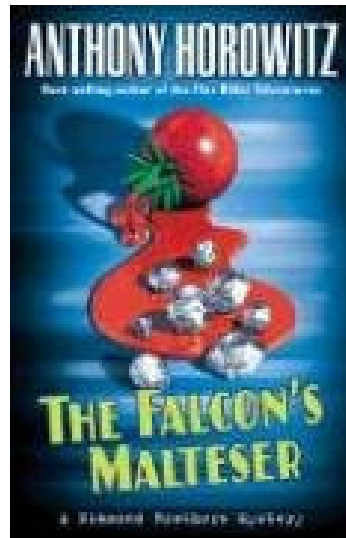


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Die Diamond Brothers sind eine miserable Detektivagentur, wobei der ältere Bruder Herbert Tim (ein erfolgloser Polizist) eindeutig dümmer ist als sein kleiner Bruder Nick, der erst 13 ist. Die Eltern leben in Australien und die beiden mehr schlecht als recht in London. Als der kleinwüchsige Johnny Naples ihnen eine Packung Malteser Schokolade anvertraut (in denen natürlich Diamanten versteckt sind) und kurz darauf stirbt, muss Nick das Ganze in die Hand nehmen, da seinem Bruder die Intelligenz fehlt, um diesen komplizierten Fall zu lösen.

Merkwürdige Gestalten tummeln sich in dem Buch: Gott und Himmel, The Fat Man, Lauren Bacardi, Beatrice von Falkenberg. Am Ende erhalten sie einen erdnussgroßen Diamanten

Empfehlung: ab Klasse 8 (gute Schüler) als Einzellektüre

Reading for Pleasure

DIAMOND-
TRAFALGAR SQUARE. 1.00 P.M. BE THERE.
The Fat Man.
'Who the hell is the Fat Man?' I asked.
'The Fat Man ... Herbert muttered. His face had gone a sort of cheesy white and his mouth was hanging open. The last time I had seen him look like that was when he found a spider in the bath.
'Who is he?'
Herbert was tugging at the letter. It tore in half.
'The Fat Man is about the biggest criminal in England,' he croaked.
'You mean... the fattest?'
'No. The biggest. He's involved in everything. Burglary, armed robbery, fraud, arson, armed burglary.. You name it, he's behind it.'
'How do you know?' I asked.
'From when I was a policeman, ' Herbert explained. 'Every crook has a file at New Scotland Yard. But the Fat Man has a whole library. He's clever. Nobody's ever been able to arrest him. Not once. A traffic cop once gave him a parking ticket. They found her a week later, embedded in concrete, part of the M6 highway. Nobody tangles with the Fat Man. He's death.'
Herbert pressed the two halves of the letter together as if he could magically restore them. Personally, I was more puzzled than afraid. Okay- so there was this master criminal called the Fat man. But what could he want with a loser like Herbert? Obviously, it had to do something with the dwarf's mysterious package. (S.14f)