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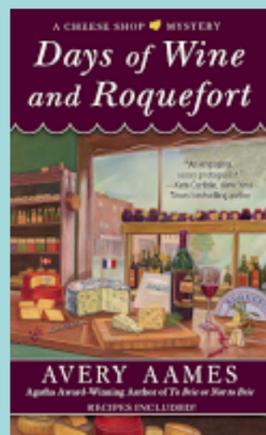
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

Do Bad Feelings Have A Name?

By Rags, the Ragdoll cat

From *Days of Wine and Roquefort*, the 5th in A Cheese Shop Mystery series

By [Avery Aames](#) aka [Daryl Wood Gerber](#)



My human, Charlotte Bessette, has been very sad lately. Her cousin Matthew and his twin girls and my pal Rocket (the French Briard) moved out of the house after Matthew got married, and it's been very quiet here. Of course, Charlotte doesn't like to be idle and she refuses to be sad for long. She has tons of things

she has to fix in the old Victorian home she owns, so she's started in on her to-do list.

She's turned the office upside down. She took away my nice soft carpet and covered my comfy chairs and all the floors with hard blankets. She calls them tarps. She moved the old desk into the garage, and big surprise, she found some paper in a secret drawer. She started crying the moment she found the paper. She calls them letters. She said if she spent too much time reading them, she wouldn't get anything done, so she stored them in a box that burps. She calls it Tupperware.

She lets me watch as she sands the table. I don't like the sound of the sander, but I like watching her when she's quietly buffing one of the legs of the desk. It was an ugly brown color. Painted with icky paint, she told me. It has to come off. Then she's going to make the desk pretty and natural, just like me.

She's also invited a woman to stay in the house. A friend of Matthew's. A sommelier, whatever that is. I think it has to do with wine. She's very nice. I met her. I really liked her boots. I nosed them and the woman said I was the cutest thing ever. However, I have a bad feeling about her coming to visit. I'm not sure what the feeling is. But it's something.

Do you ever get a bad feeling about something but you can't quite put a name to it?



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As part of Killer Characters' "Season's Readings," I'll be picking a winner to receive A CHEESE SHOP

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PS From Rags: The rest of my story will be told in February. But I also want you to know about another story.

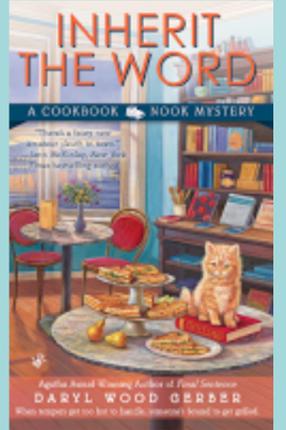
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My Facebook friend, Tigger—he's a ginger cat and lives in Crystal Cove, California with his human, Jenna Hart; she runs a culinary bookshop and café —he has a story to tell in March. Check it out.

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by Daryl Wood Gerber



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Anonymous December 4, 2013 at 1:20 AM

I always thought that everyone at some time or other has a bad feeling about something ---and, I do believe that you should listen to your instinct! Thanks for thinking of us!
lynn@tangledyarn.com

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:36 AM

Lynn, thanks for chiming in! Listen to your instinct. Yes, I agree.

Rags for Charlotte & her author Avery

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G-J December 4, 2013 at 1:24 AM

Absolutely I get bad feelings! However, I think animals are more instinctive than people and we should pay more attention to their reactions than we do.
rackate@sbcglobal.net

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:37 AM

G-J, I like your style of thinking.

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Karen B December 4, 2013 at 1:48 AM

Yes, of course! It's like all my senses go on alert and I don't want to move.

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:40 AM

Oh, but Karen, you have to move. To avoid danger.

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Ilk10 retired December 4, 2013 at 2:43 AM

I agree that most everyone has a bad feeling about something at one time. For me, it has been about person I knew I shouldn't date.

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:44 AM

Lynette, beware of dates. They might have pits. (That's a cat joke.) :)

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bloggingmom December 4, 2013 at 6:17 AM

I agree that you should always go with your gut feelings. garczynski (at) aol (dot) com.

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:45 AM

Hi, b-mom. Thanks for sharing.

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Dianne B. December 4, 2013 at 7:06 AM

Yes, I've had that some thing bad is going to happen feeling on more than one occasion. One time it was before I had surgery and I ended up having emergency surgery about 24 hrs after my first surgery. Most recently, I had this feeling that we weren't going to get to go on our much anticipated vacation trip. Celebrity cruises cancelled our cruise and we didn't get to go anywhere. dbahn@iw.net

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:46 AM

Aw, Dianne B, so sorry. But maybe not going on the cruise was for the best. Who knows what else might have happened. Hope you got to read a good book at home.

