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Nothing exciting ever happens in the small town of Belhaven, Michigan. Nothing that is, until a body was found in the woods behind the local elementary school.

With the entire town in an uproar, "Garden Girl" Gloria Rutherford makes it her personal mission to find the killer or killers and solve the mystery with some help from her friends.

With a little amateur detective work, Gloria is able to uncover enough clues that point right to the murderer.

She's about to discover, however, things aren't always as clear cut as they would appear.

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## From Reader Review Who Murdered Mr. Malone? for online ebook

### Jennifer Widmer says

#### Just ehhh

This book wasn't fantastic. The plot idea was a great one and I think with a little more polishing it could be a great book it's just not there yet.

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### Sally Hannoush says

I love the idea of forming a club with friends. This is the first book in the series. It has some bible verses in it so if that offends you, you may not want to read this. But it really was entertaining. I can't picture my own mother snooping around like Gloria and her friends are. They find clues, a threat, and going to the police seemed like the right thing to do- but was it? I wonder about the barn- will we ever know? The killer is caught and new friends are made. Recipe included.

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### Sherry Cross says

#### Good clean fun

Who Murdered Mr. Malone? is a fast reading cozy mystery. It has a rather simplistic plot with some twists along the way, and a group of widowed grannies who poke around and solve mysteries. One, Gloria, is determined to be the one who finds the killer, and incongruously discovers major clues and evidence overlooked by the crime scene investigators. Still, detaching momentarily from reality, the reader is provided with a few hours of entertainment. Alas, you must read the next in the series to find out who the real killer is.

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### Vicki says

It is such fun to meet Gloria and her friends. The book starts out with Gloria finding herself looking for clues at the scene of the local abandoned school. She and her friends keep turning up clues even after the crime scene had left. Jill, Gloria's daughter is keeping tabs on her mother and Gloria wants no part of Jill's plans for her.

This is a fun read with lively and intelligent characters.

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### Lisa Morin says

#### A quick, fun story

This series is great to read. Gloria is a great character and I'm enjoying meeting all her friends in the Garden

Girls Club.

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### **Brenda Dickenson says**

**A good Saturday read. Just put your feet up and enjoy!**

Gloria is a widow, and her friends think she is depressed, but really she is just bored. When she spots the police at a crime scene her curiosity gets to her. Gloria waits until the next day though to act, but when she reads in the paper of a murder she tells her friends what she saw and then goes looking on her own. A piece of evidence she finds becomes the factor that leads her to become involved in the investigation and puts her in danger. Her faith gives her strength throughout her ordeal. A good Christian mystery that was fun and hard to put down. Enjoy!

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### **Kim Dennis says**

Really 2.5 stars. This book had a lot of potential, but it kind of fell flat towards the end. When I first started it, it reminded me of the Culinary Mystery series by Jody Kilpack. It was cute and there were a couple of things that made me laugh out loud. However, the crime was resolved much earlier in the story than I was expecting. (I think there were two chapters left after the big reveal.) Because it "ended" so early, I kept expecting that it was wrong and there would be more plot as I kept reading. While it didn't end on a cliffhanger, (which I appreciate), there were things left unresolved, that I'm sure will show up in the next book, but I just didn't quite like it. There was also a short chapter from the killer's perspective that to me seemed to foreshadow something, but I didn't ever really figure out what that was. I rounded up to 3 stars because I liked the book enough to read the next book in the series.

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### **Holly says**

This is a good Christian cozy mystery, first book in a new series. As a first book, it took a couple chapters to introduce the characters and the story. Gloria is 60 - ish and bored. A man dies in their small hometown. Gloria and her friends, The Garden Girls, poke around and inadvertently find some clues. I like that she has common sense regarding the police & the investigation. I am looking forward to more Garden Girls books. I actually read many of the Cruise Ship mysteries by Hope Callaghan and in book #6 the Garden Girls take a cruise and meet the characters in the Cruise Ship series. What a fun idea! I love the Cruise Ship series and am looking forward to more of the Garden Girls series.

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### **Cheryl says**

Cute, clean, cozy mystery.

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### **Star says**

I am glad that the setting was in Michigan, as I used to live there. The main character, Gloria, is sweet and likable. It was refreshing to read all the mentions of God, church, prayer, and biblical references. I would recommend this mystery to those that enjoy clean, Christian cozies

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### **Mary says**

Gloria has become a little bored, living alone in her old farmhouse after the death of her husband. When an unexpected murder happens in her little town, she gets her friends together to try and solve the murder. This is a Christian cozy mystery that I thoroughly enjoyed. Will definitely reading more by this author.

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### **Mary says**

This was the first of my 2016 August Serial books to read. I have read many of Hope Callaghan books over the past few weeks and I cannot seem to get enough of them. She is a wonderful author and does a great job with cozy mysteries!

They are all Christian based and all the characters attend Church which is something I enjoy reading.

In this series, we meet Gloria Rutherford who lives in Belhaven, Michigan, a small town where everyone knows everyone and knows what everyone is doing and they know what is going on at all times. So when a dead body is found in the woods behind the old elementary school, everyone knows about it before it is mentioned in the paper or on the TV news.

Gloria just happens to be driving by the school as the police are trying to move the body from the woods, so she tells her friends what she knows.

Gloria and her 4 friends decide that it is time to form an exclusive club to share their fruits and veggies from their gardens to shut ins so they decide to be called the Garden Girls. They deliver their goods to shut-ins on Sundays after Church.

Gloria also decides that she wants to investigate who the dead person was in the woods and who killed him. So, she and her best friend Lucy decide to visit the crime scene.

Of course, they get too involved and the police have to warn them to stay away, but that does not keep them from spying. Gloria meets Paul Kennedy a police officer who she finds very interesting.

The book is well written and keeps you interested until the end and kept me interested enough to get into the next in the series. I have the first three in the series and hope to read all of the books.

I have fallen in love with Hope Callaghan and all of her characters! I can't wait to get back to them!

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### **Sojourner McConnell says**

Fun read. I sure like Gloria and the other ladies in this book. They are nosy and witty.

## **Sheri says**

Who Murdered Mr. Malone? (The Garden Girls #1) by Hope Callaghan

Gloria Rutherford just started her "Garden Girls" club. Soon A body is found behind the Elementary School in Belhaven Michigan. Gloria decides she is going to try to find out who the killer is. With the help of her Garden Club friends they are going to find answers, and hope to reveal a murderer.

Gloria and her friends are delightful (older) ladies. They seem like a fun bunch of ladies to hang with. The plot moves swift, the story has some laugh out loud moments, drama, and mystery. Overall I feel those who like a good cozy mystery will enjoy Who Murdered Mr. Malone?.

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## **Linda Rainey says**

### **Older women rock !!!**

I loved this story about Gloria and her friends , who worked to solve a mystery with the Lord's guidance. Gloria and her friends are seniors that have a social club and visit shut ins.

The story was full of suspense, funny at times and gives good examples of how you can have fun after retirement.

I hope to read more books by this author.

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