



MIDNIGHT LOUIE'S SCRATCHING POST-INTELLIGENCER

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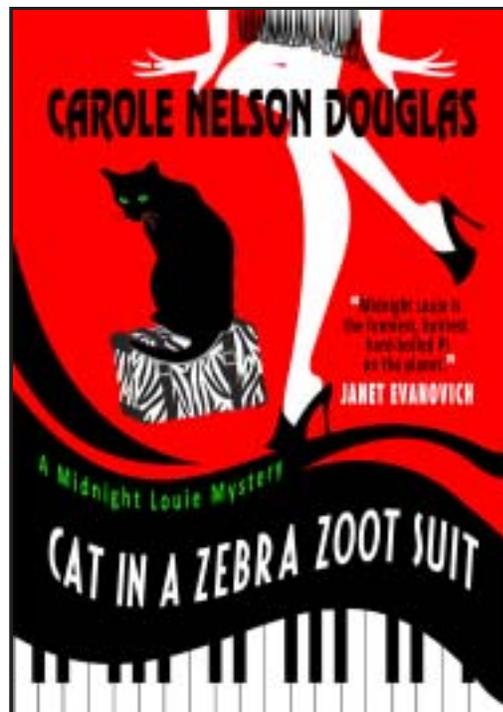
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CAT IN A ZEBRA ZOOT SUIT

UNEXPECTED REUNIONS force Temple Barr and friends into deadly encounters. When marriage and career plans take Temple and Matt on a quickie trip out of Las Vegas, they return to find an unlikely friend is a suspect for a murder rap. The killing in question echoes a long-past and bizarre method of death. Midnight Louie channels the jazz and swing age as something bad in the neighborhood threatens the cozy existence of the Circle Ritz residents and associates, while sinister mob elements gather like vultures. Max might be up to sorting things out, but he's reputed to be risking life and limb in Ireland to keep IRA stalker Kathleen O'Connor away from Las Vegas. So Midnight Louie and Louise and the Vegas Cat Pack have their paws and shivs full figuring out crimes past and present. And Matt, he's secretly resolved to end the lingering mysteries that threaten all their happy endings. But is he walking down meaner streets than he can survive?

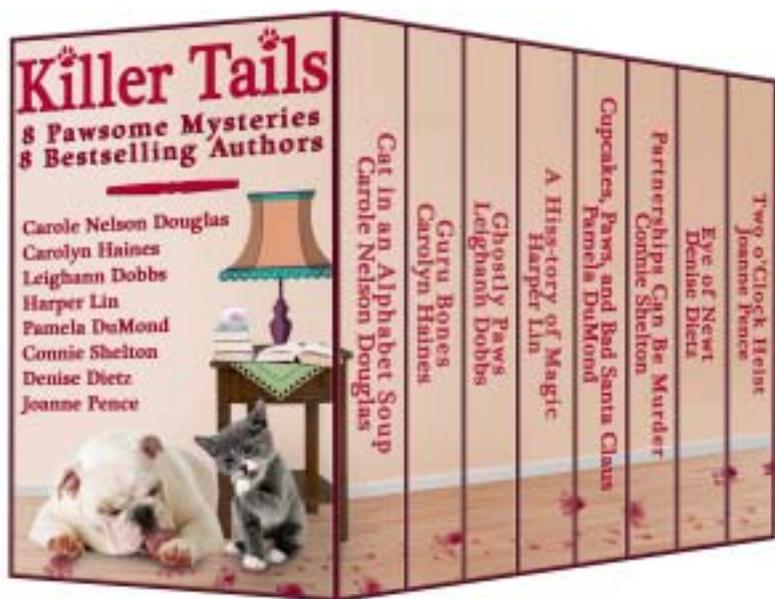


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"Louie and his gang of feisty felines have their work cut out for them... Temple, Max and Matt are all involved in dangerous projects."—*Kirkus*

99 cents until Aug. 31! On pre-order until Aug. 18 pub date. LOUIE's first book leads off an eBook Bundle with 8 pet cozy mystery authors. It's an Amazon bestseller. Buy there now to boost all the authors before the price goes to \$5.99



AUGUST 17 IS BLACK CAT DAY!

The **KILLER TAILS** book bundle offers seven full novels and a novella featuring the reigning cats and dogs of cozy mystery from Louie's *Cat in an Alphabet Soup* to tales of classic crime-solving with animal instincts and sometimes even a bit of ghostly assistance.

A Top 100 Bestseller lists hit on Amazon.com since **KILLERTAILS** went on pre-order at 99 cents, that price continues after the book releases on Aug. 18 until Aug. 31. It will then cost \$5.99, still a bargain for such a full house of reading. All the authors are veteran masters of mystery, domestic pets and entertainment with humor and heart.