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Booklady December 4, 2013 at 8:20 AM

I agree that animals are more intuitive, but I've had the bad feeling before too. My Granny had a real gift for it. She always knew when one of her kids was in trouble - no matter how far away there were.

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:47 AM

Booklady, grandmothers can be quite special, don't you think? I love Charlotte's grandmother, Grandmère. She isn't that into me, but I still intend to win her over. :)

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Elaine Ellen December 4, 2013 at 8:29 AM

Ooohhh, I wonder why Rags has a bad feeling! Uh oh! And yes, I have had that bad feeling that I couldn't explain before.

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:48 AM

Elaine, you're wondering? I'm wondering, too. Something bad this way comes...

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Patricia Marie December 4, 2013 at 8:43 AM

I woke up in the middle of the night last week and emailed my daughter to check on her...at 3:30 am. She was sleeping and safe and didn't respond until 5:30 am. I, however, didn't sleep well until after she responded. By the way, Rags, you are my FAVORITE breed of cat!! I have been trying for three years to persuade the male human in the house that we can't live without one of you. I am not giving up!

TypingOneHanded (at) gmail (dot) com

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:49 AM

Patricia (typing one handed), my breed is a very wonderful breed. We are loving and devoted and we can drape across your shoulders to sleep. Charlotte finds that comforting.

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Anonymous December 4, 2013 at 8:46 AM

Any book with animals is a good book for me! grammyd01 (at) Comcast (dot) net

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:50 AM

Hi, GrammyD,

Thanks. I hope you've met my new friend, Tigger, then. He's in The Cookbook Nook mysteries and he is adored by his human, Jenna.

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Carol B December 4, 2013 at 9:24 AM

I do know about the bad feelings, and I agree that animals are even better at sensing "bad vibes" than humans could ever be! (Not that I would call you an animal, Rags. No offense intended) I love the Cheese Shop series, and so does my 92 (almost 93) year-old mother! We have all four out. I've read all of them, and she has read the first three so far. We are anxiously awaiting the fifth one! lovesdogsandbooks (at) yahoo (dot) com

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:50 AM

Aw, Carol B, nicest words every. So glad you're loving my stories. Oops, I mean, Charlotte's stories.

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Libby Dodd December 4, 2013 at 9:26 AM

The cat in the photo is stunning! libbydodd@comcast.net

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Avery Aames aka Daryl Wood Gerber December 4, 2013 at 9:52 AM

Thanks, Libby. He looks just like the Ragdoll of a friend of mine. A very handsome breed.

[This post from Avery herself.] :)

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Ann H. December 4, 2013 at 9:33 AM

Your book sounds interesting! I'm new to this website (have lost my mystery connections since losing Google Reader:(I look forward to reading more!

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:53 AM

Welcome, Ann! Hope you'll stop by every day. We have new authors, new characters daily! It's a ton of fun. Some of my best friends show up and share their concerns.

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SandyG265 December 4, 2013 at 9:43 AM

I think everyone has a bad feeling about something at least once.
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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:54 AM

Sandy, I agree.

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PoCoKat December 4, 2013 at 9:45 AM

Yes, and when I feel uneasy about something I don't do it.
littleone AT shaw DOT ca

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 9:54 AM

PoCoKat, you don't take the risk? I wish you'd tell my human about that. She takes risks, but only when someone she loves is involved.

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Laura December 4, 2013 at 9:51 AM

Everyone has bad, or rather, foreboding feelings at one time or another.

I love the itty bitty kitty, Tigger.

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MYSTERY - your choice!"

Your choice of A Cheese Shop Mystery or no A Cheese Shop Mystery? My choice between those two is A Cheese Shop Mystery. :)

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 10:00 AM

Laura, thanks for giving a shoutout to my pal, Tigger.

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Dorothy Parker December 4, 2013 at 10:02 AM

Rags, I get that bad feeling all the time. I call it a hangover. Take some catnip and call me in the morning. Best of luck!

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Rags, the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 12:17 PM

Dorothy, ha-ha. Catnip. Will do. What's your number?

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Linda A. Thompson-Ditch December 4, 2013 at 11:01 AM

I hate those bad feelings! I always hope they will be about something simple, like a recipe didn't turn out as planned or the newspaper wasn't delivered. However, I think your bad feeling may be about something big. Just a guess. ;-)

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 12:18 PM

Linda, I think your guess might be right. (Kitty grumble)

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Carol M December 4, 2013 at 11:22 AM

That has happened to me often. Sometimes I don't listen to my feelings when I should have. One time we were in a store and I wanted to leave. Something just didn't feel right to me but my husband wouldn't go. Then the store was robbed and his wallet was taken!

