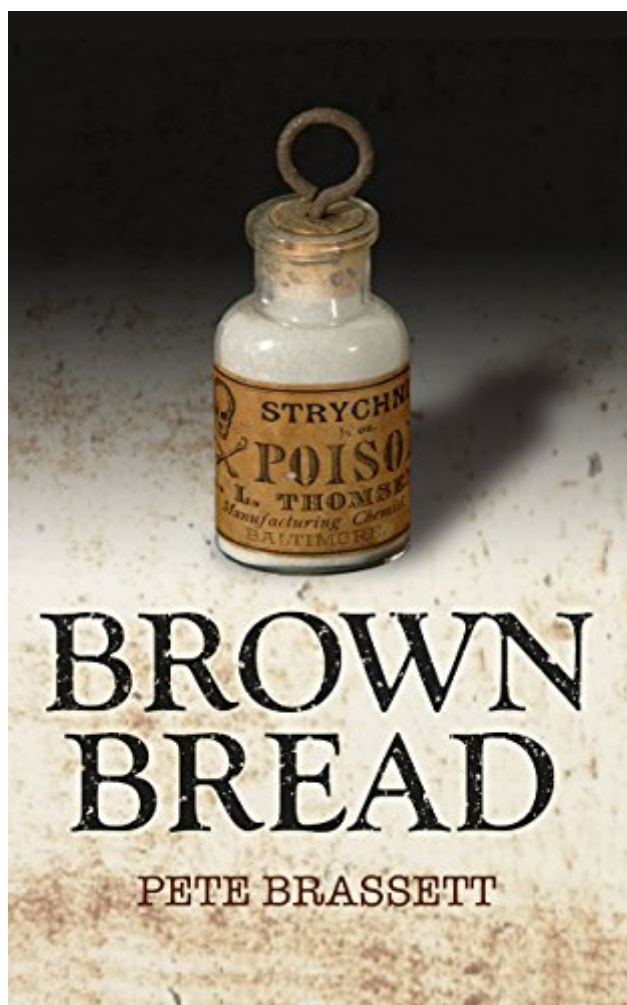


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# BROWN BREAD: An Exceptionally Humorous Literary Satire



## Synopsis

A hilarious dark comedy about a family who seem to get away with murder. Most families have a problem with their freezer at some point or other. So too the Benardinos. Yet their problem is of a very unusual nature. Despite running out of places to store the bodies of previous unwelcome guests, gin-soaked mother Virginia has organised a party to celebrate her fifty-fourth birthday. Will anyone get out alive? **BROWN BREAD** is a laugh-out-loud light-hearted satirical take on a genre that the whole family can enjoy. Not literally of course! The many readers familiar with Pete Brassett's crime fiction featuring detectives Munro and West in the series of four books comprising **SHE**, **AVARICE**, **ENMITY** and **DUPLICITY**, are in for a treat. **BROWN BREAD** is something quite different, and if you don't laugh until you cry, you should get your money back; although you won't. "Hilarious, unlike anything I've read before. I couldn't put this book down." Donald Heathcote "If you liked the films *The Ladykillers* or *Arsenic and Old Lace*, you will love this book!" Damon Martin "Deliciously dark comedy, blacker than the polish on a good inspector's boot." Susan Freeman In addition to the aforementioned series, Pete Brassett is also the author of the thrillers **THE GIRL FROM KILKENNY**, **KISS THE GIRLS** and **THE WILDER SIDE OF CHAOS**, the murder mystery **PRAYER FOR THE DYING**, the personal memoir **YELLOW MAN** and the heart-warming romance **CLAM CHOWDER AT LAFAYETTE AND SPRING**, all available on kindle and kindle unlimited. Many of these titles are now out in paperback.

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## Customer Reviews

Murder seems to run in the family. Naturally, if someone stumbles upon the body you hid in the freezer, you have to kill them too. But what happens when nosy people keep showing up and you run out of room in the freezer? This short novella reminded me of a bizarre cross of the play/old movie *Arsenic and Old Lace* and the children's story about the old lady who swallowed the fly. Bodies continue to pile up as the family with a loose set of morals follow the easiest solution time after time. To offset the murders, the dialogue is fast and sharp. Now, this story might not appeal to a lot of readers that are used to comedies of today that specializes in blatant humor, usually having to do with bodily functions, and foul language. This is a more subtle and intelligent play of words that can be missed if you aren't on the ball. If you enjoyed old comedies like *Arsenic and Old Lace* or *Harvey* that are filled with an over the top story and lots of quick patter, this story is for you. If you prefer your humor in the form of drunken louts on reality TV, this story might be a little too advanced. It would make a hilarious stage play.

The family written here by Mr. Bassett is a wonder to behold. A lascivious mother whose sexual conquests range from the common to the upper crust. Her son, way too good looking and charming, lives on other people's money. The part of the family in Ireland is a father who takes no responsibility and a sharp tongued daughter. Their enemies all die, some stuffed in freezers for chilling out. What makes this book fun to read is a strain of irreverence and dry wit of the English. What should be \*horror\* and \*moral\* captivates and creates laughter - as in, nothing to be excited about. And yet, once in the groove of the reading itself, is crystal clear. This is funny stuff.

*Brown Bread* is murder wrapped up in great fun - think *Arsenic and Old Lace*. This story is light and comical, just a joy to read. What to do with all the bodies? Most families have a problem with their freezer at some point or other. So too the Benardinos. Yet their problem is of a very unusual nature. Despite running out of places to store the bodies of previous unwelcome guests, gin-soaked mother Virginia has organised a party to celebrate her fifty-fourth birthday. Will anyone get out alive? Treat

yourself to this book and have a good laugh-out loud, even! I highly recommend this book!

Hilarious! I have not read a book that has been so amusing as this one in a while. The mother/son dialogue is just priceless

Brown Bread was a very different story than I was expecting. It took me by surprise how casual the family (including the maid) was about the events that take place in their home. After I got the gist of what was happening I was really into it and ready for more.

How do I describe the wit, humor and sarcasm? I can't! Read it for yourself and see if you can . It's that good!!!

Love it. Hililarious muder/mystery. I know. ..oxymoron. Worth the read.

Delightful. Virginia and her loathsome son are so deliciously despicable I loved them immediately. Great writing. I can't wait for the stage play.

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