love Kate, and I was interested in the issue of Ruthe and Dina. So I kept reading. Doesn't sound like a rousing case for four stars. But the story got better, and Kate was obviously in danger. And the ending won me over. So.... four stars!

Moralsa

I am a big fan of the Kate Shugak series. This one holds true to Ms. Stabenow's tradition of grabbing the reader and not letting go until the end. Her characters are so well-developed that they seem like your real neighbors. And, of course, this one more time where I did not guess correctly about the killer's identity.

Doukasa

I love all the Kate Shugak novels. I read this a while back, but I can assure you that if you like learning about Alaska, cherish character development and love a rip roaring adventure, you can't go wrong with any of Stabenow's Kate Shugak series. I read them in order though, to get the full impact because there is a chronology to them.

Kesalard

A FINE AND BITTER SNOW by Dana Stabenow takes the issue of oil exploration to the heart of the people. Kate Shugak's recovery from the death of Jack has been slow, but eventful as Jack's son Johnny has adopted her as his guardian.

Dan O'Brian is asked to take an early retirement because of his views against mineral exploration within the park. But the park rats stand behind him, as a man who knows their subsistence life style. Tropper Jim Chopin pulls Kate from her sanctuary to investigate a murder of an environmentalist. Then the pace picks up for all Shugak fans.

A fast read, filled with descriptions of the wild-lands and the heritage they carry for all inhabitants as the past meets the present.

Nash Black, author of WRITING AS A SMALL BUSINESS AND HAINTS.

Vareyma

I'm done with Shugak, not because of the writing or plot, but because of the rape-play.

I've read most of the books, but out of order, and this is the second in a row she and Jim have a sexual encounter that's supposed to be hot, but I find too close to abusive.

Maybe a book with just Mutt?

As with this entire series, it is very well written and full of interesting Alaska information. Dana Stabenow keeps the characters real and quirky.

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