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TWO SMITTEN KITTENS & MIDNIGHT LOUIE RESCUE A RESCUER

Dear Carole & Louie,

I want you to know what your Midnight Louie books did for my Mother. Mom (11) and Dad (13) met in Vicksburg, Mississippi , where Mom (would visit her aunt for the summer and holidays. Dad's parents lived directly behind her aunt's house. Mom's home was Shreveport, Louisiana. Years later, Dad enrolled at Louisiana Tech for an Engineering degree, but was called to serve a tour in the Navy, so Mom would write letters. Dad, when back in Louisiana, called her for dates and ultimately proposed (after beating out Mom's other suitors). They married in 1949 and were together until Dad passed away in January of 2014.



Rod & Cecelia Burks



Felix and Oscar



Leslie Burks

We have always had animals; my Dad lived on a farm in his early life, and loved having dogs and cats. Their only cat died in 2013 at a very young age and Dad was heartbroken. While visiting my veterinarian, I saw four kittens in a cage up for adoption. Several weeks later two still remained. By my next vet trip, the kittens had almost outgrown their cage. It was sad to see. Visiting my parents, I mentioned the kittens being left behind.

My Dad said, "Why don't you bring them here." YEAH!!! Once the kittens were neutered, my parents picked them up and they have been a constant source of joy to this day. They really loved Dad, would sleep in his hospital bed and loved to ride on Dad's walker. Felix would jump on the seat and let Dad push him around the house. After my father died, Felix and Oscar were a great source of joy for my Mother, but she would sit on the couch all day, depressed. I remembered years back she'd began reading some books about pet antics, so I went to our local library and the first books I picked for her were the Midnight Louie books. These books are so engaging, and it also helped that you are a voracious writer, Carole. She called me and asked if there were any more books by Carole about Midnight Louie, so I browsed the Internet and, to our delight, there were MANY more Midnight Louie 'tails', so I looked at the chronology and started her from the beginning. She has had a book in her hand since that day. She eagerly awaits your next, and your next...

Thank you SO MUCH for the idea of writing a pet detective series and thank you even more for bringing my Mother the joy she lost when Dad passed.

Leslie Burks, San Antonio TX

Dear Miss Leslie,

We were so touched by your parents' long and devoted love story and your devotion in helping your mother during her great grief. We of the cat clan are always happy and proud to comfort our human friends and rescuers. And Miss Carole feels very honored.

—Midnight Louie

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So fun to get your notes and cards. Thanks to all. They make my home office-bound day! Send cat pix!



Carole & ML Jr.

Dear Readers,

New book coming Aug. 25! And, yes, it'll be in printed trade paperback. Printed books from indie authors like me are NOT allowed to have a pre-order presence on onsite booksellers. That may change, but the print book won't show up until Aug. 25, the publication date.

Once again, I designed **CAT in a ZEBRA ZOOT SUIT**'s cover and interior. It's so much fun. The audiobook is already out. I created a paperback edition with a higher price so I could discount it 55% to B&N and indie brick and mortar bookstores. I found they don't want to mess with this. They *maybe* would let customers order it, pay in advance and then come back to get it. A hassle when you can order both print and eBook versions from the B&N and Amazon online sites.

E-BOOKPRE-ORDERS

ZEBRA has been on pre-order at both Amazon and Kobo.com since early June. This allows you to get the eBook the minute it's released. If there are a lot of pre-orders, the book might hit some bestselling lists and therefore get more promotion on the online sites.

LOUIE'S AFTERLIFE

You didn't think you'd get rid of us so easily, did you? Look for **CAT in an ALPHABET ENDGAME** in 2016, which will finish the *current* series. Exciting plans are afoot for Louie's continuing adventures! For those who want hardcovers, I'm trying to get *Yellow* and *Zebra* out in that format too, but maybe not until the end of the year. And I'm not sure what online booksellers will carry it when it's available. At the least, you'll be able to order it from me direct. I'm looking for a new title format. Perhaps *Midnight Louie's Cafe Noir Mysteries*?

LOUIE'S LITTERMATES

The Littermates are a small mailing list of devoted readers on email and computers who can go on websites and who want to spread the news on Louie and my books. They have really come to the fore this year when I realized I needed a memory assist on previous events in the series.

Several volunteered to re-read some of the series books, finding and reporting not only what was what when, but also typos and inconsistencies and compiling Louie's best quips.

This help has been a lifesaver for me when I'm struggling to reread and edit the earlier books to get them out in eBook (the only versions I own) and writing new books as well. Someday, around mid-century, these books will revert to my estate and will come out in paper, if it still exists. But for now I want to get them in as good as possible shape for readers old and new. I have goodies for the Littermates, like the free e-books from me. And I hope to make more of my Louie and Irene short fiction available in print as rewards too. :) New members can email me to be put on the list. It will often be silent for a long while, then busy as can be.

TOO MANY HATS!

