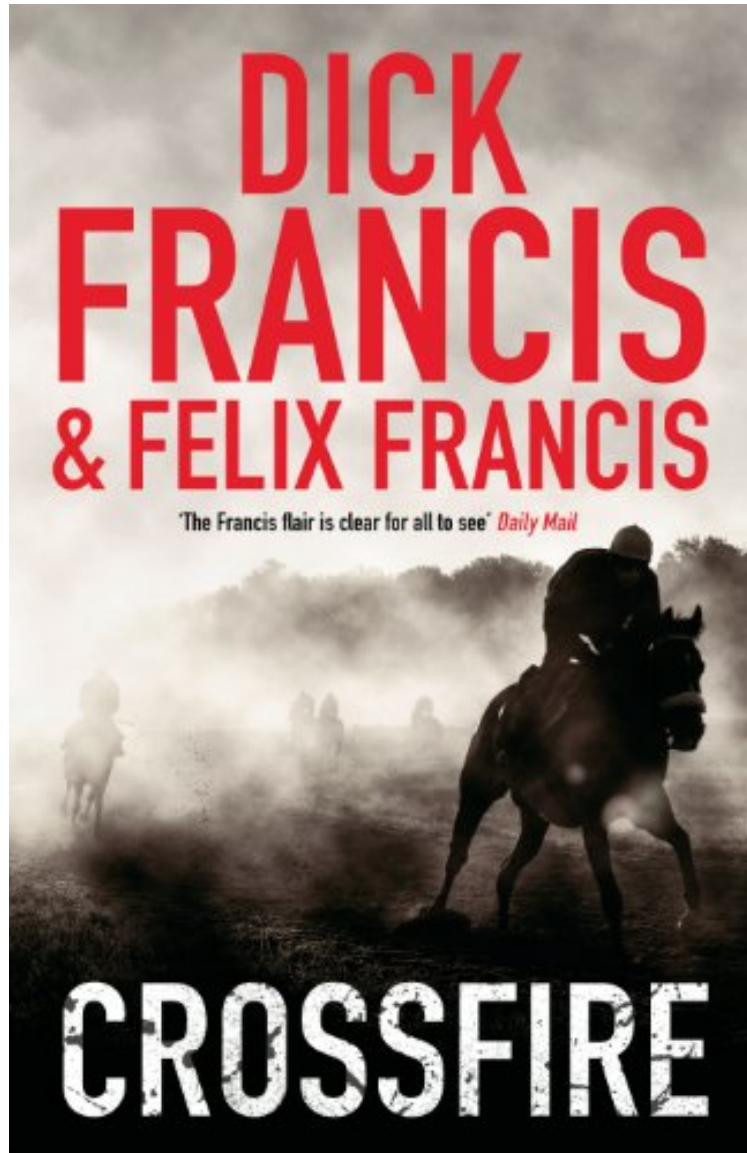


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Von Dick Francis, Felix Francis : Crossfire (Francis Thriller) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Crossfire (Francis Thriller):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Gripping readVon S N NAfter having lost his right foot in Afghanistan war, Captain Thomas Forsyth is sent home to England for recovery, where he is staying at his childhood home in Lambourn with his racehorse trainer mother and stepfather. Not feeling welcomed at all, he discovers the financial mess his parents are in and finds himself dragged into a very

disgusting story. This book contains all the ingredients Francis' readers are well used to: racehorse milieu, difficult family background, women, money, and personal shortcomings to be faced. Additionally in this book there's a lot of army talk; Sun Tzu's "The Art of War" is cited several times and how to eliminate the enemy best. Although this is what serving in the army is basically about, it is a bit hard to digest. Nonetheless this is a real pageturner and a must read for fans; after all it's Dick Francis's very last book!

