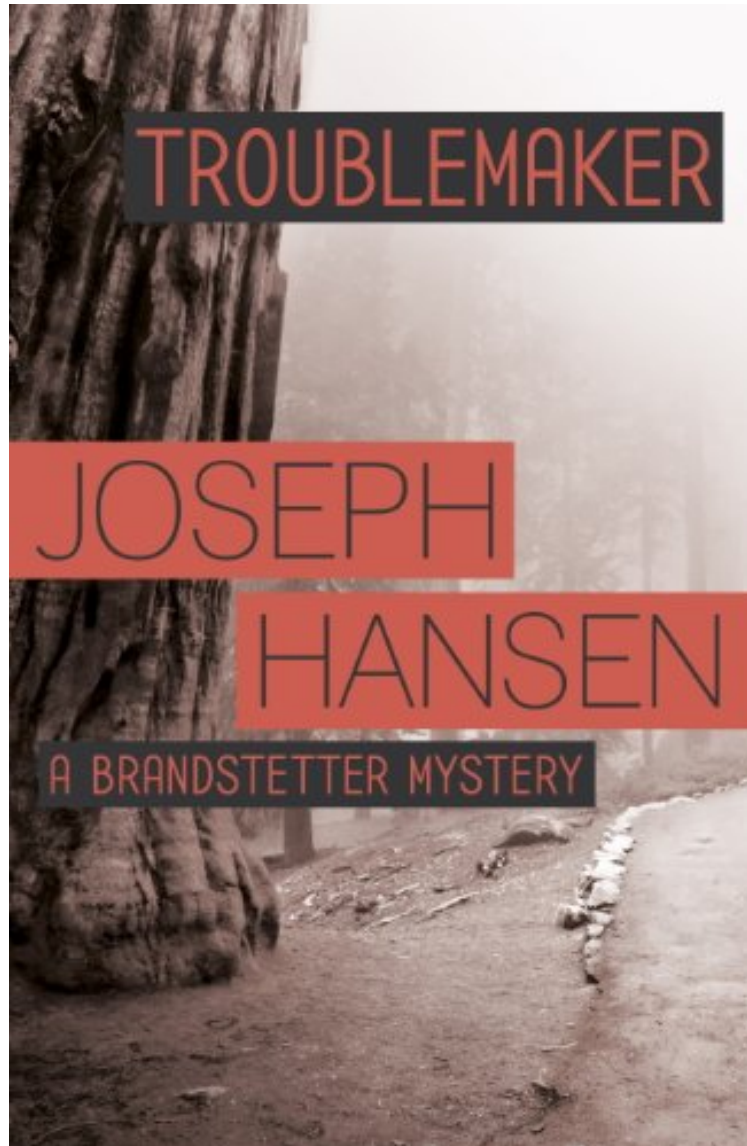


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. HIGHLY recommended!!Von LenaRibkaTroublemaker is the third case of Dave Branstetter and though I liked the first two books more than the third one, I can assure you - it was not the writing that influenced my rating.The writing

of Joseph Hansen is masterful and one of his biggest talents. His books are less suited for the reading in-between. You have to forget everyday life around you to fully concentrate on his wording to detect the small jewels that are hidden on every page. The inconspicuous things like: "Something had offended her and failed to apologize. Not lately-long ago. Life, probably." or: "Cement trucks climbed dirt trails, tanks turning, turning, like pregnant iron girls in sleep." His sense of perfectionism made him to re-write some of the passages sometimes over 30 times and you feel his great attention to detail in every line. The mystery in *Troublemaker* was actually good, but not as good as in the previous books. I think that my biggest problem was the number of the murder suspects. Toward the end of the book it became hard to follow the story and I had to page back to understand who was going and what was happening, whom Dave was talking with and why he suspected this person at all. My next personal problem became sex scenes. Or better to say total absence of them. In spite of the fact, that *Troublemaker* is the most gay case of Dave Brandstetter until now - he tries to find a murderer of a gay bar owner Rick Wendell - it is also the most sterile story until now. I know, Dave Brandstetter's *Mystery* is in the first place a gay mystery. I have to pause for something hot, silly, less sophisticated and overloaded with sex and then I'll be back to Dave. I hope that my tiny problems will be solved in some way in his further cases. But the writing and the mystery is totally worth it to try. Still HIGHLY recommended.

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