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# Kitty Kitty

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Jaffe, Michele. *Kitty Kitty*. HarperTeen, 2008. ISBN 9780060781118. \$16.99. 307 p.

Reviewer: Larysa Bordner

Reading Level: Young adult

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Detective and mystery stories; Humorous stories;

Subject: Mystery and detective stories--Juvenile fiction; Murder--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Trouble has a way of finding Jasmine Callihan (Jas) despite how hard she tries to be the model daughter that she knows her father expects her to be. Jas is living with her father and step-mother in Venice, Italy, and although she is bored and lonely without her best friends, she tries to be obedient and patient in hopes of being rewarded with a trip back home to California. Instead of a vacation, however, Jas finds a mystery. It begins when one day in Italian class when her friend Arabella comes to her terrified. Arabella is convinced that someone is trying to kill her. Jas rushes into action to find out what the story is behind Arabella's fear—and discovers more than she thought she was in for along the way: murder, weird gadgets, a squirrel suit, and more interrelated mysteries.

*Kitty Kitty* is a hilarious novel with a Nancy Drew feel—a teenage girl working to solve a mystery with the help of a few seemingly random clues and her good friends. The funny and original personalities of the characters are enchanting, as is the story. The book has a unique feel to it because the characters thoughts and side-conversations are worked into the story to give more information about what is happening. An ideal book for anyone who enjoys clever humor and a fascinating mystery.

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