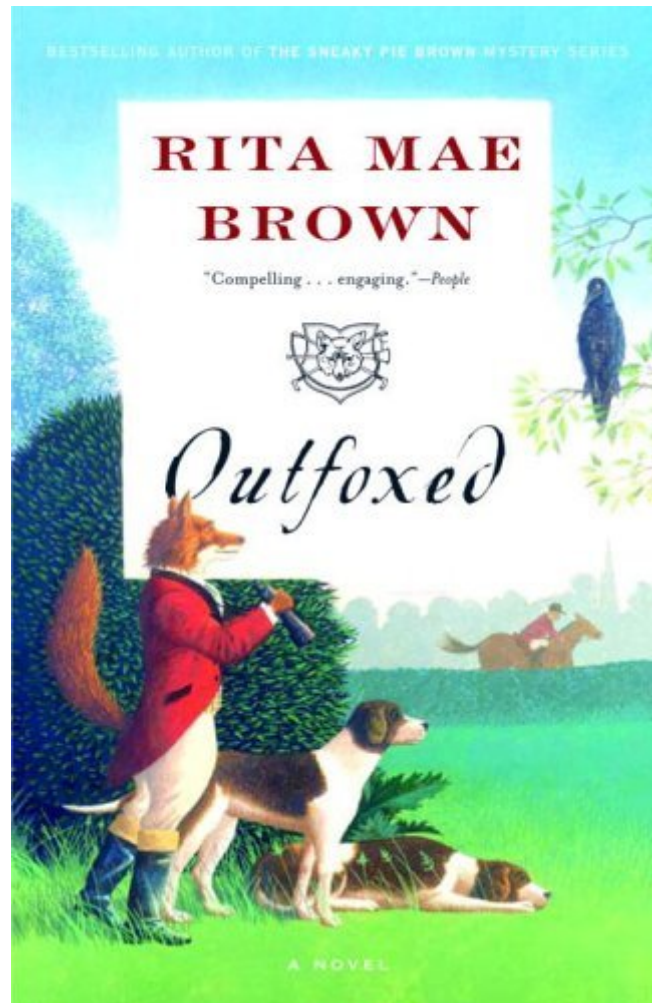




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Outfoxed: A Novel (Sister Jane Book 1)



Synopsis

From the bestselling author of the landmark work *Rubyfruit Jungle* comes an engaging, original new novel that only Rita Mae Brown could have written. In the pristine world of Virginia foxhunting, hunters, horses, hounds, and foxes form a lively community of conflicting loyalties, where the thrill of the chase and the intricacies of human-animal relationships are experienced firsthand--and murder exposes a proud Southern community's unsavory secrets. . . . As Master of the prestigious Jefferson Hunt Club, Jane Arnold, known as Sister, is the most revered citizen in the Virginia Blue Ridge Mountain town where a rigid code of social conduct and deep-seated tradition carry more weight than money. Nearing seventy, Sister now must select a joint master to ensure a smooth transition of leadership after her death. It is an honor of the highest order--and one that any serious social climber would covet like the Holy Grail. Virginian to the bone with a solid foxhunting history, Fontaine Buruss is an obvious candidate, but his penchant for philandering and squandering money has earned him a less than sparkling reputation. And not even Sister knows about his latest tawdry scandal. Then there is Crawford Howard, a Yankee in a small town where Rebel bloodlines are sacred. Still, Crawford has money--lots of it--and as Sister is well aware, maintaining a first-class hunt club is far from cheap. With the competition flaring up, Southern gentility flies out the window. Fontaine and Crawford will stop at nothing to discredit each other. Soon the entire town is pulled into a rivalry that is spiraling dangerously out of control. Even the animals have strong opinions, and only Sister is able to maintain objectivity. But when opening hunt day ends in murder, she, too, is stunned. Who was bold and skilled enough to commit murder on the field? It could only be someone who knew both the territory and the complex nature of the hunt inside out. Sister knows of three people who qualify--and only she, with the help of a few clever foxes and hounds, can lay the trap to catch the killer. A colorful foray into an intriguing world, *Outfoxed* features a captivating cast of Southerners and their unforgettable animal counterparts. Rita Mae Brown has written a masterful novel that surprises, delights, and enchants. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

the murder doesn't happen until you're about 60% through the book, so it was hard for me to find the story's center, especially given there were whole chunks of time when I felt I was drowning in the minutiae of Virginian fox hunting. (I thought I had somewhat of a handle on it after reading fantasies based on the hunt, but no.) Then, too, Sister Jane is obviously meant to be a sympathetic character, but I found her difficult to pace until after the murder when her personality begins to shine. I think the book was a slow setup to the series, but I look forward to the next story after coming to care for Sister, the dogs, foxes and human members of the hunt

At first I didn't think I would like this book at all, especially when the animals were talking but it got better as it went along. The characters were likeable and the plot was ok. Don't think I will read more in the series though but a good enough book for a quick read.

I believe I have read all that Rita Mae Brown has written and enjoyed them all! The interaction of the animals is always fun. Keeps you guessing until the end!

I love all of her Fox Hunting books. I bought most of them years ago and am in the process of re-reading them all again. What a treat! I've learned an immense amount about horses, fox hunting, the state of Virginia, history in general, etc., etc.. Again, High Praises

I enjoy her Mrs. Murphy mysteries. Sister series is equally as enjoyable

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