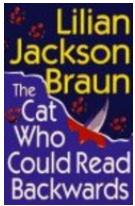


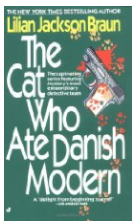
# The “Cat Who...” series

## featuring Jim Qwilleran, Koko and Yum Yum by Lilian Jackson Braun



### **The Cat Who Could Read Backwards** [1966]

A stabbing in an art gallery, vandalized paintings, a fatal fall - this is not what Jim Qwilleran expects when he turns his reportorial talents to art. But with his partner, Koko the Siamese cat, he sniffs out clues and confounds criminals intent on mayhem and murder.



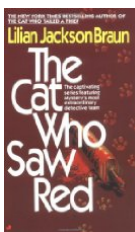
### **The Cat Who Ate Danish Modern** [1967]

Qwilleran is not happy with his new assignment to write about interior decorating in a new weekly magazine. Then someone burgles the residence featured on the front cover and kills the lady of the house. Suddenly, Quill finds himself and his feline friend in the midst of a murder investigation.



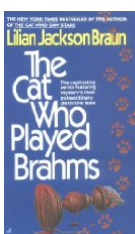
### **The Cat Who Turned On and Off** [1968]

Jim Qwilleran's latest commission is a piece on Junktown - a ghetto of antique dealers and collectors living in genteel decay. When his landlord, one of Junktown's leading citizens, falls to his death, Quill's famous whiskers begin to twitch.



### **The Cat Who Saw Red** [1986]

When Jim Qwilleran is sent to "Maus Haus" on a gastronomical quest, strange things occur. A startling scream pierces the night air and Joy Graham, the red-headed flame from Jim's past, disappears. Jim and his feline companions, Koko and Yum Yum, investigate.



### **The Cat Who Played Brahms** [1987]

Reporter turned detective Jim Qwilleran heads for a cabin in the country with his two cats, Koko and Yum Yum. But from the moment he arrives there, things turn strange. Soon Qwilleran enters into a game

of cat and mouse with a killer and Koko develops a fondness for classical music.



### **The Cat Who Played Post Office** [1987]

Inheriting millions has left reporter Jim Qwilleran extremely satisfied and Koko and Yum Yum adjusting to being 'fat cats' in an enormous mansion. A missing house-maid and shocking murder soon show them the seedier side of upper crust life, and Koko sets out on the trail of a murderer.



### **The Cat Who Knew Shakespeare** [1988]

There's something rotten in the small town of Pickax - at least to the sensitive noses of newspaper man Jim Qwilleran and his Siamese cats. However, Koko's snooping into an unusual edition of Shakespeare may prove to be catastrophic.



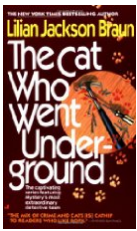
### **The Cat Who Sniffed Glue** [1988]

Jim Qwilleran shares his bachelor apartment with two of Moose County's most notorious felines. Siamese, Koko and Yum Yum, share their patron's insatiable curiosity, but do they really have the talent for detection that Pickax lawman Andrew Brodie suspects.



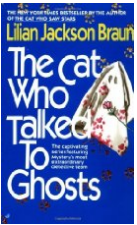
### **The Cat Who Had 14 Tales** [1988]

**Short Story Collection** -- A courageous Siamese bags a cunning cat burglar. A country kitty proves a stumbling block in a violent murder. And an intuitive feline's premonition helps solve the case of the missing antique dealer. Here are 14 Braun "Cat" tales that are riveting and amusing whodunits.



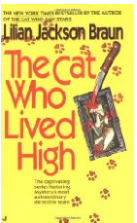
### **The Cat Who Went Underground [1989]**

Jim Qwilleran and his two cats head off to Jim's log cabin for their summer vacation. But the vacation starts off badly when they come across a dead body or two. A serial killer may be right under their noses and suspicion falls on Jim.



