

Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness, #13) By Rhys Bowen **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Reading the Afterword I see that the story is based on historical fact and maybe that's the problem here: the whole story was already sketched out in history and Bowen had to wrench something entertaining out of it. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) In this latest entry in the Royal Spyness series Georgie and Darcy finally are married and they set off for Kenya on the second stage of their honeymoon. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Only Georgie quickly discerns that the trip is part of an assignment from the Foreign Office for Darcy and soon they are embroiled in possible robbery treason and a very definite murder. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** For someone who had been involved in solving multiple previous murders and mysteries Georgie seemed unrealistically naive and clumsy in her approach both to the debauchery around her and to the murder. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Furthermore aspects of the mystery were left to inference like who exactly had been trying to kill them and why and a couple other plotlines including the supposedly stolen diamond and the mystery of who Jocelyn really was and what he was doing were wrapped up hastily at the end by other people making for an unsatisfying conclusion to the couple's adventure. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) What a disappointment! This has been one of my favorite series and a favorite author and I was so looking forward to the new book. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** The murder doesn't happen until the halfway mark and the man who is killed is so utterly awful and had so many enemies that I couldn't bring myself to care who killed him. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** First off I'm annoyed that he took a job while planning their honeymoon--I would have been seriously annoyed if my husband dragged me off halfway around the world to work during what was supposed to be a relaxing time. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Secondly despite the fact that Georgiana is usually very helpful during these missions he doesn't tell her anything until she puts it together herself--although the author also has her nearly blow his cover something I don't think she's done in any previous book so I'm not sure what that was about. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** He doesn't find out who the murderer is or even contribute any meaningful information to Georgie for her to figure it out and he doesn't even suspect who the drug runner is. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Racism and superiority complexes aside it's not that enjoyable to read about a bunch of people who sleep with each other's spouses and sue each other in court and otherwise make each other's lives miserable while acting as though they were above the law. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** It's supposed to be a humorous mystery but while Georgie is off being naive and childish for her age the background noise reads more like a bleak look into how atrocious people can be. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) Im a New York Times bestselling mystery author winner of both Agatha and Anthony awards for my Molly Murphy mysteries set in 1902 New York City. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** My books are currently translated into 29 languages and I have fans wo I'm a New York Times bestselling mystery author winner of both Agatha and Anthony awards for my Molly Murphy mysteries set in 1902 New York City. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I was born and raised in England but currently divide my time between California and Arizona where I go to escape from the harsh California winters When I am not writing I love to travel sing hike play my Celtic harp. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Series:* {site_link} Constable Evan Mystery* {site_link} Molly Murphy Mysteries* {site_link} Her Royal Spyness Mysteries Awards: {site_link} Agatha Award Best Novel (2001): Murphy's Law {site_link} Reviewer's Choice Award Historical Mystery (2001): Murphy's Law {site_link} Georgie and Darcy are finally on their honeymoon in Kenya's Happy Valley but murder crashes the party in this all-new installment in the New York Times bestselling series. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Georgie is excited to get to see local wildlife but once they arrive she quickly learns that Darcy is hoping to get some information on a notorious jewel thief that is rumored to be making an appearance in the

country soon. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Even when we arrive in Kenya it takes a bit of time for the murder to take place but once it does the mystery is well worth the wait with some great secrets that Georgie and Darcy must bring to light. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** And I also appreciated the ability to be an arm chair traveler since I can't take a vacation this year although it really made me want to go on a safari of my own. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) Series: Royal Spyness #13 Publication Date: 8/6/19 Number of Pages: 304 I have wanted to start reading this series since its beginning but for some reason I never did. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Yes I missed the development of the relationship between Darcy and Georgie but - goodness - I got to start with the honeymoon! I'm sure I missed out on the development of other characters and relationships but I fully intend to go back and read the first books of the series when I have a chance to do so. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) However historically accurate this may have been it was not enjoyable to read about a group of privileged twits insulting everything they could about Kenya while still complaining about whatever they were unable to forcefully covert to traditional British conditions. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Too many wild animals! The shopping here is horrible! These gardens don't look English enough let's bring in non-native plants! How boring the only activities here are polo bed-hopping and shooting animals! Why don't the 'natives' cook traditional French/British food? Queenie and Georgie's mother were hardly in the story and Belinda not at all so the only familiar characters besides Georgie and Darcy were Wallis Simpson and 'cousin David. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** How can she still be the same clueless naif? No wonder Darcy doesn't tell her what he really does for the government - she tries to blow his cover when she introduces him. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Golly! Why are there mirrors on the ceiling in a house where the hostess greets us while nude in her bathtub? And the mystery! One of the mysteries turns out to have never existed (jewel thief) another has no satisfactory result (drug running) and a third is never resolved (who is trying to kill Georgie and Darcy). **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** The main mystery the 'murder' is pinned on the only Kenyan who is given any type of character development at the very last moment with the only indicators to the reader that he is even a suspect being the fact that he is so present in the story. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** This is a review of an e-arc and perhaps the editors will take another look at how this book reads and consider whether they really want to portray people in Kenya so disrespectfully and the British as so pompous and callous. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** No joke at one point while Georgie and other Brits are on safari a group of Maasai warriors pass and were described in terms very similar to how all of the other animals were described. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Not of Georgie and Darcy which is as cleanly scrubbed as the above complainers would like the history to be but of the Happy Valley set--and truthfully even that is pretty tame. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Truthfully I think that some of the complainers are disappointed that there are no dirty details and as for your teens reading this there are better things in most YA sections for them to read. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Even so this installment lacks a bit of charm of the series in general and as unpleasantly realistic as the British aristocracy was portrayed in Kenya the murder mystery itself a bit bland,

