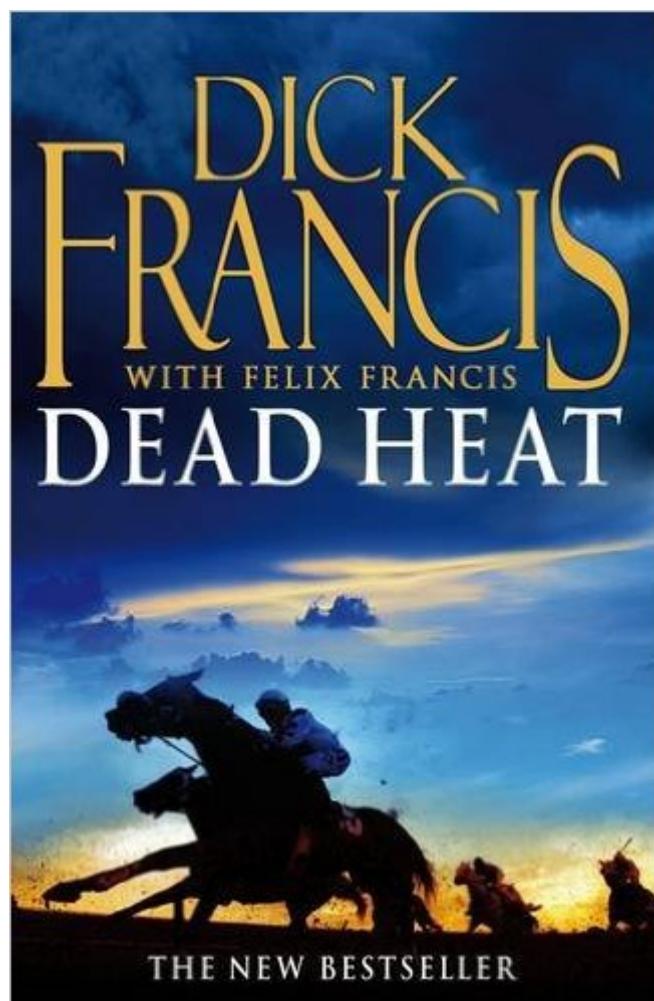


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Synopsis

'I wondered if I was dying. I wasn't afraid to die but, such was the pain in my gut, I wished it would happen soon.' The night before the Two Thousand Guineas at Newmarket sees the great and the good of the horse-racing community gathered for a prestigious black-tie Gala dinner. It is a fitting testament to the glamour of the occasion that Max Moreton is cooking the evening's meal. Max is something of a celebrity in Newmarket circles. He is the chef and founder of the racing town's favourite Michelin-starred restaurant, the Hay Net. However, spending the night in the throes of agony with chronic food poisoning is the last thing Max expects - such things simply aren't becoming of a professional chef. And the last thing he needs is to hear that his food is suspected of putting twenty-four of the guests in hospital. Within hours, Max's restaurant is being forcibly closed, his reputation is teetering on the brink of ruin, and a court case seems to be looming. But the day is far from over, and soon Max Moreton finds himself desperately fighting for more than just his livelihood...

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Customer Reviews

Firstly, I'm so very glad that Dick Francis is back to writing, and I hope he's got a few (but preferably a lot more) mysteries left in him. In DEAD HEAT, his latest baffler, his normally can't-miss Dick Francis elements are in place: naturally the British horse racing backdrop, the first person narration, the sudden, unexpected bursts of violence set in serene surroundings, and a lead character cut from that reliable English cloth, who is unassuming, reserved, undeterred, and clever but not that clever. A classic Francis page-turner calls for, among other things, the protagonist not only to be

hellaciously roughed up and tossed about but to also stoically endure the doing so. Locally famous chef/ restaurateur Max Moreton certainly fits that bill as the pages open with him spending a mortifying, pain-wracked night in the loo, victim to food poisoning ostensibly by his own hands. And that's only the start of Max's bad road. He promptly discovers that that evening's clientele had also suffered from food poisoning. The next day finds his restaurant being shut down awaiting a public health inspection. The day gets even worse as Max then survives a shocking bomb explosion at a privately catered race track event. Now, with allegations made against his livelihood and his life on the line, Max, stubborn cuss that he is, determines to get to the bottom of things. It's not a smart move. DEAD HEAT is the second book written by Dick Francis after the passing of his beloved Mary and a 6 year hiatus. 2006's

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