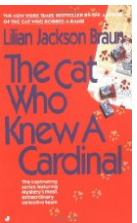
### **The Cat Who Talked to Ghosts [1990]**

Late one night, Jim Qwilleran is disturbed by the shrill ringing of the telephone. His landlady is distraught. Qwill becomes more concerned when their connection is severed. Arriving at the museum he finds her slumped on the kitchen floor, from what looks like a natural demise from heart disease.



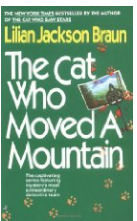
### **The Cat Who Lived High [1990]**

Jim Qwilleran with his two cats, Yum Yum and KoKo help to solve the mystery case behind the Casablanca apartment buildings.



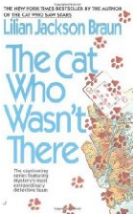
### **The Cat Who Knew a Cardinal [1991]**

Trouble literally lands in Jim Qwilleran's own backyard when the local theatre's universally disliked director is found dead in Qwilleran's apple orchard. Qwilleran and his two feline detectives search for an actor who is playing the part of a killer.



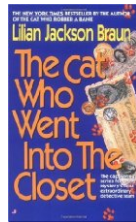
### **The Cat Who Moved a Mountain [1992]**

After five years of legal formalities in Pickax, Jim Qwilleran has officially inherited the Klingenschoen fortune. In search of a summer's peace, Qwill and his two cats head for the Potato Mountains. But Qwill finds controversy and one of the locals has been imprisoned for murder.



### **The Cat Who Wasn't There [1992]**

Amateur sleuth Jim Qwilleran races home when his friend Polly is alarmed by a stranger. Polly suggests they take a trip to Scotland, including Jim's cats, Koko and Yum Yum. Then a tarot card reading predicts danger for a mature women. Will the Scots tour turn out to be fatal for Polly?



### **The Cat Who Went Into the Closet [1993]**

Jim Qwilleran and his Siamese companions, Koko and Yum Yum, move into Junior Goodwinter's grandma's home. Everything goes well until the discovery that this apparently happy and healthy 88-year-old seems to have committed suicide.



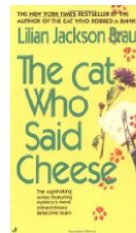
### **The Cat Who Came to Breakfast [1994]**

When Jim Qwilleran's friend Polly goes on holiday he finds himself at a loose end. But not for long - a visit from Nick Bamba brings news of a hotbed of mystery. Nick and his wife fear for their new venture, the Domino Inn, as a series of fatal accidents is beginning to deter visitors.



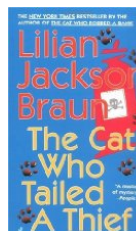
### **The Cat Who Blew the Whistle [1995]**

When the residents of Moose County board the old steam locomotive on its inaugural round trip, little do they realize that this first trip would be the last. The engine owner has gone, along with millions of dollars belonging to depositors.



### **The Cat Who Said Cheese [1996]**

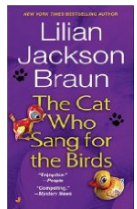
The Great Food Expo is scheduled to open in Pickax, introducing new restaurants, country inns and food specialty shops. But before it begins a bomb wrecks the hotel killing a housekeeper and causing extensive damage. Enter Qwill and his Siamese cats, who set about their detective work.



### **The Cat Who Tailed a Thief [1997]**

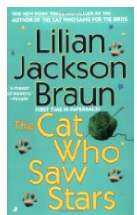
When small items disappear throughout the town, the residents are up in arms! Pickax has seldom fallen victim to "big city" crimes, particularly during the holiday season. But after the bridge club's money is stolen, the townspeople decide that there is more to this mystery. The rash of petty thievery started when banker Willard Carmichael and his much younger (and flashier) wife, Danielle, moved to Pickax from Down Below. Along with their big-city lifestyle, Willard brought plans to restore the Victorian houses on Gingerbread Alley (fondly known as Pleasant Street). Unfortunately, Willard is murdered in an

apparent mugging Down Below. When a local man is accused of the thievery, newspaper columnist Jim Qwilleran has serious questions about the recent crimes plaguing Pickax. For one thing, Danielle's cousin Carter Lee seems too eager to pick up where Willard left off in the restoration project. When he begins to romance wealthy widow Lynette Duncan, things really go awry. It's up to Qwill, Koko and Yum Yum to set the town right and bring the guilty party to justice before both the Duncan family fortune and Pickax are destroyed by greed.



