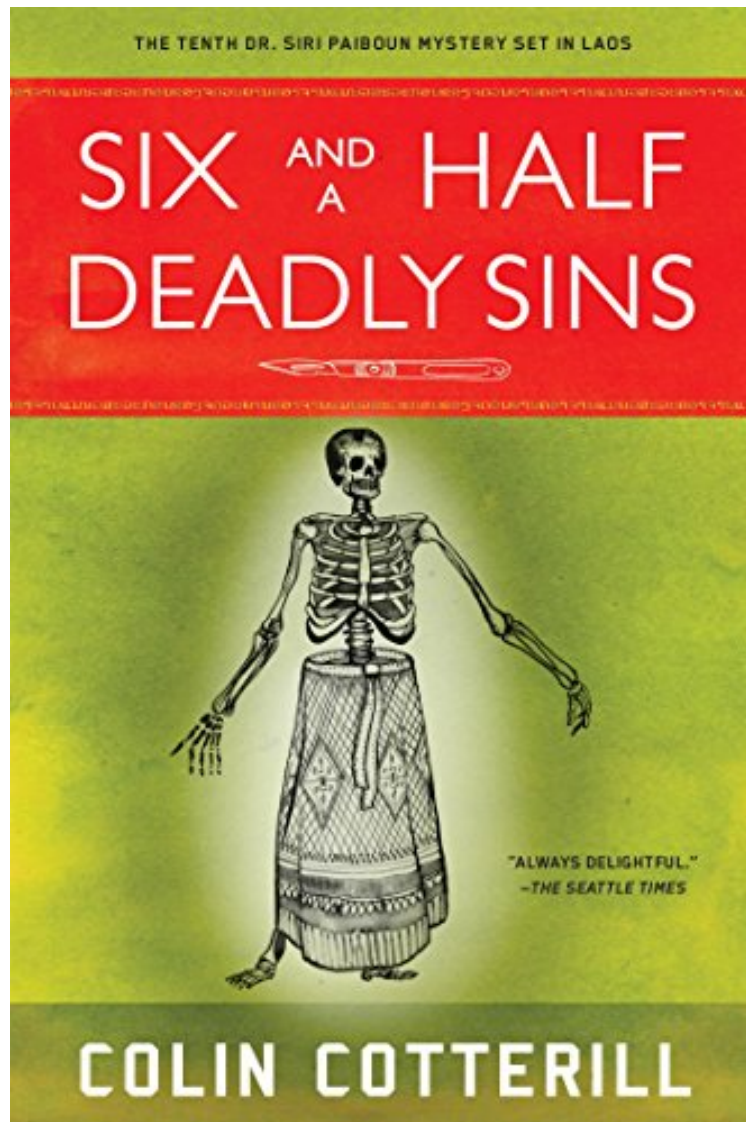


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**Von Colin Cotterill : Six and a Half Deadly Sins (Dr. Siri Mysteries)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Six and a Half Deadly Sins (Dr. Siri Mysteries):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Typischer Siri - angenehm wie immer!Von BubaWer Siri und seine Freunde liebt, der liebt auch wieder dieses Buch.Man lernt wieder einiges ber Laos verpackt in einer netten Geschichte.6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Yes, there ARE seven deadly sins in this Dr Siri crime story...Von Miki101.Micha ... but one will be cut in two. And that half one is the deadliest of all...In this 10th book of the series about Dr Siri and his motley crew

of friends and helpers, death and violence is everywhere...It all starts on December 25th, 1978, when a Lao pha sin skirt is delivered into the hands of our good doctor, the ex-coroner of Laos. In its hem a sewered finger is found, So this sin is cut in two, one half goes to Teacher Ou for deeper chemical analysis and the other half will take a ride. With Dr Siri and his beloved wife Daeng - for now without her noodle shop, blown up by a madman in "The Woman Who Wouldn't Die". And - which is much more frustrating for the couple, without a proper home which is NOT overboarded with the flotsam and jetsom of Laotian society. Siri's house has become the residence of about a dozen nice characters, from a wandering Thai monk, over a puppet player and some redeemed pleasure girls, to Crazy Rajhid, a mostly very scarcely dressed Indian. So when the pha sin is declared Thai Lu by Madame Chanta, Chief of the Lao Women's Union, provenience Luand Nam Tha in North West Laos near the border with China, Dr Siri and Madame Chaeng are very eager to discover the secret of the sewered finger - a crime, for sure! Times are hard in the Lao Republic, money is scarce, and a trip is costly, So what does our good Siri do? He blackmails ... Judge Haeng. Who is in deep trouble for being a ... women beater! But that has still to be proven, and Dr Siri will help the Judge in this case. In the meantime Nurse Dtui informs Siri that Phosy the policeman-husband of hers is at Luang Nam Tha, too. Because of an ugly incident with two dead headsmen up on the Chinese Road Nr 2, stabbed to death by sharpened bamboo poles. an other point for Siri to go up there and maybe help Phosy a little bit. Resolved the case of Judge Haeng, who sponsors the ride North, our couple starts a journey that would not only reveal itself as a wild-goose-hunt. But will have written Death, Death and more Death all over the whole affair. Chinese road constructors with more than 7 deadly sins committed on a daily base, tribes who still live in the Middle Ages, a Phosy in permanent danger, drug dealing, and wherever Dr Siri and Madame Daeng are coming, there is always a pha sin waiting for them... The old politbureau member, appearing out of the blue, will help to stop a Chinese invasion - the same time China has declared war on Vietnam, too. And end there will be a (first) show-down worth a Kurosawa movie - or maybe Clint Eastwood, all the same. The second one is much more epical - like a Ghandi movie, and the last surprise is really witchcraft at its best... This is one of the darkest installments of the now 10 books around Dr Siri and his friends. Old foes, thought a long time dead, will reappear. And our good doctor will have to attend at a funeral, he probably would have never wanted to go to... But the vilest of characters are the supervisor of the Chinese roadbuilder crews and his numb, dumb brother. To commit all the crimes they commit - there has to be a total absence of compassion for other human beings and/or respect for human lives. Old or young, adult or child - nothing counts for those murderers of the worst kind. Sometimes I shuddered and had to stop reading because the dimensions of their crimes are really overwhelming. The solution is as intelligent as always, pure Colin Cotterill style. The "ghostly" side of Dr Siri - with Auntie Bpoo the dead transvestite and Yeh Ming the dead Hmong shaman - is not very pronounced in this thriller - and a thriller is it. Here counts sharpness of mind, chivalry at the limit of madness, and - let's admit it - a bit of luck too. To enter this series, I personally think this is not the right book. A bit of knowledge of the "main actors" and the political background of Laos in 1979 can help to understand the plot and actions a bit better. A very fast and interesting read and sometimes breathtaking, too. As almost all the books written by Colin Cotterill, an expert of South East Asia, living himself in Thailand, and in Laos before that. So he really knows what he is writing about! 0 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Stefan Von S. Wagner Bei weitem nicht so gut wie die anderen. Wahrscheinlich nur für das Honorar geschrieben. War enttäuscht, wie denn Handlung und Charaktere waren.

