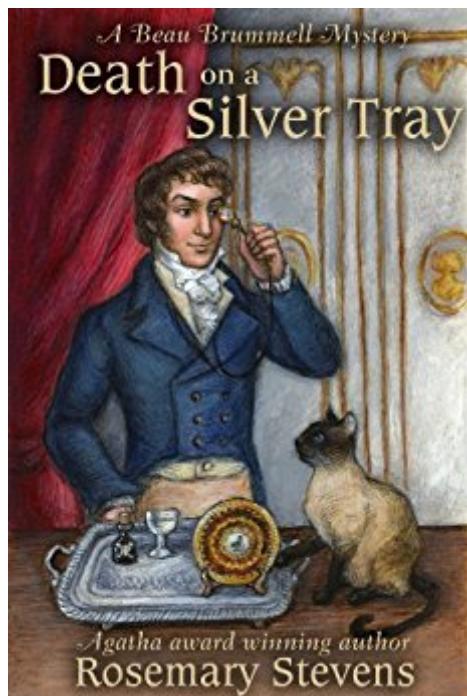


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# Death On A Silver Tray (Beau Brummell Mysteries Book 1)



## Synopsis

BRAND NEW FORMATTING AS OF FEBRUARY 2014!WINNER OF THE AGATHA AWARD AND THE ROMANTIC TIMES AWARD "Cross Agatha Christie with Georgette Heyer and what do you get?--Rosemary Stevens!" Jane Detinger, Senior Editor, Mystery Guild When a desperate Duchess of York asks for his help, Beau Brummell wouldn't think of refusing. The cantankerous Countess of Wrayburn has been fatally poisoned, and her paid companion is the prime suspect. Unfortunately, the Duchess is the one who arranged the young woman's employment with the late Countess. If the accusations prove true, the scandal would ruin the Duchess's good name. Ever the gentleman, Brummell hastens to the Wrayburn house to do some inquiring of his own. It doesn't take long to realize that more than one person had motive to poison Lady Wrayburn. And Beau Brummell is going to find out who they are. Because if there's one thing that's never in style, it's murder."George Bryan "Beau" Brummell, the arbiter of fashion in Regency England, may seem an unlikely protagonist for a crime novel, but Stevens . . . brings off this debut mystery with great élan. Readers of both historical mysteries and Regency romances will eagerly await sequels." Publishers Weeklyâ œWith DEATH ON A SILVER TRAY, Ms. Stevens has pulled a hat trick: The novel likely will appeal equally to fans of romances, mysteries, and historical fiction. For that matter, it will appeal to anyone who enjoys a well told tale.â • Richmond Times Dispatchâ œIf P.G. Wodehouse had decided to write mysteries set in the Regency period with a sleuth whoâ ™s a combination of both Jeeves and Bertie, he might have come up with a character much like Rosemary Stevensâ ™ Beau Brummell.â • The Mystery Reader Reviewsâ œA light, exciting 1805 England is re-created with expertise, stylish prose, and dry humor.â • Library Journalâ œWitty and stylish mysteries with good historical background. The writing is as elegant as Beau Brummell himself. Well done, Rosemary Stevens!â • M.C. Beaton (aka Marion Chesney) author of the Agatha Raisin And Hamish MacBeth mystery novelsâ œBeau Brummell makes a dandy sleuth. Rosemary Stevensâ ™ dashing detective romps through Regency England exposing the wickedness beneath the wit, wealth, and often heartless snobbery of an elegant era.â • Carole Nelson Douglas, Author of the Midnight Louie Mysteriesâ œMs. Stevens has scored a triumph in this first Beau Brummell mystery. Who could be a more perfect detective? He has access to every drawing room, all the secrets, and is such a dashing hero-type. Her portrayal of this period and of Beau is masterly done.â • Rendezvous Magazineâ œBeau Brummell, the legendary aesthete and Savile Row patron saint, is brought to life in the role of a fashionable society sleuth in a historical fiction. A light, fast, witty, and clever read. Expect a pleasant surprise from this unlikely exposition in Style.â • (DEATH ON A SILVER TRAY) Savile Row Webzine for Gentlemenâ œDEATH ON A SILVER TRAY is a delightful book that will

