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Writing Can Be Murder!

When local writers present their books on romance, vampires, chick lit and alien abductions at the Pecan Bayou Library, one author gets a killer review. Betsy Livingston, there to talk about her book on helpful hints, finds herself point at for the murder. Join Betsy in her second mystery as she tries to clear her own name in this hilarious tale of small town Texas life and murder.

Overdue for Murder Details

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Karen M says

This is the second book in the series and I really enjoyed this one. I like the characters so much but Betsey just can't stay out of trouble!

Krystyna says

murder in the library

Another mystery for Betsy. Can she solve the library mystery. Very gentle cozy mystery with the main feature being Betsy's life. Good read.

Adrienne Testa says

This cozy is a bit too simple, causing the reader to yawn once it becomes clear who is the killer. Betsy Livingston is a typical woman with child living in a small town, she is framed for two murders and seeks to clear her name. More for the pre teens and teens to read than grown adults. will skip the rest of this series.

Lori Henrich says

Betsy doesn't just find another body this time, she becomes the main suspect. Things aren't looking good for her love life either. Betsy needs to be figured out who did the crime before she winds up behind bars. To top things off there is news of her ex-husband who disappeared over 8 years ago. Apparently he applied for a marriage license. George, a deputy, has been sent off to bring Barry back to Peacan Bayou.

This was pretty good. I might just have to read another.

Lisa says

Betsy is a single mom/blogger/columnist whose public arguments with a co-worker, Vanessa, result in her being the prime suspect in Vanessa's murder. Although there were plenty who had motive to murder Vanessa, the focus increases on Betsy. As Betsy tries to clear her name, the readers are entertained by her son and cousin with special needs who attempt to break a world record. Things get dicey when news of the man who abandoned Betsy and her son emerges. The protagonist also has some important decisions to make regarding a love interest. Although this is the second in the series, it is the first I've read in the series. The main characters were likeable; I enjoyed the sense of family closeness and loyalty. Also enjoyable for me was that some of the story was set in a library, which is one of my favorite places. I was able to figure out who the killer was but was okay with that as it didn't occur too early in the book. I will note I was saddened by some things in the story. I'm looking forward to reading more by this author. This book deserves 3.5 stars in my rating system.

Lisa says

As the genre states, this is a cozy little mystery. A murder mystery with no graphic images and no foul language.

Overdue for Murder is book 2 in the Pecan Bayou Mysteries, but don't let that put you off if you haven't read book 1 as it does not deter from the enjoyment of the book as it's a new mystery.

Betsy Livingston; "Blogger" on the local newspaper in Pecan Bayou, Texas, is a single mum, who's Husband just disappeared. She was persuaded by her friend to go along to the local library and join her as one of several authors, talking about their books. It was there that one of the authors is found murdered, and Betsy is found standing over the body and becomes the prime suspect. She embarks upon proving her innocence by digging into the lives of those around her, but in the process her life is threatened too.

This book held my interest from the start. I really warmed to Betsy and desperately wanted her to prove her innocence. I found the author kept this book light hearted despite there being a murder at the center of the story.

Pecan Bayou sounds like a cozy little town and has lots of interesting characters living there. I did not find the ending predictable and it kept me guessing as to who the murderer was. It was an easy book to pick up and put down and still not lose the thread when you went back to it, unlike some books where you have to read the last few paragraphs to familiarise yourself with what you were reading about. (I do anyway!).

I will definitely read book 1 in the series now, and look forward to other books from this author.

Leslie says

2 1/2 stars. OK cozy mystery but a bit too much family drama for my taste.

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

This is book two in the Betsy Livingston Mystery series. Betsy is a single mom and writes a column 'Happy Hinter' for the local newspaper in Pecan Bayou, Texas.

Betsy also penned a novel based upon her column but it hasn't had much of an audience yet and she is desperate to get the news out. So, when her Editor assigns a original creative cooking contest at the mall for her to participate in, Betsy sees it as an opportunity to get her title recognized at least locally.

Betsy isn't the only columnist at the paper though, snobbish fashionista Vanessa Markham, also book published is attending. Betsy does have one friend at the competition though, her friend, Patti of PattiCake's, also dislikes the clever Vanessa.