**The Cat Who Sang for the Birds [1998]**

Early spring in Moose County, and things appear tranquil - Jim Qwilleran, newspaper columnist, has moved back into the remodeled apple barn with his two felines, Koko and Yum Yum. A suspicious fire, a break-in, a scandal and an uprising and suddenly life in Pickax is anything but peaceful.



**The Cat Who Saw Stars [1999]**

Jim Qwilleran, a newspaper columnist, visits Mooseville where a backpacker has recently disappeared. Qwill is determined to dispel the rumors that extraterrestrial beings may be responsible for the missing backpacker. Then Koko the Siamese cat leads Qwill to a dead body in the sand.



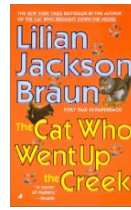
**The Cat Who Robbed a Bank [2000]**

The distinguished celebrity Mr. Delacamp is coming to visit Pickax City, but Jim Qwilleran's moustache is soon set twitching when he is suffocated to death. Suspects include his niece and John Campbell, but can the detective cats solve the crime?



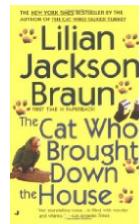
**The Cat Who Smelled a Rat [2001]**

October arrives in Moose County on the heels of a long drought, and the citizens of Pickax worry about wildfires. Their fears are realized in an unexpected manner, with a case of arson - and the shooting of a volunteer fire-watcher as he is reporting the blaze. The crime wave continues as the president of the curling club is pushed to his death down a flight of stairs, and it's up to Qwilleran and Co. to sniff out the rat who is responsible for it all.



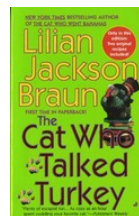
**The Cat Who Went Up the Creek [2002]**

Pickax's favorite columnist, James Qwilleran, is enjoying a brief holiday in the nearby town of Black Creek - but his two Siamese, who prefer the spaciousness of their home, beg to differ. The blissful tranquility is soon interrupted by the discovery of a body floating down the creek. And a possible motive for his murder is suggested when several gold nuggets are found in his possession. Might he have been illegally prospecting for gold? If so, it seems he wasn't the only one in search of an easy fortune. And his competitor is far more determined to strike it rich...



**The Cat Who Brought Down the House [2003]**

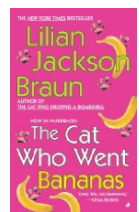
There's a lot going on in Pickax these days - a new film club has been founded, Koko the Siamese cat is making his stage debut in a musical revue to benefit animal rescue and five Amazon parrots have been abducted. To say nothing of a suspicious compulsive gambler lurking in the background.



**The Cat Who Talked Turkey [2004]**

In Qwill's opinion, "A town without a bookstore is like a chicken with one leg," and since the late Eddington Smith's bookstore burned down, the town of Pickax has been somewhat off balance.

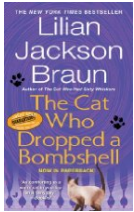
To the rescue comes the Klingenschoen Foundation, manager of Qwill's estate, which considers a new bookstore a worthy investment. Delighted by their good fortune, the people of Moose County prepare to celebrate the gala groundbreaking of the store on the site of the old. But no one is prepared for the discovery of the body of a man shot execution style in a wooded area on the very same day. Now Qwill and his clever cats have their work cut out for them.



**The Cat Who Went Bananas [2004]**

The good people of Pickax are agog with anticipation: Not only is the new bookstore, The Pirate's Chest, about to open, but the Theatre Club is set to perform Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

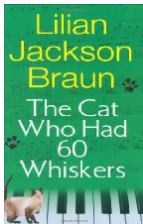
The play does not continue past opening night, however, for a member of the cast is killed in a car accident . . . or was it an accident? Koko seems to suspect otherwise, and Qwill and his clever cats have their work cut out for them.



