The Cat Who Ate Danish Modern by Lilian Jackson Braun

Great Bed-Time Mystery...

My Personal Review:
This is a pleasant, well-written book that is interesting enough to keep you reading without being such a pageturner that you're up all night finishing it. It reads quickly because of the writing style and the characters are engaging and interesting -- particularly the cats, KoKo and YumYum. Given how long ago this book was written (its the second in a long series), it has held up very well.
The detective is newspaper journalist Qwilleran, who has been given the unwelcome task of editing a weekly magazine section centered around interior design and showcase homes. Through this, he enters the world of interior designers and some of their wealthy customers. The day after the first issue of the magazine hits the stands, the homeowner whose home was featured is burglarized, losing a very valuable jade collection and a wife. Each attempt to photograph a designer home seems to be equally jinxed, and Qwilleran decides he must solve the first burglary to save the magazine (he has decided he likes his new assignment). With the help of his astonishingly intelligent Siamese cat Ko-Ko, he eventually solves all of the crimes that have taken place in the homes he has showcased in his magazine.
The elapse of thirty plus years since this book was first published have made this book seem perhaps like a little time capsule of life in the late 60s, and there is a certain leisureliness and gentleness about the book. This is not a suspense thriller, and I didn't finding myself caring all that much who did it, but rather enjoyed spending time with Qwilleran, his cats, and his friends.

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