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It's the holiday season, and the mood in Winsome is anything but jolly...

Megan Sawyer is determined to farm year-round. She's braving a December snowstorm after pitching her greenhouse greens to Philadelphia chefs when she sees a stranger stranded on the side of the road. It's Merry Chance's niece Becca, who's headed to Winsome to sell her "love potions" at holiday events—or so she thinks.

Merry has an ulterior motive in inviting her niece to Winsome, but Merry's plan to reunite Becca with her estranged father goes awry when Becca's father turns up dead. Megan soon realizes that Becca was not the only person in Winsome who despised her father. When Megan's aunt, the famous mystery author, is implicated through her novels, things become personal. Megan must follow the literary clues while sifting through the victim's sordid past, but can she uncover the truth before someone else in Winsome is murdered?

"Tyson's first-rate second Greenhouse mystery stars big-city lawyer turned small-town organic farmer Megan Sawyer, a kind, intelligent, and spirited woman with great integrity. In short, she's the sort of person cozy readers warm to and root for...Tyson populates the cast with a smug-but-attractive PR consultant, a temperamental-but-gifted chef, a shrewd and sexy Scottish vet, and assorted townspeople, whose motives are complex and believable. It's a pleasure to spend time in their company." – Publishers Weekly (starred review on Bitter Harvest)

## Seeds of Revenge Details

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### Mark Baker says

When Megan Sawyer sees a woman stranded during a winter storm, she offers her a ride to town. The woman is Becca, who is coming to Winsome to spend the upcoming Christmas holiday with her aunt. However, when she goes to drop off Becca, Megan witnesses a confrontation between Becca and her very estranged father, Paul. When Paul dies a few days later, Becca quickly becomes the chief suspect. But Megan thinks there is more to his death, especially since it mirrors an unusual death in one of Megan's aunt Sarah's books. Is the killer using the book to send a message?

The Christmas setting is in contrast to the plot of this book. In fact, it makes it seem darker as a result. This is a plot that will stay with you for a while after you are done. Little things that appear to mean nothing come into clearer focus when we reach the climax of the tightly plotted story. I enjoyed seeing the returning characters again, but the new characters really steal the show. They are very strong, even Paul, which is unusual for a murder victim.

NOTE: I received a copy of this book.

Read my full review at Carstairs Considers.

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### Kathleen says

"Seeds of Revenge" earns 5/5 Vials of the Sweet Aroma of...Revenge!

I am very aware of the countless rave reviews for Wendy Tyson's Greenhouse Mystery series, and am thrilled to finally join in with others to voice my excitement. Although I started with the third book, I never felt at a loss with the backstory or character connections. Wendy brings us Megan Sawyer who had given up her Chicago-based law career for the peace and quiet Winsome, Pennsylvania, helping to open a store and café featuring products from Washington Acres, her grandmother's organic farm. Along with the ins and outs of farming and running a business, she also falls into various murders and during the subsequent investigations she is assisted by her grandmother Bibi, friends, novice Police Chief Bobby King, and the hunky Scottish vet turned boyfriend Daniel "Denver" Finn.

I very much enjoyed "Seeds of Revenge," more a cozy with an edge. I was immediately hooked with Megan's character as she starts off by acting the good samaritan and picking up a stranded motorist on the side of the road during a terrible winter storm. We meet Becca Fox, the niece of Winsome favorite Merry Chance, who is setting up her business in her aunt's nursery for the upcoming Christmas holidays. Becca is The Love Chemist, who makes naturally scent love potions using pheromones, what she calls the magic ingredient. Dropping Becca off at Merry's home Megan is shocked at Becca's reaction upon seeing Paul, her estranged father. She is extremely agitated, not wanting to have anything to do with him, and accusing him of having murdered her mother. Sure many families have conflicts and misunderstandings, but when Paul is found dead, Becca is still the number one suspect. And when she shows signs of mental instability, law enforcement believes it is an open and shut case...Megan's not so sure, of course, the subsequent investigation is very well written and clever, an engaging page-turner: Fox family secrets, connections to the Sawyer family, multiple murders, along with issues surrounding the farm and navigating through the relationship with Denver. I loved it! There's always something extra, too, Gardening Tips and a delicious easy-to-follow recipe.

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### **Taryn says**

In this third book of the series Megan has her greenhouses set up to produce vegetables throughout the cold winter, she is out contacting restaurants hoping to add some new contracts to her ever growing business. When coming home from one of her selling trips she comes across a person stuck on the side of the road, it turns out to be Becca the niece of one of the locals, Mary Chance. When Megan drops off Becca at her aunts house things get a bit dicey. Becca sees her father a man she can't stand and the person to whom she blames for the death of her mother. When Becca's father is later found dead everyone looks toward the daughter first. Megan soon realizes that there were quite a few people that didn't like the man and the suspect list grows from one to many, her author aunt being among them. Is her aunt the killer or was it the daughter? Can Megan find the truth before she ends up as a victim? Who had the most to gain by killing? Was he as bad as some are making him out to be? Find the answer to these questions and more by diving into this well plotted mystery. The authors progression of Megan from book one to three has shown her truly growing as a character, especially one I would like to know better. Her romantic relationship has been moving forward in a realistic fashion along with her relationships with family and friends, this makes for a more relatable character which I always appreciate. I can't wait to see what is in store next for Megan and the town of Winsome.

