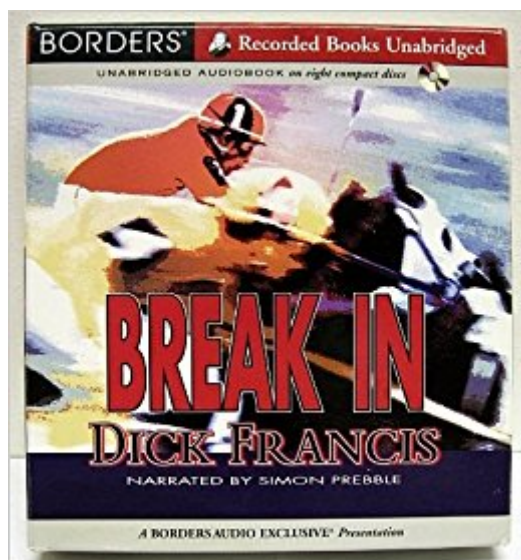


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Dick Francis wrote only 2 books about champion jockey Kit Fielding, whose real first name is Christmas, and who can communicate telepathically with his twin sister Holly (they were born on Christmas Day). But BREAK IN, the first one, and BOLT, its sequel, are well worth it. BREAK IN is the story of Kit's struggle to help Holly and her husband (the son of the Fielding family's most bitter rival) prevent bankruptcy when a gossipy newspaper begins printing horrible rumors about the state

of their solvency. Like all Dick Francis heroes, Kit is the man to turn to when you're in trouble, and Holly does, drawing him into a world of rival newspaper barons (the book was published in the 1980's) who are willing to go to almost any lengths to win, even if it means ruining a completely innocent young couple. At the same time, the Montague/Capulet aspect of Holly's marriage draws Kit into the closer scrutiny of her malevolent father-in-law, a man determined to earn knighthood by concealing just how he earned HIS money. If it sounds convoluted--it is. It's also a dazzlingly good read. I can't count how many times I've re-read this book, and enjoyed every second of it. Francis writes heroes who are truly heroic--brave, strong, kind, resourceful and determined to right wrongs--and villains so truly villainous that each encounter with them in the book raises your temperature. I can't be objective about Dick Francis--to me he's simply the best thriller writer ever, and I have yet to find the author who knocks him off his perch. But suffice it to say--if you have any interest in cracking open a Dick Francis novel, replete with facts about the horse-racing world, this would be one of the best to start with. Enjoy!

The stories themselves had me laughing a bunch but yes the editing was very sloppy. Lots of grammar and spelling errors. For an author with as many books live on it's very strange that editing was so weak. I look forward to a better edited continuation. The author also has a deep prejudice against honey badgers.

Dick Francis is a master. A fun adventure. Lots of excitement throughout the story. The ending was suspenseful and satisfying.

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Done with your usual zest. I loved the mystery without the killing. Keep up the good work. Your faithful reader

One of my favorite Dick Francis novels, with interesting and complex characters, a compelling protagonist and great action described so well that the reader can almost smell, hear and feel it.. The author deeply understands how people justify their behavior and how obsession develops, festers, and grows.

Kit Fielding, one of only two repeated characters in his books, is a jockey who starts out with no

more than the intention of helping his twin sister Holly and her husband from a malicious attack on their business -- among other threats. When you add in the Montague/Capulet element and all the machinations of others fighting against his family's nemesis, you end up with a book extremely hard to put down for any reason. Very highly recommended.

Dick Francis is a favorite of mine. This particular story rings true in characterization, and as usual, gives us an insight into one person's sense of self, personal courage, and ethical compass. The romance is lighthearted and engaging ~ and the pathological behavior of the 'villain' is both fascinating and revealing. This book is one you will enjoy reading again over the years, and I'm grateful to have Dick Francis' books available on Kindle

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