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 12:19 PM

Yipes, Carol, that sounds scary. I definitely wouldn't go to that store again.

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Donna E December 4, 2013 at 12:19 PM

Yes, I get bad feelings about things. Sometimes, it comes to pass - but, usually, nothing comes of it. I think I have a bit of a pessimistic nature and think the worst. And yet, at the same time, I know everything will turn out ok.

I will be interested in how the feeling Rags has turns out.
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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 6:08 PM

Donna, I don't like to think I'm pessimistic. How about optimistic with a good gut instinct? :) I'll let everyone know how this turns out, okay?

Thanks.
Rags for Charlotte & her author Avery

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Katreader December 4, 2013 at 12:54 PM

Yes, Rags, I do sometimes get bad feelings about things. I look forward to hearing more of your story-and Tiggers as well!!
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Rags the Ragdoll Cat December 4, 2013 at 6:08 PM

Thanks, Kat! It seems we're all in this together, doesn't it?

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Anonymous December 4, 2013 at 1:24 PM

Well I am a big fan of mystery books, especially cozy ones and yes I have experienced that feeling that something is not quite right. I have to confess when I am reading a book, and really getting into it sometimes I have said out loud "no, don't go in there!" My family laughs at me but hey, what do you expect from an avid mystery reader?

Linda M in Oregon

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 6:09 PM

Linda, I've done the same. Don't go in there. Turn on the light! Of course, humans don't seem to be able to hear me. Go figure.

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Susie R December 4, 2013 at 3:52 PM

Our barn cats always seem to be good judges of character - I am sure you are the same.

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Rags the Ragdoll cat December 4, 2013 at 6:09 PM

Susie, I like barn cats. I've met quite a few.

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Maureen December 4, 2013 at 5:03 PM

I have gotten bad feelings and sometimes they turn out right but mostly they are wrong.

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Rags December 4, 2013 at 6:10 PM

Maureen, well, that's good to know. Maybe bad feelings are just that. Premonitions that don't come to pass. Here's hoping.
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Katherine Ivan December 4, 2013 at 5:10 PM

Yes, occasionally I get a sense of foreboding but in my case it's only a touch of paranoia. Rather than having to rely on my oblivious gut to preclude negative things from happening, I sometimes feel as though I'm being protected by an unseen force ... fate, if you will, making me a few minutes late by creating a run in a stocking so that I'm not the one who gets rear-ended on the freeway. On the other hand, I do get GOOD feelings about some things and trust those instincts (e.g., flying cross-country to visit a person with whom I'd only interacted via Internet/phone and being positive that I'd return safely home).

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Rags December 4, 2013 at 6:11 PM

Katherine, wow, you did that? You met someone cross country? Wow! That would scare me to pieces. And yet, I did like Charlotte the moment I set eyes on her. Tigger felt the same way about Jenna.

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mariehahn13 December 4, 2013 at 5:30 PM

Who doesn't get that feeling?! I start questioning everything and then get paranoid... it's silly :) But sometimes I'm right! :)

Thank you for sharing today and for a great giveaway! :)

songbird1613 at yahoo dot com

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Rags December 4, 2013 at 6:12 PM

Marie, don't feel paranoid. I think it is natural, based upon all the things I've read today.

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Jodi Webb December 4, 2013 at 8:35 PM

My teens would call me lame but I LOVE a book with a cat in it.

webbJM@verizon.net

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Jerry Veneziano December 4, 2013 at 8:45 PM

Yep, and when I ignore that feeling, it invariably comes back to bite me.

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kiki w December 4, 2013 at 8:54 PM

I have learn to take notice when I get that feeling.

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ellie December 4, 2013 at 10:17 PM

Oh I absolutely have had a bad feeling about certain situations. And often it's proved true.

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mskayz December 4, 2013 at 10:58 PM

I have gotten "a bad feeling" about situations or people before. I do believe in the sixth sense. khzarrugh at gmail dot com

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Kuzlin December 6, 2013 at 9:10 AM

Years ago I passed a traffic accident on the way to work and had a bad feeling about it. When I got to work, I received a phone call from my parents that they were one of the cars involved in the accident, but that no one was injured. Thanks for the giveaway opportunity. kuzlin(at)aol(dot)com

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Connie December 6, 2013 at 11:10 AM

I have had bad feelings about certain situations in the past. This is probably because it just isn't a good idea and it's hard to change someone else's mind. Therefore, you go with it and hope for the best!

conniecape@aol.com

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Robyn December 9, 2013 at 10:58 AM

I absolutely love this series! I have read them all and am anxiously awaiting Days of Wine and Roquefort. I sometimes get bad feelings about loved ones, hoping they don't come true. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to win! Robyn areewekidding@yahoo.com

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