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Greenwich Village coffee shop manager and amateur sleuth Clare Cosi is faced with her most perilous mystery yet in *Latte Trouble*, the third Coffeehouse Mystery by Cleo Coyle (*On What Grounds* and *Through the Grinder*).

It's Fashion Week in New York City -- and Clare's shop, the historic Village Blend, is the location of a prestigious insider's party for loyal customer and iconic designer Lottie Harmon, who is about to launch a collection of coffee-inspired accessories aptly named Java Jewelry. But the event, which is attended by the city's most zealous fashionistas, goes terribly wrong when a customer is poisoned and dies from cyanide in his latte. A barista, who coincidentally was recently dumped by the victim, is arrested and charged with murder. But Clare knows in her heart that her employee is innocent and begins to investigate the people surrounding the enigmatic Lottie Harmon. When Clare uncovers a scheme to blackmail one of Lottie's business partners and then that partner suddenly turns up dead, she knows that there is trouble brewing.

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Jenene says

Another mystery solved by Clare Cosi! Love this series!

Amber says

Okay, these books are seriously not good. So many loose ends and horrible character development. The author(s) definitely ignore the writing pro-tip against using stereotypes and for the last time I do not care about Clare's ample bosom. Why do I read these?

Debbie says

I really enjoy this series, but a caution....YOU WILL DRINK LOTS OF COFFEE.

Leah says

This was an interesting mystery. I was surprised by the way things played out. I also liked the fashion parts of the story. The coffee parts were still my favorite, though. Also, the characters were more likeable in this book. Except Quinn, but he wasn't often in this book.

Toni (T.C.) LoTempio says

OMG one of the best. I absolutely did not see that twist at the end! Have I said how much i love this series????????????????

Darinda says

The 3rd book in the Coffeehouse mystery series by Cleo Coyle. Clare manages Vintage Blend coffeehouse and sometimes uses her amateur sleuthing skills to solve crimes. The latest mystery is a death by poison at the coffeehouse. One of Clare's employees is accused of the crime, but Clare believes him to be innocent.

A light and entertaining mystery. There is a lot of coffee talk in this book, but I enjoyed that part of the story. Clare's ex-husband needs to take a hike, but otherwise it's a good read.

rebecca says

This is the 3rd book in the Coffeehouse Mystery series and, I think, significantly better than the first two. The first volume was trying too hard to be a mystery/romance and the romance bits were slightly over the top and awkward. It felt a bit like it had been composed by committee, so it wasn't much of a surprise to learn that "Cleo Coyle" is the pen name for a husband and wife writing duo. Unlike Clare Cosi, the romantically confused, but endearing main character in the series, the couple who write the books seem to have worked out some of their (writing)relationship issues and the 3rd book in the series has better dialogue and a more interesting plot. Plus, although there's still lots of coffee-talk and digressions into the merits of various beans and roasts and recipes, but it's more organic, interesting, and feels less like schtick.

I probably wouldn't have read past the 1st book in the series, had I not picked up the 2nd volume at the same time. The 2nd volume was enough of an improvement that I picked up the 3rd, although I wasn't in a rush to get to it. Perhaps the coffeehouse mysteries have hit their stride, I'm now actually looking forward to reading the next one to find out.

Book Concierge says

From the book jacket To Clare Cosi's surprise, this fall's hottest fashion trend is anything caffeinated – because designer Lottie Harmon, a loyal coffeehouse customer, has just created an ingenious collection of coffee-inspired fashion accessories. So naturally, Lottie chooses the Village Blend as the perfect backdrop for fall Fashion Week insiders to view her new line of "Java Jewelry." When barista Tucker unwittingly serves a poisonous latte to a prominent figure on the fashion scene, Clare suspects that the real target may have been Lottie. Now she must protest her business from negative publicity, Lottie from further danger, and Tucker from murder charges.

My reactions

Book three in the Coffee House series is fast, entertaining, and enjoyable. I figured out the culprit way before Clare (or the police), but it was still fun watching them work through the clues. As always, Coyle includes some interesting tidbits about coffee, which I liked (even though these segues detracted from the plot).

What I didn't like so much was the on-again-off-again relationship with Clare's ex, Matteo. I'm sure Coyle included it to add some sexual tension, but I thought it was totally unnecessary.

Still, on the whole this is a quick, fun, cozy mystery.

Amanda says

Meh.

Sarah Sammis says

I figured it out about 3/4 through but that's okay. Still a fun read.

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JK I'm Exploring says

This series just isn't holding my interest anymore. I find myself rolling my eyes at the main character's naive way too often. Probably won't continue.

Amma says

Although I enjoy the detailed information about coffee making and the coffee industry, I do not need all the details provided about various New York landmarks (boring).

Jennifer says

The third book in the Coffeehouse Mystery series.

I don't know what it is about these books. I avoid reading them. I like them while I am reading them - but once I finish it I have this aversion to them again. It's really weird. Maybe it's the New York attitude in the books that I find so off putting - I don't know. All I can tell you is that I enjoy them when I read them - but when I go to pick up the next book I seem to put a bunch of other books in front of it and I feel like I am "breaking down and reading" rather than "oooh - I get to read this next!" Weird.

muhammedallia says

This book was quaintly dated with the references to a google search with only 1 return. I thought one of the mysterious parts of it was a little bit beyond verisimilitude, and there is a love branch I don't care for but it was still a fun read. Easy, enjoyable setting.

Erin *Proud Book Hoarder* says

I'm really digging the Coffeehouse mystery series. Once I got past the almost textbook feel of the first with coffee instructions, the snuck bit of coffee lore keeps me entertained in between awkward situations for the heroine Clare.

This time it involves fashion week, where the most implausible part of the story isn't the murder, but a coffee-lined accessory and clothing trend becoming famous. Clare's amusing and loyal barrista has the finger unreasonably pointed at him by annoying new police detectives, so of course Clare must do all she can to find out who the real culprit is. That isn't that easy since the author put down a layered and tricky foundation. There's some turns and things to keep you on your toes, with or without the added caffeine.

Despite the clever mystery plotting, this one is only a 3 star of the series. Clare is sometimes a bit too careless, but she's still an enjoyable heroine. I like the realistic situations she faces with her independent daughter Joy and the back-and-forth strange relationship with her ex husband, Matteo. Madame as the mother-in-law is fun as always, if not a little stereotypical.

Quinn...I had him pegged for a strong and intense love interest eventually but really he's rather boring now. He almost comes across a little emo and I just don't sense strong enough interest. Maybe it's because I'm rarely in the mood for the soon-to-be divorced drama or the child custody angst. Not every relationship has to be fun and light, but I don't want depressing downers like that every time the two characters talk.

The ending brings out a creative culprit and not someone I would have suspected. They kind of pop up as a possibility later but it was a twist. A well done mystery that's lackings oem of the personal fun and charm of the previous two.