thrill mystery lovers and regency fans equally. The mystery is a solid, classic tale, well clued and guaranteed to keep the reader guessing. Stevens does very well with her regency setting, capturing the essence of Brummell and the spirit of the times. Numerous historical figures add to the reader's enjoyment. As a bonus, there is a delightfully fastidious Siamese called Chakkri. Sit back, relax, and enjoy one of the most entertaining reads. •Romantic Times Magazine

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## **Customer Reviews**

This Regency historical mystery casts dandy supreme Beau Brummel as a crime solver. His great friend the Duchess of York has recommended a lady's maid to a friend and she is the prime suspect in the murder of that odious woman. To protect her reputation, Beau steps into to find the real culprit. I did enjoy the mystery, I did enjoy the cat, I am not sure I enjoyed the cat being so key in pointing out clues. I will be putting the next on my to read list, but am not totally sold just yet.

Beau Brummell decided what and who was fashionable in Regency England. Most Regencies describe him as a rather one dimensional character. Ms. Stevens has quite rightly made him the center of a mystery series, much as he was the center of the fashionable world of his time. He is asked by his dear friend, the Duchess of York, to clear a protegee of hers of the murder of her employer. The woman was exceedingly unpleasant, and was even rumored to have beaten her servants. The night before her death, Lady Wrayburn was incensed with Miss Ashton for inadvertently telling her that her ladies' maid was pregnant. Now all of London thinks that Miss Ashton is the murderer. To save the Duchess' reputation and to assist the young women, the Beau agrees to help. He even loses a painting at auction, having been distracted by the problem. The winner of the auction, a representative of the King of Siam, presents him with the first Siamese cat in England. The famous valet, Robinson, is not happy about cat hairs, but Brummell can not return him. The cat seems to be an ancestor of Lillian Jackson Braun's KoKo, an able assistant in solving a difficult murder. This was an excellent mystery. The characters are familiar ones for those who have read regencies, and very well developed. The mystery was engrossing and difficult to solve. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Fun Regency style mystery with the added charm of placing Beau Brummel as the detective in a society murder case. A quick and light read, the author obviously did her research in placing her characters' voices in the language and tone of the period without the annoyance of lapsing into present-day conversational style as sometimes happens in historical novels. Highly recommend for a pleasant Regency romp.

In this first book of the Brummell mysteries, we find the Beau going about society as usual and acquiring the only Royal Siamese Cat in England. He then becomes involved in a public scene which later turns into murder. The author has a very deft touch with Regency manners, mores and affectations. Her research is well done and her characters are in keeping with the historical figures that they are based on. Very enjoyable light mystery.

I found the first of the Beau Brummel series enjoyable, especially since discovering he was a real person -- as were most of the characters in the book. The mystery was good, but I especially liked the details of living as Nobility in Regency England. The main character is witty, his valet his long-suffering and funny. I liked the addition of the cat to the household and the angst he causes the valet. I've since read two more in the series. They should be read in order.

I was prepared to just graze and pass on this one but i got caught in it and enjoyed it very much. The asides and unspoken "comments really brought a simple story to life. The interplay between the "ordinary" folk and the nobility brings "Downton Abbey to mind. There is no doubt that the aristocracy serves little purpose is quite shallow. It is quite a commentary on the social mores of the time...Bluegrass

This is a fun read. I highly recommend this book for Regency lovers. It makes the Brummell who shows up so often in Regency fiction so much more human and likable. I see why this was an Agatha Award winning book.

A fun read about the Aristocrats in London during the late 1700's. George and his friends are quite the characters. His Siamese cat is a cute addition to the story line. I was clueless to the real murderer right till the end.

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