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Ed says

#3 in the Christine Bennett series. In this 1993 entry, Chris is less than a year removed from being a nun. She gets a call from Maddie, a High School friend, inviting her to the Christening of the friend's infant. 30 years ago, the Southern Tier New York State town of Studsburg was flooded by a new dam. All residents were supposed to be gone by June 30, but the Army commander extended the deadline to July 4th to allow Maddie to be born and Christened and to permit a July 4th fireworks gala. Now the drought has uncovered the town and the still standing, stone church. As Maddie was the last child Christened in the church, she has arranged for her baby to be Christened in the uncovered church. While poking around in the uncovered church, Chris finds a skeleton in an opened segment of a stone wall. Chris isn't happy with the effort to solve the murder put forth by the sheriff and the coroner. While asking questions on her own, she finds resistance and begins to suspect a cover-up. Unraveling the mystery reveals more than one guilty conscience and reveals surprising results right to the end.

Christine Bennett series - Former nun Christine Bennett is looking forward to the christening of her friend Maddie's baby. But when she goes to the church basement of the town that was flooded out thirty years before, Christine stumbles upon the skeletal remains of a body--the grim result of a thirty-year old murder. Trying to sort out the sordid puzzle from the past, Christine manages to unravel the dark secrets of the once close-knit community, and also reveals a killer who's not afraid to kill again.

Jean says

Interesting puzzle, not much character development.

Sherry says

The first I've read of Lee Harris. Of course, I started with the 3rd book. A classic 'Who done It'. I'll definitely read more.

Jeanne says

Love this series, the plots and character development are really outstanding.

Book Concierge says

What I really like about CHris Bennett is that she's deliberate and cautious, but doesn't take "no" for an answer.

Ward says

Adequate read until the "reveal" of the murderer, an illogical killer lacked given he/she lacked the physical strength to perform the cover-up. Hah! The protagonist's cop-boyfriend Jack would certainly argue with the author about that particular plot point!! I'd bought this Lee Harris novel based on a recommendation in "They Died in Vain" listing "overlooked, underappreciated and forgotten mystery novels". Too bad.

Helen says

3rd book I've read about dried up lakes, fairly good

Bev says

This series is good when you want a good quick read. Satisfying but not too filling. Three and a half stars.