I was hoping to get **CAT IN A CRIMSON HAZE**, **DIAMOND DAZZLE** and **EMERALD EYE** out last fall and now am aiming at this fall! I work every day and much too long for the good of my back, but it's crazy mad busy now that I'm wearing all hats.



OUT AND ABOUT

In May, a bad medicine reaction kept me from attending my favorite mystery convention, *Malice Domestic* in Bethesda, MD. In October, St. Pete's Beach hosted the *Novelists Inc.* intense five-day how-to convention on anything publishing. We learned a lot and got exhausted.

Track the interior title alphabet after *Blue Monday*

CAT In an ALPHABET SOUP (CATNAP), CAT in an AQUA STORM (PUSSYFOOT), CAT on a BLUE MONDAY, CAT in a CRIMSON HAZE, CAT in a DIAMOND DAZZLE, CAT with an EMERALD EYE, CAT in a FLAMINGO FEDORA, CAT in a GOLDEN GARLAND CAT on a HYACINTH HUNT, CAT in an INDIGO MOOD, CAT in a JEWELLED JUMPSUIT, CAT in a KIWI CON, CAT in a LEOPARD SPOT CAT in a MIDNIGHT CHOIR, CAT in a NEON NIGHTMARE, CAT in an ORANGE TWIST, CAT in a HOT PINK PURSUIT, CAT in a QUICKSILVER CAPER CAT in a RED HOT RAGE, CAT in a SAPPHIRE SLIPPER, CAT in a TOPAZ TANGO, CAT in an ULTRAMARINE SCHEME, CAT in a VEGAS GOLD VENDETTA, CAT in a WHITE TIE AND TAILS, CAT in an ALIEN X-RAY, CAT IN A YELLOW SPOTLIGHT CAT in a ZEBRA ZOOT SUIT and CAT in an ALPHABET ENDGAME

Many of you have written and emailed and donated stamps; many more than I can thank individually. I love to run across familiar names, and totally new ones, when I prepare the stamp donor list each year. Some send a few loose stamps, some booklets, some checks. Some contributors make eye-popping donations; they want to help the newsletter get to others. About 4,000 are the mailed print version, many are color PDF email attachments. Some print ones go to conventions.

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LOUIE'S LETTERBOX II

Aug. 17, 2014

Dear Louie,

I have just finished *Cat in a Yellow Spotlight* and as a loyal and avid devotee of your series, I can't believe Miss Douglas is giving Mr. Max a free pass to let your "little doll" marry Mr. Matt. Louie, *DO SOMETHING!* His amnesia is in no way the fault of Temple, and it's not fair that he cannot remember his feelings for her. Mr. Matt is a fine and handsome person but cannot compete with Mr. Max, despite his chaotic life. I am all for happy endings, but Mr. Max has given up too much, and lost too many years already. Please help him as only you can. Respectfully,

Nita Oliver
Mt. Pleasant WI

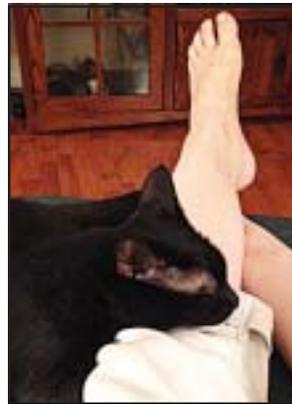
Dear Miss Nita,

I understand your devotion to the cause of Mr. Max. He does indeed deserve a happy ending, as do we all at the Circle Ritz and beyond. And especially readers like you. I also understand Miss Temple's quandary from my days when I was torn between the Divine Yvette and her charming sister. Solange.

However there are TWO books yet to go, *Cat in a Zebra Zoot Suit* (not yours truly) and *Cat in an Alphabet Endgame*. Much can happen in two books.

I can assure you that Mr. Max is heading toward a happy resolution. Also that I will be heading into a new series of adventures after *Alphabet Endgame*. Thank you for your loyalty and support!!

—Very Best Fishes, Midnight Louie



Anybody recognize this foot and nose position?

It's Amy Denton's Sweetness, whose name is self-explanatory. Fuzzy Moto, the cat below, has a story behind his name. Is it because he purrs like a motor? Amy, of Missouri City, Texas, says no.

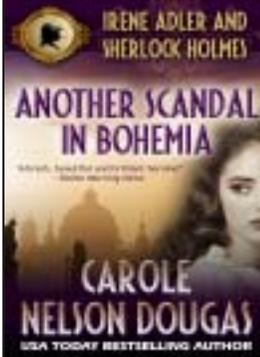


"Fuzzy Moto started out as Fuzzy Butt, but a friend thought that was undignified. We were watching Iron Chef America at the time I got Fuzzy and one of the Iron Chefs was from Japan. His last name was Morimoto. So, I combined Fuzzy Butt and Morimoto and got Fuzzy Moto." :-)

This lean, mean feline machine below could be Midnight Louie III, but it's a whole lot of Sweetness stretched out.



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