I received at ARC of this book, all thoughts and opinions are my own.

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### **Brenda says**

I read an e book ARC from Henery Press through Net Galley.

The town and people of Winsome Pennsylvania are the connecting threads in the Greenhouse Mystery series centered on Megan Sawyer, her Grandmother Bonnie aka Bibi and their Washington Acres Farm and Cafe.

Book 3 features Merry Chase, owner of the garden nursery, and the return of her extended family; Paul, Luke and Becca Fox.

Megan is drawn into the drama when Becca is suspected of murdering her father, Paul.

Megan's relationship with Denver Finn and her Aunt Sarah move forward helping Megan to overcome her difficult past.

Looking forward to book 4!

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### **LORI CASWELL says**

Dollycas's Thoughts

The “seeds of revenge” are planted deep within this mystery. Megan Sawyer, being the good person she is rescues a stranded motorist in the middle of a blizzard. She delivers Becca Fox right to her aunt’s door. Becca plans to sell her “love potions” at her aunt’s nursery over the holidays. Things are frosty upon her arrival as she meets her father, the man she holds responsible for her mother’s death, on her aunt’s front porch. Becca is upset about the collusion between the two. Megan finds herself in icy straights when the man is found dead. Not only is Becca a suspect but in a remarkable twist so is her own aunt, the famous mystery author. Megan has no choice but the dig in to the investigation putting herself on the killer’s hit list. It doesn’t matter if she has been naughty or nice, this could be her last Christmas in Winsome.

I have heard of love potions including the famous Love Potion #9, but I had never heard of a Love Chemist. Becca Fox has an interesting little business but she has hasn’t had it easy since her mother died. She believes her father killed her mother and she has not had anything to do with him since. She has a brother but he does not hold the same beliefs about their father. Megan is drawn to her and so was I. Becca is a complicated character and Ms. Tyson has really brought her to life in this story.

Bibi, Megan’s grandmother, reminds me so much of my own grandmother and mother. A hard working woman determined to get to the truth no matter what. She is also one to not hold her tongue. She will tell you her opinions and thoughts on virtually any subject as woman of that generation tends to do. She warms my heart.

I also love Scottish vet, Daniel “Denver” Finn and the direction of his relationship with Megan. It is fun to see this relationship grow.

The pacing of this book is different. I felt the story was unfolding at a comfortable pace, the clues were being uncovered and I was right there with Megan the entire way, engaged and captivated. The ending was a total surprise. Then I looked up and realized I had read the entire book in one sitting and faster than I had read a book in a very long time. Truly is was a fast pace story but not once did anything feel rushed or glossed over. The author delivered a truly fantastic read. I never once looked for a stopping place or even thought about putting the book down.

The characters are well defined and the mystery was exceptional. A cozy mystery with a bit of an edge and I loved it!! It was a trip to Paradise, a chilly escape in the winter but Paradise nonetheless.

You will want to start this series from the beginning and get to know the characters from the start. I am anxiously awaiting and excited for my next trip to Winsome.

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## **Betty says**

The third book in the Greenhouse mystery series. It is winter time and Megan Sawyer is working to farm year around. A major snow storm occurred while Megan was returning home from a trip to sale here greens to restaurants. She gives a ride to a stranded motorist. This starts a new tale of physiological damage that is connected to her Aunt through her mysteries Megan is determined to find the killer. The twists that the swirl around the tale will keep your attention until you are astonished at the end. Megan's romance with the Scottish vet continues. I recommend this book and series

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## **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

When I read the first book in the Greenhouse Mysteries, A MUDDIED MURDER, I was amazed at how quickly I was hooked. And, again with the second installment, BITER HARVEST. Author Wendy Tyson pulled me in with her easy writing style. You know the kind? Every word she writes belongs in the story. She doesn't "over" describe things or add a bunch of words just to stretch out her word count. Her stories flow across the pages inviting you to drift with them.

With that said, while I loved the plot of SEEDS OF REVENGE, author Tyson went edgier with this book. Her same wonderful writing is there. Her characters are still just as enjoyable, and I still have a wicked crush on the devilish Denver. But parts of this book didn't read "cozy" to me. There is also the use of profanity which I think has no place in a cozy mystery. D\*mn and h\*ll have been showing up more and more in this genre, and while they make me cringe, I manage to overlook them (mostly). But the use of b\*\*\*h and b\*\*\*\*\*d just don't belong. This was a good, strong story, and didn't need the addition of profanity to make it better. Now, if this doesn't bother you, I highly recommend you read this book. You will be in for a good read.