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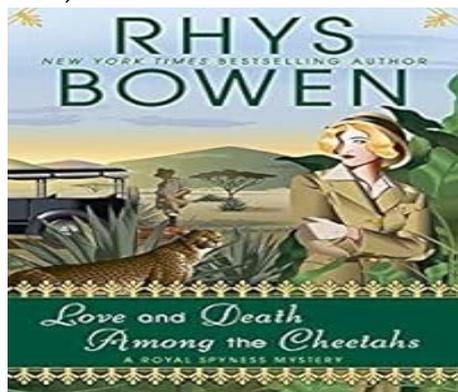
It's a shock and disappointment to give this book 2 stars. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I've read the whole series and I am a Georgie fan for sure but this was an absolute bore. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Georgie is barely present Darcy is a shell of himself and the story is completely context driven, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Pages and pages of contextual description with barely a plot line thrown in for good measure, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** The mystery here springs from a

night at a bed-hopping party that for this series is out of tune. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** There have been other hints in other books of the debauchery of the time but only hints really. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Not something I expect to find in this series and an unpleasant surprise, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** While the Kenyan locale was interesting I found this story less engrossing than most of the previous ones in the series, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** At one point she almost blabbed to relative strangers about Darcy's secret vocation and her wide-eyed "golly" response to much of what she saw got to be a bit annoying. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** This was not a particularly strong addition to the series but I'm hoping for better in Georgie and Darcy's next outing. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** If I had started with this one I wouldn't have read any other books by the author. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) One and a half stars. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Let's get this out of the way: a majority of this story is set in Kenya and the author was trying to be accurate for the time so racism abounds. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** It doesn't make for a particularly comfortable story in the modern day: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** The major issue here is the same issue that was present in the last book: the author has apparently forgotten this is a mystery series. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** There was literally nothing likable or sympathetic about this guy, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Prior to that there's the mystery of the jewel thief and we learn there's a drug runner somewhere. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** All of this is dealt with in a manner that suggests the author completely forgot about them periodically while writing, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** The bigger issue with the jewel theft and drug running is Darcy: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I'm pretty sure she's smart enough to know that telling people her husband is a government agent isn't a good thing. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** (Although this tends to happen in most mystery series as they go on--at some point it starts to feel like the characters are getting dumber instead of learning more. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** presumably because if they actually did things intelligently and thoroughly it would ruin the fun factor: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen**) Anyway my main issue here is Darcy doesn't do anything useful really: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Either he's bad at his job or the author has forgotten this could be a group effort so Darcy doesn't look useless, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Side note: the romance between Georgie and Darcy remains oddly unsatisfactory which was main complaint for the first few books. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Somehow it feels worse in this one probably because they're the only main characters in it for a majority of the book, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Without our usual cast of side characters their relationship takes the stage so the flaws in it show, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I mean they were bound to be--it's a bunch of Englishmen in Kenya during the height of Britain's empire. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** It was just a lackluster mystery with an unsatisfactory ending. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) I give this book 5 stars because I love all of Rhys Bowen's books: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I have recently published four internationally bestselling WWII novels one of them a #1 Kindle bestseller and the Tuscan Child selling almost a million copies to date: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** In Farleigh Field won three major awards and was nominated for an Edgar, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** My other stand alone novels are The Victory Garden about land girls in WWI and Above the Bay of Angels featuring a young woman who becomes chef for Queen Victoria: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** April 2021 will mark the publication of THE VENICE SKETCHBOOK another sweeping historical novel of love loss and intrigue: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I have recently published four internationally bestselling WWII novels one of them a #1 Kindle bestseller and the Tuscan Child