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Man merkt, der wahre Meister hat es eben nicht geschrieben! Von Gernleser Hier spricht ein wahrer Dick (!) Francis Fan! Man merkt schon nach den ersten Zeilen, dass hier nicht der Meister selbst die Feder gefhrt hat, sondern sein Sohn. Der schreibt nun auch ganz gute Krimis, aber es ist fr den Fan eben doch ein recht groer Abstand zum Altmeister selbst. Schade! Kurz zur Geschichte : Captain Forsyth kehrt verwundet aus Afghanistan heim und hat reichlich Probleme wieder ins zivile Leben sich zu re-integrieren. Er such Unterschlupf bei seiner Mutter ' einer hervorragenden Pferde-Trainerin ' mit der er sich aber sein Lebtage lang nicht verstanden hat. Daran hat sich nichts gendert. In einer reichlich psychologisch aufgeladenen Situation findet er heraus, dass seine Mutter erpresst wird. Ohnehin eine Aufgabe suchend, fngt er an zu ermitteln. Gewrzt ist das Ganze mit etwas Sex und endet in einem Happyend. Fazit : Als Krimi akzeptabel; allerdings kein Ersatz fr einen richtigen Dick Francis!

9 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein wrdiger Abschl fr eine groe Karriere Von Friederike Keck Crossfire, das ist er nun, der 42. Thriller von Dick Francis. Vier davon (dead heat, silks, even money und crossfire) mit seinem Sohn Felix Francis als Co-Autor. Leider ist es definitiv der letzte Thriller vom Altmeister Dick Francis, da dieser im Februar 2010 verstorben ist. Crossfire ist eine echter "Francis" und ein wrdiges Ende fr seine lange Karriere. Thomas Forsyth, Offizier der englischen Armee und Soldat aus Leidenschaft, kehrt schwer verletzt und perspektivlos von seinem Einsatz in Afganistan zurck. Verbittert und ohne Alternativen geht er nach Lambourn in den Rennstall seiner Mutter. Diese "First Lady of racing" ist wenig begeistert von der Rckkehr des erwachsenen Sohnes. Bald entdeckt Thomas, dass seine Mutter zwar einen guten Draht zu Rennpferden hat, aber wenig Ahnung von Finanzen. Und schon steckt Thomas mitten drin, in einem groen Schlamassel aus Rennmanipulation, Lgen und Erpressung. Forsyth realisiert, dass es auch auerhalb der Armee Minenfelder und tdliche Gefahren gibt. Crossfire gehrt eindeutig zu meinen Lieblingsbchern von Dick Francis. Es kann sich meiner Meinung nach mit seinen besten Thrillern: "wip hand", "reflex", "for kicks" und "straight" messen. Das Buch hat alles was zu einem guten Francis gehrt: ein sympathischer aber angeschlagener Held, das Rennsport-Milieu, Gefahr, Geldgier, Liebe und ein gut recherchiertes Spezialgebiet. Bleibt zu hoffen, das Felix Francis das Erbe seines Vaters weiterfhrt und auch allein ebenso spannende Thriller schreibt. Den Anfang hat er bereits gemacht.

Kurzbeschreibung Crossfire is the new thriller from father son team Dick Francis and Felix Francis. Captain Thomas Forsyth's tour of Afghanistan is cut brutally short when he is badly wounded by a roadside bomb. Returning home, to his mother - a racehorse trainer and the 'First Lady' of racing - Tom discovers the training business is on the edge, and facing a threat far more dangerous than a run of bad form. Tom finds himself on a very different, but just as deadly, battlefield where his military skills are tested . . . kill or be killed?

From Felix Francis and Dick Francis, the bestselling co-authors of Dead Heat and Even Money comes Crossfire, the latest Dick Francis novel. Packed with all the hair-raising suspense and excitement readers know and love from Dick Francis, Crossfire is the most dazzling yet. Praise for the Dick Francis novels: 'The Francis flair is clear for all to see' Daily Mail 'Spare, efficient and unflashy . . . inexorably draws you in' Daily Telegraph 'The master of suspense and intrigue' Country Life 'Still the master' Racing Post

Dick Francis was one of the most successful post-war National Hunt jockeys. On his retirement from the saddle, he published his autobiography, The Sport of Queens, before going on to write forty-three bestselling novels, a volume of short stories and the biography of Lester Piggott. Dick Francis died in February, 2010, at the age of 89, but he remains one of the greatest thriller writers of all time.

Felix Francis is the younger of Dick's two sons. Since 2006, Felix has taken a more significant role in the writing, first with Dead Heat and then increasingly with the bestsellers, Silks and Even Money. Crossfire is the fourth novel of this father-and-son collaboration.

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