Kurzbeschreibung Laos, 1979: Dr. Siri Paiboun, the twice retired ex-National Coroner of Laos, receives an unmarked package in the mail. Inside is a handwoven pha sin, a colorful traditional skirt worn in northern Laos. A lovely present, but who sent it to him, and why? And, more importantly, why is there a severed human finger stitched into the sin lining? Siri is convinced someone is trying to send him a message and won't let the matter rest until he's figured it out. He finagles a trip up north to the province where the sin was made, not realizing he is embarking on a deadly scavenger hunt. Meanwhile, the northern Lao border is about to erupt into violence and Dr. Siri and his entourage are walking right into the heart of the conflict. Pressestimmen Praise for Six and a Half Deadly Sins "Dr. Siri and his misfit friends have relied on caustic humor to stay sane . . . The question is: Can his cynical sense of humor get him out of this jam?" The New York Times Book "Dr. Siri Paiboun will be a gladdening complement to many mystery-readers table. Some of you have likely already shared your happy table with Dr. Siri; others of you will poo-poo the suggestion. But if you are unfamiliar with Paiboun works, it is time to crawl out of whatever cave you have been living in. This is for you." The Christian Science Monitor "Always delightful . . . The doctor and his profoundly eccentric friends, wife and (now former) colleagues retain their sardonic senses of humor in a vexing and sometimes scary time." The Seattle Times "When the first sentence of a book starts with a 1978 Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia, a public address system mishap, and a severed finger sewn into a skirt, you know you're not in for a run-of-the-mill mystery . . . But it's marvelous fodder for Cotterill's laugh-out-loud humor." Mystery Scene "Dr. Siri's iconoclastic spirit and caustic wit are a delight to witness." Booklist "A rollicking installment . . . Guaranteed to delight fans and new readers alike." BookPage, Top Pick in Mysteries "Neatly combines humor, detection, and politics." Publishers

Weekly "Generous dollops of wit and humor . . . We can never be sure what clever ruse is being employed." Dayton Daily News Praise for the Dr. Siri series "Laughter is a subversive weapon when you live under a repressive regime. That's the take-away lesson from Colin Cotterill's gravely funny novels set in Indochina in the 1970s." The New York Times Book "The latest Dr. Paiboun novel by Colin Cotterill, showcases both author and detective at the top of their games. It's an entertaining and captivating mystery underpinned by a fascinating exploration of the tangled history of Laos." The Christian Science Monitor "Unpredictable . . . Tragically funny and magically sublime." Entertainment Weekly This wonderful series has consistently managed to convey the beauty and sadness of this damaged country through the wisdom and humor of its protagonist. The Boston Globe Cotterill has never been better than in this ninth outing for acerbic Dr. Siri . . . The action builds to an ingenious resolution. Publishers Weekly, Starred This quirky mystery is filled with unforgettably strange characters. Its also filled with Cotterills dark humor, best seen in the characters wry dialogue. Readers who appreciate reluctant cops and detectives, like Tarquin Hall's Indian sleuth Vish Puri, or Stuart Kaminsky's Russian Inspector Rostnikov, will love Cotterills cynical, haunted coroner. Booklist, Starred Irresistible. Shelf Awareness From the Hardcover edition. Kurzbeschreibung Laos, 1979: Dr. Siri Paiboun, the twice retired ex-National Coroner of Laos, receives an unmarked package in the mail. Inside is a handwoven pha sin, a colorful traditional skirt worn in northern Laos. A lovely present, but who sent it to him, and why? And, more importantly, why is there a severed human finger stitched into the skirt's lining? Siri is convinced someone is trying to send him a message and won't let the matter rest until he's figured it out. He finagles a trip up north to the province where the skirt was made, not realizing he is embarking on a deadly scavenger hunt. Meanwhile, the northern Lao border is about to erupt into violence and Dr. Siri and his entourage are walking right into the heart of the conflict.