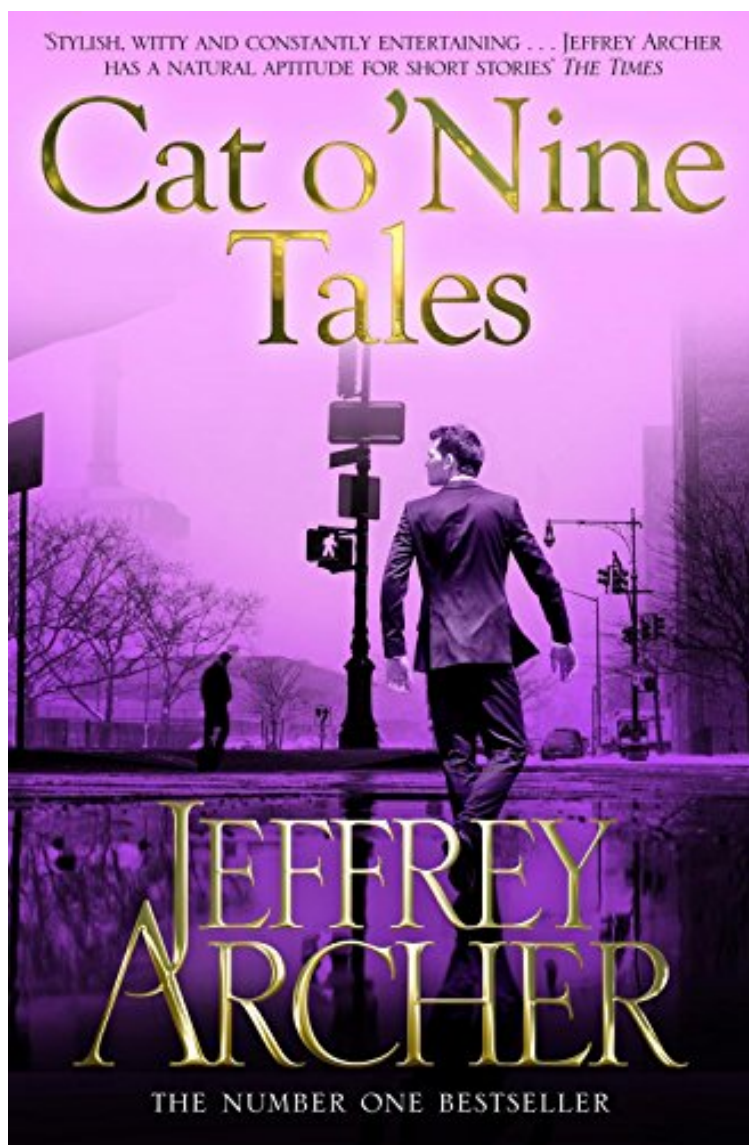


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Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurCat O' Nine Tales is the fifth collection of irresistible short stories from the master storyteller Jeffrey Archer, illustrated by the internationally acclaimed artist, Ronald Searle, creator of Molesworth. These twelve yarns are satisfying and ingeniously plotted, featuring richly drawn characters and Jeffrey Archer's trademark deliciously unexpected conclusions. They feature the mad, the bad and the dangerous to know, as well as more poignant and telling characters. As a collection they confirm his position as one of the best storytellers alive today. From Publishers WeeklyStarred . Bestseller Archer (Kane Abel) put his time in prison to fine literary use, as evidenced by the 12 stellar entries in his fifth story collection, nine of which are based on tales he heard from fellow inmates while incarcerated. Three others he composed after his release. Highlights include "Maestro," in which a restaurant owner finds a way to launder money so

that the tax man can't collect; "The Man Who Robbed His Own Post Office," about a hardworking couple who steal from their own business rather than see it all taken from them; and "It Can't Be October Already," in which a man uses the system to beat the system. The economy and precision of Archer's prose never fails to delight. The criminal doesn't always get away with his crime and justice doesn't always prevail, but the reader wins with each and every story. Drawings by the inimitable Ronald Searle are a bonus. (June) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile Nine of the twelve Cat o Nine tales are based on stories that author Jeffrey Archer heard while in prison. Anton Lessers unembellished voice mirrors many of Archers criminals, who are ordinary folk struggling to avoid bankruptcy or paying taxes. Unfortunately, the stories themselves end up sounding ordinary and bogged down with the mundane details of the criminals at hand. After several stories, Lesser finds his stride. At this point, he begins to act rather than merely read, bringing to life an impoverished deviant who seeks out winter jail terms to avoid cold weather. Sadly, few other characters in the book sound as charming, leaving the listener wondering if truth really is stranger than fiction. J.T. AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine