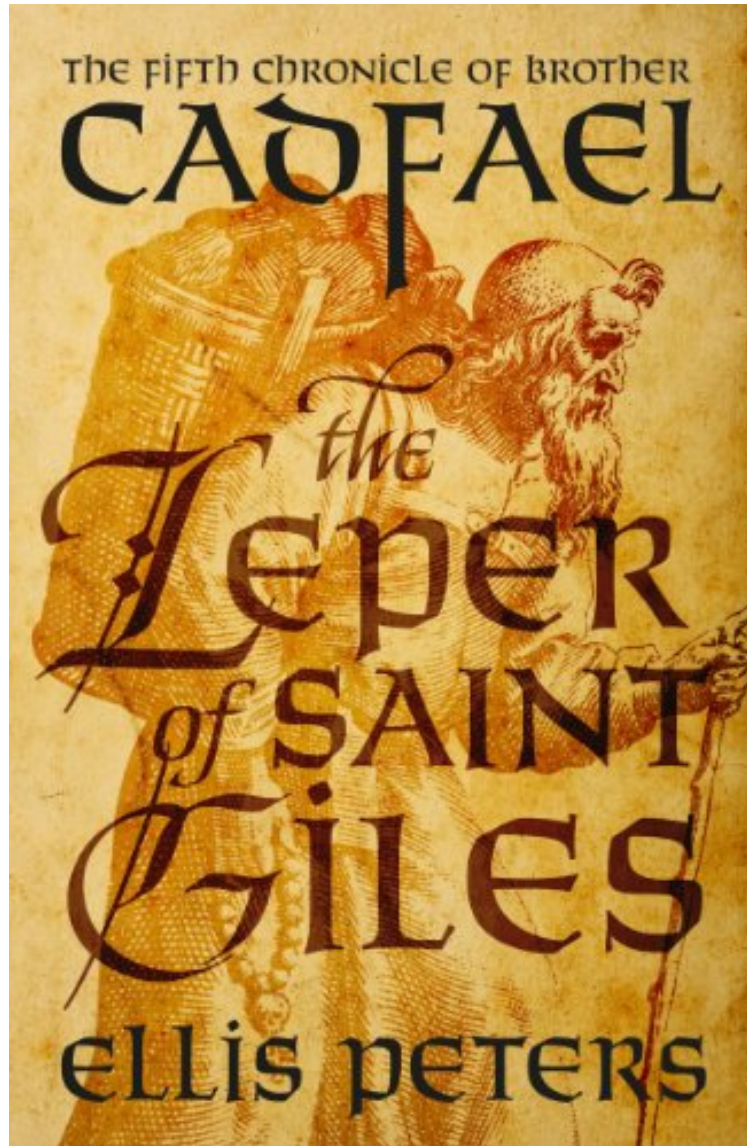


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Von Ellis Peters : The Leper Of Saint Giles (Chronicles Of Brother Cadfael) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Leper Of Saint Giles (Chronicles Of Brother Cadfael):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. FROM MISTRESS TO NOVICEVon Plume45Another brilliant mystery by "crimi" Queen Ellis Peters, LEPER offers much more than grim details of life in a Lazar house. Unfortunately Hugh Beringar is not in residence during the autumn of 1139, so Brother Cadfael has to solve this murder on his own. Yet we are treated to another "old friend"--Brother

Mark who has graduated from Cadfael's helper in the herb garden to the stewardship of St. Giles. Best of all Peters introduces her readers to a unique female character, whose unusual life spans the extremes of women's roles in medieval society. Unlike Richildis, who represents Cadfael's past, Avise arrives during his present and helps him in the future. Twenty years a mistress to the unsympathetic murder victim, she is suddenly faced with middle age and no way to keep herself. Witty, attractive while comfortably plump, she impresses Cadfael with her veracity, ease with all ranks of men and inevitable administrative skill in her new career of Benedictine nun. Clever, resourceful and bedimpled (could Peters be describing her idealized self at one time?) the newest novice at Gordric's Ford will appear in future mysteries--as Cadfael's distaff Dr. Watson, helping him on odd occasions. There is a subtle undercurrent of other-sex awareness on Cadfael's part, which this multi-talented woman cannot fail to notice, but their relationship is quite proper, as they are mature enough to appreciate each other's virtues without desire. Hints of a crusader's life in the Middle East provide wider historical scope than the usual, boring exploits of those rival cousins for the English throne, King Stephen and Empress Maud. Before, during and after the plot per se, we wonder at this mysterious lurking leper, hiding his rotted white face behind a blue veil. Who is he and why does he show up at St. Giles just before a controversial wedding? Coincidence or considered plan? Why does he slip away before savoring the gratitude of those he has saved? A ripping good yarn, but from Peters--the master of medieval murder and women's roles--we expect no less.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good one
Von Atheen
I enjoy a good murder mystery, especially of the "who dunit" type, of which this is one. I have been a follower of the Cadfael character since first seeing one of the mysteries on the PBS series, which definitely brought the entire time period vividly to life. I am also a history buff, and although my area of specialty is ancient history, I did study medieval as part of my program. Family tradition also suggests that the title to the Earldom of Chester was declined twice by recent ancestors (grandfather and great grandfather) and so the references to the doings of the wily and untrustworthy Earl in the Cadfael series is enjoyable. This volume is one of my favorites, despite the fact that I already suspected the outcome well before the end of the book. The poignancy of the solution particularly affecting. The language and historical setting of the times, the social mores and attitudes of the characters are all enjoyable, and the plot is well woven. The personality and personal history of the main character--which are elaborated upon in this volume--are particularly engaging. Definitely worth reading on a quiet evening.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great blend of character, mystery and romance.
Von Norm
Brother Cadfael is less in control in this story as the grand daughter of a revered Crusader is nearly married against her will to an aristocrat who ends up murdered. Young, foolish love turns into problems through out. The history is fascinating and the Benedictine ministry to the lowest of the low is inspiring. A very enjoyable book!

Kurzbeschreibung
Autumn 1139. Outside the town of Shrewsbury is the infirmary of St Giles. When a member of a wedding party is savagely murdered, the only suspect claims sanctuary within its walls.

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"Successful and gripping . . . Once again Ellis Peters has combined a proper, carefully plotted detective story with a carefully detailed, convincing evocation of medieval life." --The Times Literary Supplement
"There's grey matter under that tonsure and oodles of scholarly medieval info to be gleaned." --The Observer
"Cunningly contrived with a great sense of period detail." --The Yorkshire Post

Werbetext
In his fifth chronicle Brother Cadfael is called away from his herb garden to investigate a savage killing on the eve of a noble wedding.