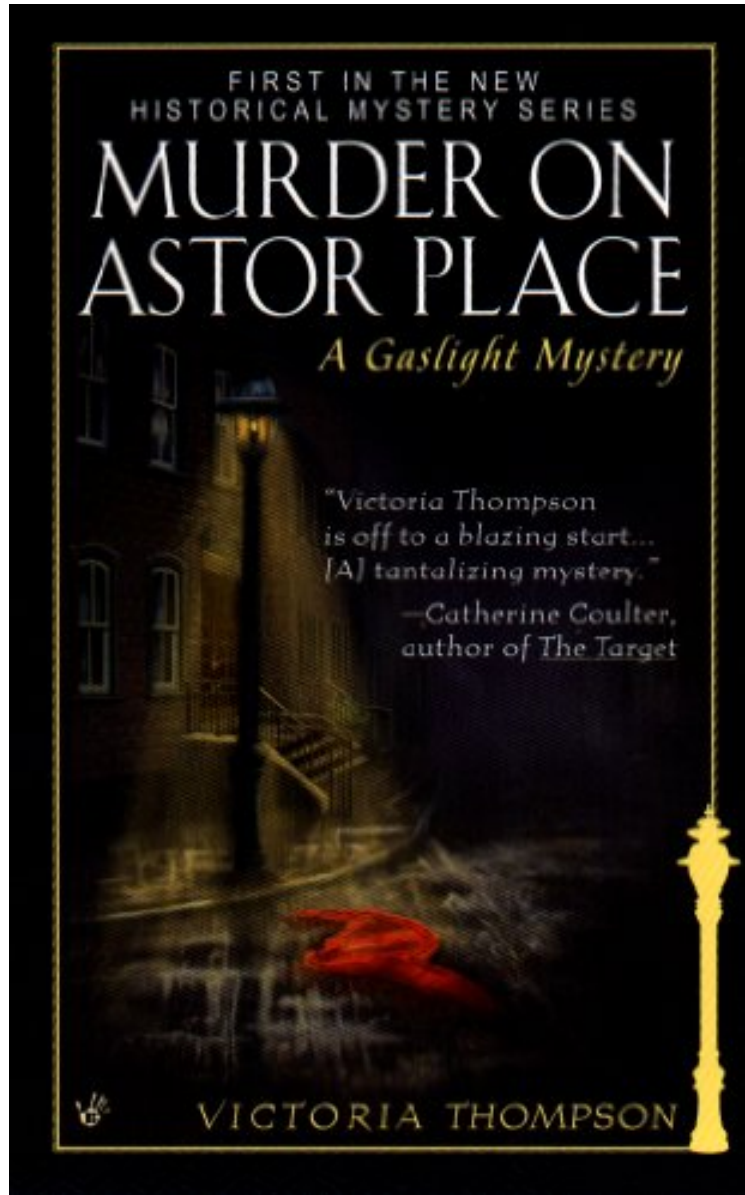


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Von Victoria Thompson : Murder on Astor Place: A Gaslight Mystery before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Murder on Astor Place: A Gaslight Mystery:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Only recently spotted already hooked!Von WombatsbooksI only happened upon Victoria Thompson's Gaslight Mysteries a

short while ago and although, I have just read the first two books in this stunning and charming series I must say that I am already hooked: "Murder on Astor Place" is the first book in the now 6 books Gaslight-Mysteries-series and evolves around midwife Sarah Brandt (from one of the Knickerbocker-families of NYC) and grumpy, but still charming Detective Sergeant Frank Malloy. Sarah doesn't consider the police capable of solving murders (her husband was killed several years ago and the murder has never been solved), she nearly imposes herself upon Malloy and helps investigating using the ties she still has to the rich and powerful of NYC. Although the mystery part is not perfectly developed yet in this one, I did enjoy the richness of historical details, the portrayal of life in New York at the turn of the century and the relation between Sarah and Malloy! Reminded me a lot of Anne Perry's novels! A sound and solid first and a great read!

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Von Kindle Customer This is a new historical "amateur sleuth with a hook" book that has real potential as a series. If you read Anne Perry, this is the closest anyone has come to the antagonistic yet attracted relationship in the early Inspector Monk books that I've seen. It's set in turn-of-the-century New York and deals with a midwife and a police detective. The police of that time were horribly corrupt - it's just the way business was done - and our hero works within the rules of his world. The murder story was not as interesting as the glimpses into the society of the time, but the author gives you a well-rounded view of both the top and bottom segments of New York. If the author is able to maintain the detective's conflicted nature in future books, this could be a long-term winner for me.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Victoria Thompson did a great job on this cozy mystery!

Von pompfis_hoppi "Murder on Astor Place" is the first installment in a cozy historical mystery series evolving around midwife Sarah Brandt and cranky NY Police Detective Frank Malloy and what a good one it is, too! A young girl lodging in the boarding home belonging to one of Sarah's patients gets strangled. Sarah has lost her belief in police's capability and willingness to solve murders after her husband's murder three years ago. Hence she decides to become involved herself and "assist" the detective in charge. The murdered girl belonged to one of NY's Knickerbocker families. A murder in the family means embarrassment and loss of social status. Hence everything is done to hamper the investigations, but Sarah doesn't let up and steps on a lot of toes in NYC's society with her unconventional behavior (she, who should know better since she is from a wealthy family as well). Result: The perpetrator was quite easy to guess, but that did not spoil the fun of reading this mystery for one minute, because Victoria Thompson did a great job describing social and moral conventions of that time as well as giving a fascinating portrait of NYC at the turn of the century. To me that was more important than a page-turning read. If you are expecting a thriller, please stay away from this book. If you want a solid historical, cozy mystery this is the book for you! Highly recommended!

Kurzbeschreibung As a midwife in turn-of-the-century New York, Sarah Brandt has seen pain and joy. Now she will work for something more--a search for justice--in a case of murder involving one of New York's richest families. From Publishers Weekly Sprinkled with fascinating details of turn-of-the-century New York City, Thompson's old-fashioned mystery takes the reader from the mansions of Fifth Avenue to the flophouses of the Lower East Side. Sarah Brandt is a midwife who has been estranged from her wealthy family for years. When Alicia VanDamm, a young woman from a prominent family, is murdered, Sarah must return to the upper-class society she has scorned to find the killer. Haunted by her past and disgusted by police department corruption, Sarah takes it upon herself to avenge the girl's death. Annoyed at first by her interference, Detective Sergeant Frank Malloy asks for Sarah's help only when he has been taken off the case at the request of the victim's scandal-fearing family. The feisty midwife and the ambitious policeman grudgingly become allies in their search for justice. Sarah and Frank are appealing characters, and the author develops their rapport subtly and believably. In this first installment in a new series of historical mysteries, Thompson vividly re-creates the gas-lit world of old New York, concluding her mystery with revelations that will shock even 20th-century readers. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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