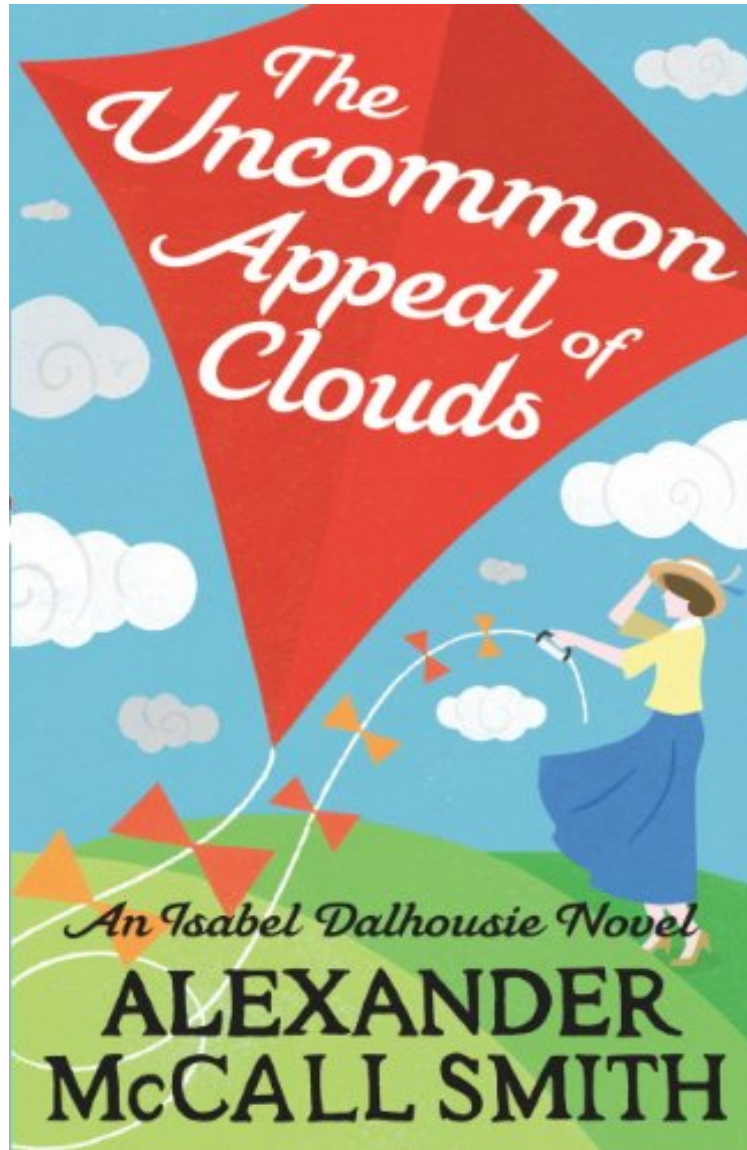


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**Von Alexander McCall Smith : The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds (Isabel Dalhousie Novels)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds (Isabel Dalhousie Novels):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More Reflections on the Examined Life Von Donald Mitchell "You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another." -- Leviticus 19:11 (NKJV) Reading about Isabel Dalhousie is a lot like paying attention to the mental chatter in your own

mind, as you waver over what to do in trying and morally difficult circumstances. The main difference is that Isabel's life is filled with love and loving thoughts, rather than just annoyances. In this outing, Isabel is presented with the challenge of a painting that's been stolen and is being offered back in exchange for a reward from the insurance company. What's the right thing to do? Isabel's answer may interest you. I certainly enjoyed it. Another challenge arises when Charlie begins to show arithmetic skills ahead of his years. As more is learned, the questions to be answered increase. I think you'll enjoy this set of moral questions as well. I thought that the more interesting questions in the book revolved directly and indirectly about what it means to be a good parent. The stolen art seemed more like a hypothetical that professors like to use in ethics classes than a credible event for such a novel. There are also some seemingly hair-splitting decisions involving making representations that may or may not be the whole truth. I wasn't convinced by the author's arguments. This ninth novel in the series won't rock your boat, but it will certainly go down smoothly ... like some fine scones and clotted cream at tea time.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Danke... Von momo... einfach DANKE für jedes Buch, das Alexander McCall Smith schreibt. Diese Serie mag ich besonders und habe mich schon sehr auf einen neuen 'Isabel Dalhousie' gefreut. Und wurde ... wie immer ... nicht enttäuscht. Im Gegenteil.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Egal welches Buch Von Ingrid Millinger Egal welches Buch von Alexander McCall Smith man liest - es ist immer ein Vergnügen. Seine Einfühlbarkeit und sein feiner Humor sind einfach herrlich! Auch die Übersetzung ins Deutsche ist gelungen!

**Kurzbeschreibung** As a mother, wife, employer and editor of the *Journal of Applied Ethics*, Isabel Dalhousie is aware that to be human is to be responsible. So when a neighbour brings her a new and potentially dangerous puzzle to solve, once again Isabel feels she has no option but to shoulder the burden. A masterpiece painting has been stolen from Duncan Munrow, old-fashioned philanthropist, father to two discontented children, and a very wealthy man. As Isabel enters into negotiations with the shadowy figures who are in search of a ransom, a case where heroes and villains should be clearly defined turns murky: the list of those who desire the painting - or the money - lengthens, and hasty judgement must be avoided at all cost. Morals, it turns out, are like Scottish clouds: complex, changeable and tricky to get a firm grip on; they require a sharp observational eye, a philosophical mindset, and the habit of kindness. Fortunately for those around her, Isabel Dalhousie is in possession of all three.

**Pressestimmen** Praise for the Isabel Dalhousie series: McCall Smith's talent for dialogue is matched only by his gift for characterization. It's hard to believe that he could make up a character as complex and unique as Isabel. She is by turns fearless, vulnerable, headstrong and insecure, but always delightful.

**Chicago Tribune** Readers get to soak up the cozy atmosphere of this Scottish university town and McCall Smith's gentle good will. **The Boston Globe** Entertaining and enchanting reading about characters you think you know and wish you did. **Las Vegas -Journal** McCall Smith's contemporary cozies have proved that crimes need not be punishable by death to provide a satisfying read . . . A genteel, wisdom-filled entertainment. **Los Angeles Times**

**Werbetext** In bestselling author Alexander McCall Smith's ninth tale of Isabel Dalhousie, Edinburgh philosopher and sleuth, the victim of an important art theft appeals to her for help.