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worked in the world politics of the time without feeling out of place in the series. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I remedied that by starting with this book - and I thoroughly enjoyed it: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** None of what I'd missed detracted from my enjoyment of this book. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** It is well written and witty with great characters and multiple mysteries: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** All of the loose ends were wrapped up and justice was served just as it should be, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Georgie and Darcy spent the first few days of their honeymoon on a friend's houseboat in a secluded section of the Thames, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** That was a wonderful private first few days of marriage but soon enough the food ran out and they had bumped their heads on the low ceilings one too many times: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** They both decided it was time to head back into London - where Darcy soon announced that he'd arranged for the remainder of their honeymoon to be in Kenya: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Soon our sharp-as-a-tack heroine comes to suspect that there is more to the destination than meets the eye. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** When she confronts Darcy he tells her that he's been assigned to keep an eye out for a suspected jewel thief. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** She buys that and soon settles in to help him determine who the thief might be - and to catch him or her. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Once they arrive in Kenya things soon begin to happen - but none of them actually point toward a jewel thief: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** There are lots of other mysteries as well - a murder attempts on Georgie and Darcy's lives residents swapping spouses drug parties - you name it: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Then when you add in the political intrigue you have quite a busy story, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** It is well written well-plotted and I really loved the characters: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I'll definitely be looking forward to the next book in the series as well as going back to read the previous books. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I voluntarily read and reviewed an Advanced Reader Copy of this book: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** 'And Georgie after everything that she has been through you would have thought that she would grow and change as a result, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I thought that she was growing more backbone and common sense, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** A much better title would have been: Drug-running partner-swapping and colonial exploitation in 1930s Kenya, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** *eARC Netgalley Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) The reviews here are making me ROTFLMAO, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** First you've got the people who want to scrub history sparkling clean and are getting offended at what is factual history in its portrayal of colonial Kenya, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I would suggest that these people whose knowledge of history is clearly pretty limited at least read this summary of the movie White Mischievous. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** (which itself is based on a book) where you will see that the plot of this book is clearly taken from things that really happened: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Yes it's offensive stuff and did you read the forward where Bowen clearly states as much? Again this stuff REALLY HAPPENED, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Yes there is talk of partner swapping but not the teenie weenie littlest depiction of that sex. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Besides no matter how much you tried to isolate them from the world they know about this stuff: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Hell some of your kids probably know more about this stuff than you do! No my problem with this book is that it just doesn't work: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I mean these books are mindless fluff but this one isn't good fluff. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** It's not very funny (I guess we miss more time with Queenie the hopeless maid Granddad and other fun characters) and it's not very clever, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Mixing in the Happy Valley history just doesn't work and the ending is both clumsy and pat, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** And the reviewers sputtering over sex and

political correctness don't seem to notice the literary quality: **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** This is one series that I can't get review copies for on Edelweiss, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13) So satisfying to finally have Georgiana and Darcy married, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** I agree with some commenters that this book lacks a bit due to the absence or rare appearance of delightful secondary characters. **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** But it'd hardly be realistic to have them all pack off with the newlyweds so I'm forgiving there, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Overall yay for the newlyweds looking forward to happy married life and Georgie stepping on more dead bodies in her path, **Love and death among the cheetahs rhys bowen** Love and Death Among the Cheetahs (Her Royal Spyness #13)



. And about that plot. Here it is spelled out in technicolor. But it was not. Entertaining that is. A real low point in an otherwise great series. I didn't care for the subject matter at all. Keep that in mind if you read it. But that's hardly the only problem. I wanted to stab him myself. The side characters were all pretty awful. Oh and SUPPORTING HITLER. So it wasn't a fun interesting or breezy read. It's lighter sexier funnier wicked satire. It was voted by readers as best mystery series one year. . Then a murder interrupts their trip. NOTE: I received a copy of this book. Read my full review at Carstairs Considers. I didn't find starting with the thirteenth book a problem. WOW! The trip of a lifetime and Georgie is so excited. I thoroughly enjoyed and certainly recommend this book. All thoughts and opinions are my own. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_M. Then there are the folks offended by the sexuality. Or lack thereof in this book. And truthfully that doesn't bug me that much. Everything else is incidental really