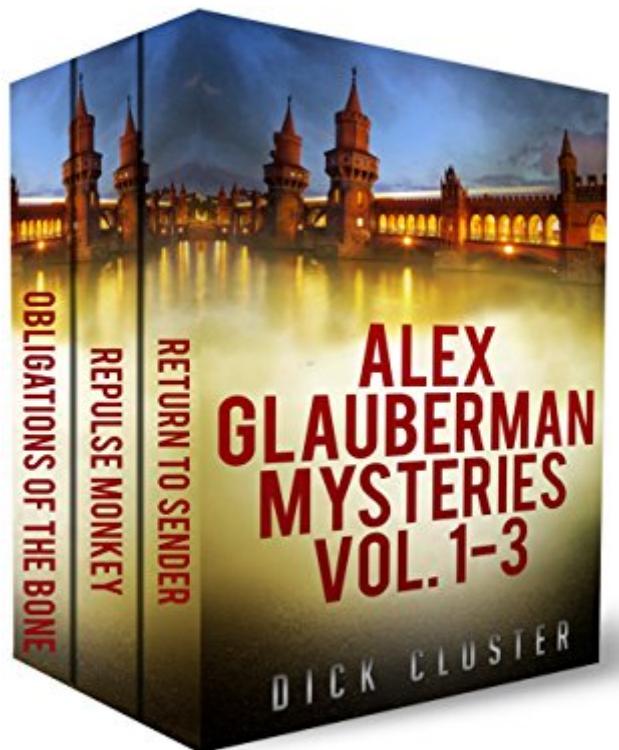


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All three volumes in the critically-acclaimed Alex Glauberman Mystery Series! Pretty much a steal at \$7.99! It raises the mystery to the realm of literature. "Tony Hillerman is a writer to watch." -Publisher's Weekly Meet reluctant detective Alex Glauberman, "just a guy who practices tai-chi and fixes foreign cars, a 41-year-old divorced father with a brilliant British girl friend. But he's got a complication right now: he's trying to survive chemo. Alex is one of those dependable detectives all too rare in crime fiction: a private investigator you actually like to be with. Not too smart-mouthed, not too close-mouthed, just kind of a mensch." WHO WILL LIKE IT: Fans of Jewish detectives like Rabbi Small, Jake Samson, Rebecca Schwartz, Peter Decker, and Rina Lazarus will find themselves adding another series to their favorites. But it's a great P.I. story for all mystery fans, in the vein of vintage male sleuths who are neither cozy nor hard-boiled: just regular detective guys, like Ellery Queen, Father Brown, Gideon Oliver, Charles Paris, and Tubby Dubonnet.

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