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## **Amary Chapman says**

The third book in the Greenhouse Mystery series is even better than the first two, I know.. hard to believe. Organic farmer and ex-lawyer Megan Sawyer is drawn into another murder committed in her small Pennsylvania town. A relative of neighbor Merry Chance is murdered in such a way to suggest it's not quite kosher.

Odd things happen, some mirroring a local author and relative's murder/mystery tales, and it seems the locals have hones in on a suspect...but it doesn't feel right to Megan.

Her handsome veterinarian boyfriend, grandmother and assorted friends help to chase down answers, even if she doesn't have all the questions.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book and finished it in hours, it was that hard to put down.

I requested and received an ARC copy from NetGalley, to my delight, as I am following this series. If you haven't read it yet, I highly recommend it for it's mix of family, intrigue and romance.

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## **Barb says**

Megan offers a ride to a stranded motorist who turns out to be the niece of one of Winsome's shop owners. Becca is hoping to kick off her love potion business, but ends up a prime suspect in the death of her estranged father. When Megan's aunt is also implicated in the death, it becomes personal and Megan feels compelled to find out what really happened.

I've enjoyed the previous books in this series – the characters, the setting and the gardening aspects of the story, even though I'm not a gardener myself. This book felt a little different to me, and it took awhile to realize why. First, it's set in Pennsylvania in November, so there isn't much gardening going on, and I missed that. Second, while the characters we've come to know are in the book, most of them have only cameo appearances, which was disappointing as well. Despite that, I liked this book and found the mystery intriguing as the facts developed. I suspected the villain before the reveal, but wasn't sure of the motivation.

There was a bit of what might be a cliffhanger at the end of the book, not in the mystery itself but in the

personal background story. I don't usually like cliffhangers of any kind, but I'll have to read the next in the series to figure out if it was indeed a hint of things to come.

*Thank you to NetGalley and the publisher for the opportunity to continue this series.*

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### **Angie Parish says**

It was definitely Christmas in July, when I was lucky enough to get a chance to read this book. I received this book through NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review. Receiving this book in no way altered my opinions, or review of this book. Wendy has a way to make you just fall in love with her character's, as well as wanting to move in to their town. Winsome is having a hard time slowing down with all the secrets that have been lurking. This book is the best one yet in this series. However, I believe the next will be even better considering the explosive ending you are left with in this book. If you love the others in this series you will be obsessed with this one.

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### **Tamara says**

Review to come soon.

Quick thoughts:

Really enjoy the series. Great characters, setting!

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### **Kristin Cochran Schadler says**

Loved this book so much! Loved the ending. Very complex storyline, lots of twists and turns. Great mystery! Very enjoyable read. Hard to put down

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### **Vickie says**

WOW! I've enjoyed this series from the start, but this third in the series has set it for immediate addition to the Nook as soon as I hear the next one is released. Probably an immediate read too once downloaded. I love the setting and the premise, the main characters, side characters, everything. Megan is an organic farmer. She's smart. She loves her life, her farm, her family. She has a great guy in her life. I like how real she feels to me as the reader. I can identify with her which I don't always do when I read a book. And that's okay. Most of what I read is pretty out there. I want escape, I don't need to identify with everyone. It's just nifty when I find a character written in such a way as to feel like she'd be a good person to be around and be friends with.

It is set during Christmas, Megan is busy, but she helps with the investigation of a murder and the odd occurrences that are going on. I like that the police chief trusts Megan's insights, and he's no bumbling idiot. The police chief is smart and he knows how to use the tools around him that he can utilize.

Everything flows wonderfully. There are suspects out the yingyang. I had no idea whodunnit, but it made sense. I love when that happens.

I can definitely recommend this book, series and author.

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### **Sheri says**

Another winner from Wendy Tyson, book 3 in her Greenhouse Mysteries series. I love the depth of the characters, the storyline taking place during the holidays, and Megan's various relationships between family/friends/loves. I really enjoy this series and love the way the book pulled me in from the first page.

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### **Lisa Morin says**

Seeds of Revenge by Wendy Tyson is an engaging cozy mystery that will leave you wanting more.

Christmas in the small town of Winsome seems beautiful and I was ready to enjoy this cozy mystery. Was I surprised when this story took a wild turn and left me at the edge of my seat, gripping my kindle tightly, waiting for the next explosive situation.

Megan Sawyer lives on the farm with her grandmother, Bibi. She enjoys her life and her relationship with Denver, the local veterinarian.

After visiting the local restaurants, trying to interest them in her greenhouse veggies, Megan happens upon a young woman, walking through the snow storm.

As she stops to offer assistance, Megan has no idea she is going to become involved in another investigation.

As the story unfolds, family secrets are divulged and Megan's life turns into a whirlwind of destruction.

People close to her are hurt and it seems Megan will do anything to find the answers.

This is a fabulous book, by far the best in the series.

I can't wait to read book 4, it's bound to be even better.

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