### **The Cat Who Dropped a Bombshell [2006]**

While the town of Pickax is swept up in its sesquicentennial celebrations, Koko has developed a strange new hobby: He drops himself from balconies, occasionally landing in the oddest of places. When a young man comes to visit his wealthy relatives, Koko plummets straight onto his head!

Meanwhile, a hurricane is brewing, and the visitor's family members soon fall deathly ill. Qwill has his work cut out for him as Pickax-as foreshadowed by Koko-is about to be hit by a bombshell.



### **The Cat Who Had 60 Whiskers [2007]**

Moose County, 400 miles north of everywhere, is in an uproar (good and bad) following vast inheritances from wealthy old families. Only "Cool Koko" knows what's happening . . . and he's not telling. Jim Qwilleran thinks it's because he has more whiskers than ordinary cats, but who's counting?

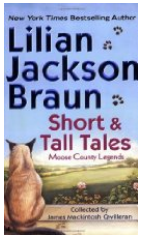
Meanwhile...

Koko meets a piano tuner.

Polly goes to Paris.

Qwill writes a play (an absurdist play titled *The Cat Who Got Elected Dog Catcher*).

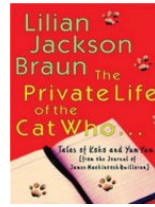
And there's a mysterious death from a bee sting...



### **Qwilleran's Short and Tall Tales [2002]**

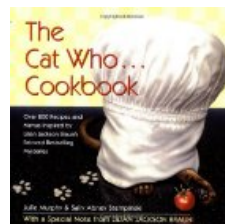
When Jim Qwilleran retired to Moose County (400 miles north of everywhere) with his old electric typewriter and his box of yellow lead pencils, he intended to write a book - a novel of crime and investigation with a metropolitan setting. He never finished the first page! Instead, he listened to the folktales of local people. As a journalist, Qwilleran was a good listener. He never left home without a tape recorder in his pocket. As descendants of pioneers told stories that had been handed down for generations, Qwilleran was recording a collection of Moose County legends worth publishing. He added some historic facts, stranger than fiction, gleaned from county archives. Now Qwilleran had his book! He

titled it Short and Tall Tales. Most of the stories were short. Some may have been embellished with retelling through the years. Qwilleran's informants swore they were true - even though some had a supernatural twist that left one wondering... And one of them was strictly a "tall tale"!



### **The Private Life of the Cat Who...: Tales of Koko and Yum Yum, From the Journals of James MacKintosh Qwilleran [2003]**

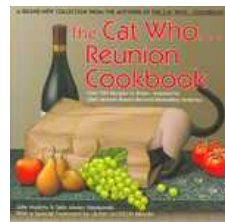
Koko is a remarkable male Siamese who happens to have sixty whiskers instead of the usual forty-eight. Yum Yum is an adorable female who will steal anything-including hearts. James Qwilleran is a columnist for The Moose County Something who had recorded his cats' exploits in his personal journal since the day each arrived in his life. And Lilian Jackson Braun is the beloved creator of them all! This delightful collection of feline antics will warm the hearts of cat lovers everywhere.



### **The Cat Who...Cookbook: Delicious Meals and Menus Inspired by Lilian Jackson Braun [2000]**

By Julie Murphy and Sally Abrey Stempinski

Inspired by the marvelous meals in the *Cat Who* novels, these 200+ recipes will make fans feel like they're visiting the best restaurants and attending the most delightful dinner parties in Moose County.



### **The Cat Who...Reunion Cookbook Subtitle**

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Moose County-home of the *New York Times* bestselling mysteries by Lilian Jackson Braun-has hosted many a reunion, where such colorful clans as the Goodwinters, the Cuttlebrinks, and the Inchpots gathered to share memories and mouthwatering meals. With the easy-to-prepare recipes in this charming cookbook, readers' reunions can be just as special-whether they're with families, friends, or fellow Cat Who... fans.

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