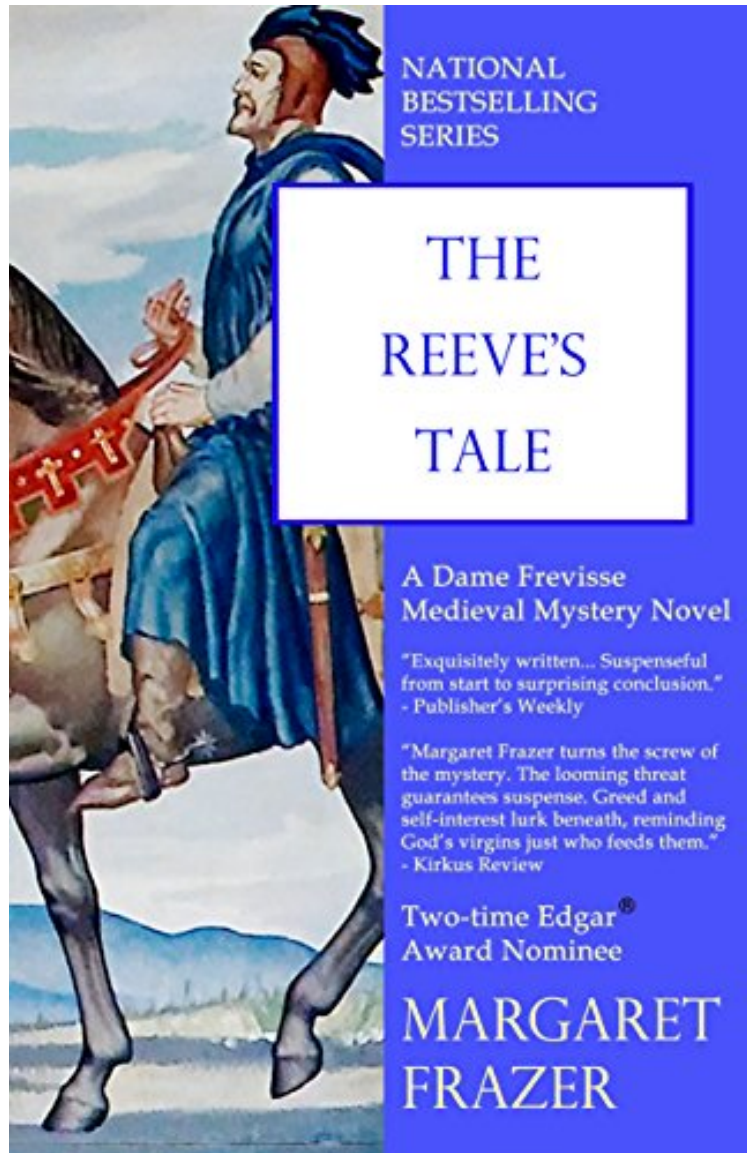


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of

the best of the series Von Janet Aldrich This series has run to several books, varying in quality -- Sister Frevisse, a well-born nun and niece to Geoffrey Chaucer, is the investigator. Previous books have dealt with life inside the cloister, court life (Frevisse's cousin is married to nobility) and the intrigues between the princes of the church and English nobility in the 14th century. The present book, however, deals with village life and government and simple human greed. Master Naylor, the priory's steward, is also part of the village court of Prior Byfield, as is Simon Perryn, reeve. After some decisions in favor of the village's richest man, Gilbey Dunn, rumor and murder appear to threaten the positions of Naylor, Perryn and Dunn -- Naylor is accused of being a runaway villein and Perryn and Dunn are incriminated in the death of Perryn's sister's lover. After Naylor is accused of not being freeborn, Sister Frevisse is instructed by her prioress to take Naylor's position in the court. Despite the non-cooperation of the crowner, several misdirections and a measles outbreak, Frevisse not only involves herself in the life of the village and its government, but also determines the identity of the miscreant or miscreants and helps bring them to justice. I found the final scene of the book quite special; I could envision the end of harvest and what it meant to the villagers. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent historical mystery-try this series Von Ein Kunde In 1440, England slowly recovers from a three-year draught that destroyed many crops and left many people hungry. Prior Byfield was a bit more fortunate than most of England because the sisters of the nearby St. Frideside Nunnery provided food to the villagers. Perhaps the difference between here and much of England is the cooperation between the nunnery and the local secular Lord Lovellard. In fact Lovellard's reeve Simon Perryn and Frideside's steward Master Naylor run the quarterly court together. At the current session, Perryn rules against his brother-in-law Matthew Woodgrove who wants to renew his lease on some family land. Instead the area's most prosperous individual, Gilby Drum, wins the bid. Perhaps it's simple jealousy, but Gilby is an unpopular figure among villeins. Meanwhile, tragedies occur. Someone murders Matthew and the lover of his wife is also found dead. Evidence points towards Gilby and Simon. One of the nuns, Dame Frevisse happens to be nursing villagers through a deadly measles epidemic. Having experience with sleuthing, she begins to investigate who is actually the diabolical person behind these crimes. Margaret Frazer combines a scholar's touch with a fascinating story telling talent that turns her medieval mysteries into some of today's best historical fiction. Fans will enjoy an intriguing who-done-it while learning much about local government and the power of the Church in Medieval England. Sister Frevisse is a delightful, believable character who combines a calling to God with secular awareness. Anyone who reads about her adventures will want to peruse the other eight novels in this excellent series. Harriet Klausner 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. another terrific book in the Sister Frevisse series Von Ein Kunde THE REEVE'S TALE blends the history of 15th century English village life with an intriguing, twisting mystery plot. The characters ring true, the action and dialogue are believable, and the writing style flows seamlessly. Sister Frevisse is a freshly drawn amateur sleuth.

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