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Holly Winter's malamutes, Rowdy and Kimi, are a delightful pair of canine companions as anyone could ask for. Less faithful is her ex-lover who left her with a bitter heart and over-priced therapy sessions. Add a bout with amnesia and trepidation over her father's second marriage, and Holly is convinced that things can't get worse. Until a walk in the park pits Rowdy against a vicious golden retriever whose owner is no less so. How odd that such a gentle breed could be so nasty. Not so odd for humans. And not at all surprising when the owner is found murdered. Holly has no choice but step into the fray--for she knows better than anyone that killers are a cunning and clever breed.

## **The Wicked Flea Details**

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## From Reader Review The Wicked Flea for online ebook

### Jen says

Started it at noon, finished it this evening.

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### Kirsten says

Susan Conant's series just gets better. Though, I hesitate to classify as a cozy anymore. Too much serious stuff is happening to Holly for me to think of it in those terms anymore.

Holly is just so funny. She always is thinking in terms of dogs. Even to the point of viewing human behavior through the lens of dog behavior.

This book and the previous book seem to be the best in series. Can't wait to find a copy of The Dogfather!

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### Julie says

These books are perfect for a rainy afternoon, preferably one with a dog at your feet.

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### Lbaker says

Just didn't care much about the mystery, plus there was too much about the dogs, and not enough about the people.

The psychologist was thrown in for no particular reason, there seem to be no regular people in this universe.

The dogs characters are much more developed than the peoples. The constant harping of how Holly keeps her dogs behaving, which is impossible because malamutes are "attitude" dogs. Yet, her dogs seem to rarely behave.

I have read other books in this series, and do not remember being annoyed at the end of those books, but I am annoyed today, at the end of this one. I will not be picking up another in this series for a while.

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### Becky Rippel says

Susan Conant doesn't write bad books. Kimi and Rowdy are golden and a pleasure to read. The two Alaskan malamutes love the popular dog park, but Holly is nervous about so many unleashed dogs. It doesn't help when a tempermental golden retriever attacks Rowdy. Then one of the owners is found murdered in the park, Holly is on the hunt for the killer. This is mystery # 14 and the previous 13 are winners also.

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**Kim says**

As usual, this was another enjoyable read. It was hard at first, because she explains how people who show their dogs don't find pet people responsible owners. Yet, it is funny because that's how I feel about people who show their cats! As a person owned by cats, I don't find it appropriate to show them and remove them from their comfort zone. But I'd guess that people who show their cats find those of us with pet cats less than desirable as well.

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**Lisa says**

A fun little romp for the dog-obsessed. The plot is well-done and ties together nicely. Enjoyed the multiple formats Conant uses -- emails and psychiatrists notes included. Read this quickly and truly enjoyed it. . . . like a little mini-vacation :-)

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**chrisa says**

I really didn't enjoy this book at all. I didn't find any of the characters likable and actually found most of them pretty disgusting both in description and ethically. The narrator is snobby, judgmental, and only very occasionally amusing. The characterization of the psychiatric profession was pretty disturbing too. I was disappointed by this book because I was looking forward to enjoying a new (to me) well-established series. However, I will be giving away the few books I had acquired in this series... though I don't know who would want to read them.

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**Barbara says**

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**Dagny says**

This is Conant's fourteenth Holly Winter mystery. Holly is a writer for dog magazines and an owner and rescuer of malamutes. The mystery in this novel is particularly twisted and interesting. Holly has gotten involved with a recreational dog group through one of her adopted aunts. Ceci has requested that she come to the park to help out with an unruly golden retriever with an irresponsible owner. Ceci also has a man in mind for Holly whose long-time boyfriend has recently married someone else.

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### **Skyler says**

I had lost track of this mystery series and am now re reading a few to refresh my memory for the newer installments. Conant's dog mysteries are informative, witty, and insightful about dog and human nature. Thanks to my bad memory, I was able to enjoy this one as if I had not read it before.

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### **Helen says**

fast-paced, fun

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### **Karen Fyke says**

This series is supposed to be the canine version of the "Cat Who..." books by Lilian Jackson Braun. They don't make it. There's WAAAAAY too much info about dog shows, raising, pedigrees, etc. It reminded me of textbooks.

After completing the book, I still have no idea what the title had to do with anything. One interesting sidenote is that one of the characters has the same last name as one of my historical society buddies: Goodenaugh. He turned out to be the killer, too. Now you don't have to read the book.

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### **Rev. Linda says**

Discovered this author and book at a yard sale...what a treat! An author who writes books about a character who writes books about dogs...say that three times! The descriptions of the dogs in the dog park are just hilarious, and having had many breeds throughout the years, are accurate. I am going to look for more by this author, as The Wicked Flea was a pleasure to read.

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### **?Emily says**

This is the first book I read in this series and I have read quite a few since. Even though I don't like dogs, this series is both informative and funny.

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