Then, the head librarian comes to meet and fawn over chick-lit Vanessa (pen name Scarlett,) and invites her

to 'Authors Night' at the Library. Vanessa for reasons unknown insists that Betsy be included and with great reluctance the librarian agrees.

Surrounded with Vampires, UFO enthusiasts, romance and more, Betsy waits her turn to expound about her helpful household book. When Vanessa doesn't show for the second evening Betsy hopes for a chance to give her small speech. However, during the recess, Betsy finds more than she expects...a body...of Vanessa. Now, she is the main suspect and the need to solve the crime.

I truly enjoyed this book. Betsy has guts, to be inelegant, and credibility. I also enjoy the other characters in the book. The Down Syndrome cousin, Danny is done with respectability and caring.

I laughed and found myself shocked by the several plot endings in the book. I look forward to reading the third novel.

Jeanie Jackson says

Pleasant cozy with characters that I enjoyed.

Priscilla says

This is a book that I won in a Goodreads giveaway.

Overdue for Murder is the second in a projected series. Betsy Livingston lives in Pecan Bayou, Texas near San Antonio. She is a helpful hints blogger and columnist for the local weekly newspaper. Several local authors present their books at the public library. One of the writers is killed. Betsy finds the body and becomes the prime suspect because of an earlier disagreement. Betsy begins to ask questions and look for clues in order to prove her innocence. I liked the description of this book and really wanted to like it. Unfortunately, it just didn't deliver. The plot is completely predictable, the characters are not very interesting, and it did not hold my interest. The publisher did the book a disservice with formatting that makes it slow and plodding to read.

Rebecca Graf says

Teresa Trent brings another cozy mystery to you featuring a small town mother who just can't seem to avoid dead bodies. Overdue for Murder is something you'll want to check out.

Betsy just wants to spend time with her son and possibly new boyfriend. While doing that, she'll write her column, do a little promotional work for her book, and stumble upon dead bodies. And who becomes the prime suspect? Betsy. Oh, and the past comes back to her present threatening to upset her life even more.

I really enjoyed Ms. Trent's book. The death of one of the Pecan Bayou residents is not graphically described. Nothing is over the top. You get to enjoy the story without being grossed out. Her characters are easy to enjoy and so easily created in your mind's eye. They well written to give you a perfect sense of small town life. There are the gossips, the 'wish I didn't live here' women, the ones with a few brain cells not exactly right, and then of course the dead ones. Can't leave them out.

I was not able to read Ms. Trent's first book, but I will now. This is a great read and it kept me guessing. That was not that easy to do. Looking for a cozy mystery to keep you entertained? Check it out.

Note: I was given this book in participation of a book tour with no expectation of a positive review.

Cindy says

This book is second in the series about Betsy. It was even better than the first one I thought. I look forward to reading more cozy mysteries from the author!

A says

This is what I would call a cozy mystery series. Take a small Texas town, a single mom who stumbles onto the body of an enemy, a little romance, coming to terms with your awful past, loving support from family and friends, and then the unveiling of the murder (the author leaves clues along the way for the reader-clever). Can't wait to read the next one from this author.

Gayle says

I've read both books in this series so far, and I am seeing a real improvement in this author. The characters are compelling and I find myself invested in how they are doing. Even better, this crime is a little more complex and fun than the first. I can't wait to read more from Ms. Trent.

TAMMY CUEVAS says

Betsy Livingston, author of The Happy Hinder blog and column for the Pecan Bayou Gazette, has been included in an authors' presentation at the local library. She has already had a very public fracas with one of the authors, and when there is a murder at the library, Betsy is the prime suspect. It is up to her, along with her father, to clear her name.

Teresa Trent has written another wonderfully cozy mystery set in Pecan Bayou, one of those quaint small towns so popular in fiction. Betsy, a single mom raising her son alone and just beginning to date, is a likeable character that many readers will find familiar. Reading these books is like a visit with a good friend; a good friend whose cake fiasco was laugh-out-loud familiar to this blogger.

4 stars

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