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M.M. Hudson says

I like a good ghost story but not with a bunch of gore. This was just enough to keep me intrigued although in truth, I could have used a little bit more. It was almost too mild.

I liked the story line and characters. Sherman is not your ordinary cemetery caretaker. He has some brains to him but has fallen on bad luck.

The "witch" is not the fairy tale kind with the haggard looks. No, this gal is glamorous and has the eye of another character in the story. She really cares about people even when they do not think the best of her like Anna Nolan, the semi-sleuth of the group.

Personally, I like the two characters and to have known what made them click a bit earlier on would have made the mystery more exciting.

I did think at times the book dragged a bit even though I could follow along just fine. Some things seemed a bit plausible to happen in real life and others seemed like the author was reaching. I know she meant for this to be more of a mystery than paranormal book but she could have easily done a paranormal.

Overall, not a bad book and I would read more from this author but I did expect much more considering the characters and the good start to the story.

I give this book 3 stars.

Disclosure: I received a Kindle copy of this book for my open and honest opinion, The views expressed here are 100% my own and may differ from yours.

Cathy Geha says

Cathy Spencer has created an interesting small town in Alberta, Canada with folksy charm and friendships. Anna works for a nearby university as an Administrative Assistant, has two good older women friends, eats often at the local diner and has a long distance relationship with a policeman that was involved in solving the murder of her ex-husband (book 1). Anna likes to be involved and sometimes leaps to conclusions.

This story takes place near Halloween and begins with the cemetery caretaker seeing then hearing something in the cemetery late at night. He is interested in holding a séance to contact his dead wife and the new shop owners, a brother and sister, are called in to set the séance up. Things do not go as expected at the séance and then accidents begin to occur with injuries happening to good people, counterfeit ten dollar bills showing up in town, a murder taking place, and throughout the sequence of the story Anna continues to try to figure out what is happening while talking with her friends about the mystery surrounding the town. There is action and dialogue and a romance or two kindled during the story with a satisfying conclusion to end the book.

I was gifted a copy of "Town Haunt" through LibraryThing. It is the second book in the Anna Nolan Mystery series. This is a book that will appeal to readers who enjoy small town atmosphere and a bit of mystery. It is not a deep book but it is a fun read. (3.5 stars)

Cathy Spencer says

"Town Haunts" is the 2nd book in the Anna Nolan mystery series. Anna and her small town friends are back from "Framed for Murder" with a few new characters to get our heroine in trouble. If you enjoy a ghost story with touches of humour and a dollop of romance, I think you'll enjoy "Town Haunts" - but then, I'm prejudiced - I'm the author.

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Erika Messer says

WOW! I truly loved this book, a real mystery with all the great paranormal themes running through it and of course Anna Nolan, who always finds herself involved in some kind of turmoil. Now I have not read the first book in the Anna Nolan mysteries, but this is definitely a stand-alone novel as well. Perfect for the Fall/Halloween season :) The characters are very well-written and Sherman Mason is such a sympathetic character - he is the caretaker of the local cemetery where his late wife Evelyn happens to be buried, and when he hears her calling him from the grave one night, it sets off a series of events that had me on the edge of my seat the entire time. There are a lot of characters in the book that do not seem to be related to the story in the beginning, but as the book goes on I started to realize that everyone was connected in some way. Tiernay runs the local store and she is the witch in the novel, and her brother Greg is just another misdemeanor waiting to happen. May is such a sweet elderly lady who seems to really like Sherman. But with the seeming re-appearance of Evelyn's ghost and a few other sinister events happening, it becomes clear that someone or something is out to get all of them. But who or WHAT is it? Gotta read the book to find out! I can't wait to read the first book "Framed for Murder" and the third book "Tidings of Murder and Woe" which is due out December 2014. Pick up your ebook copy today!

I received a complimentary copy of this ebook in exchange for an open and honest review

Philip says

Although the books in this series contain most of the elements of cozy mysteries they are quite a bit grittier and have somewhat more complex mystery plots and a bit more violence than regular cozy mysteries. However that doesn't completely stop them from being a fun wind down read following a serious crime novel. This story has everything you'd ever want in a good mystery such as well drawn and likeable characters like Anna, Erna, Steve and Sherman and not so likeable ones like Tiernay for who you can still feel a lot of sympathy and a perp identified in a quite surprising twist. I know I read this out of season but

that doesn't really matter because I think you'd have to know there would be some real world explanations for all the paranormal ghostly happenings. Now although I thoroughly enjoyed this book there are a few things that caused me to downrate it somewhat. First I am not really happy with the ending of a mystery when the perp walks off into the sunset with no justice applied and next there are a couple of very severe editing errors which should never have passed by a proofreader. In book 1 "Framed For Murder" the town in Alberta was named "Chinook" and suddenly in this book it has had its name changed to "Crane". I don't like it when characters names change back and forth in a book and that goes for towns, too. And now for a real major goof – Here's a quote from the beginning of Chapter 29 -

"Erna had called during the afternoon to report that no one at the store had any inkling as to Henry's whereabouts once he was back in town, or even a guess as to where he had been hiding. She had also come up with the theory that Henry must 'XXX' have committed suicide due to the absence of a stool or ladder at the crime scene, and they had congratulated --"

The omission of the word 'not' where I have inserted 'XXX' in that quote changes the meaning of Erna's theory to the complete opposite of what it was supposed to mean. Unforgivable and unacceptable and worth almost 2 stars!

The third book in the series "Tidings of Murder and Woe" is on my to-buy-for-Xmas list and is definitely going to wait for my 2018 Xmas reading.

Vicki Olson says

I enjoyed this book. It is a very light and fun read during crazy time.

Angie says

I won't lie... When I received this book for review I was worried about how it would be, but I was pleasantly surprised at how much fun I had reading it! It was a nice easy read, and a fun little mystery that involved interesting characters and good character history. This is the second novel in the Anna Nolan mysteries, and even though I had not read the first one I feel like it stands alone and can be enjoyed separately. My only issue with this was how the "witch/Wiccan" character cast her circle... Having spent quite a bit of time with Wiccan's and watching them cast their circles it was written a little off from how that would actually be done-but it was just a small little thing that caught my attention as I read it.

I really enjoyed the setup for the novel and the eerie Halloween vibe the whole thing had about it. This was the perfect read for the weather changing and the amp up to Halloween next month, and I'd recommend it to anyone who wants a great book to help them dive into the season of spooks and chilly weather. You'll get wrapped up in the mystery and intrigue, and it's a great book to curl up with as the weather and leaves change outside your window.
