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From Reader Review Think Murder for online ebook

Leslie aka StoreyBook Reviews says

This was a surprisingly good mystery. I'm not 100% sure it is a cozy because the main character, Adina, isn't actively trying to solve the case, she just happens to be doing some things that put her in places where she hears things about her friend Hannah's murder. Plus she always passes along the info to the detective in charge...who is attractive and interested in her too.

And what story wouldn't be complete without a love triangle. Not only do we have Detective Saks interested in Adina, but there is also Bruce who volunteers at the same dog shelter and is very handsome. Adina is definitely interested in him.

I don't want to give away the mystery (and I won't) but it is definitely not anything you would be expecting, or maybe you will based on some of what Adina discovers.

Christa Nardi says

Think Murder features a think tank setting and one of the research assistants is murdered. Her friend, Adina, is part suspect and possibly in danger as she is assigned to complete the project. Adina and the other characters are well developed. Adina is a strong, smart female but not over the top. The plot is well-developed with enough tension to keep the pages turning. The conclusion makes sense, but isn't obvious. This was an enjoyable read and I look forward to reading more books by Cassidy Salem. I hope there's a sequel in the works.

Shelley Giusti says

This is a captivating whodunit that will keep you on the edge of your seat with its plot twists and turns. I couldn't put it down and when it was done I eagerly wanted more. The characters are well developed and the story line holds your interest from the first page. I love visiting D.C. and this book really brought me back there with the details and story. I was hooked and hope you will read it to be hooked too.

Hilary (A Wytch's Book Review) says

Adina Donati is off for a couple of hours relaxing with a co-worker and friend, they have enjoyed a couple of glasses of wine when Hilary (the friend) goes to freshen up, when she doesn't arrive back in a timely manner Adina goes to track her down, only to find her dead body in the pub's bathroom. From then on Adina finds that life is not as simple as it used to be, with threatening behaviour, threatening letters and blow ups at work. Luckily the very nice Detective is looking out for her, as are the other volunteers at the dog rescue centre (oh and Adina is putting off telling her Mother about the nice detective as he is Jewish and Adina's Jewish mother would be planning the wedding before you can say L'Chaim!)

A fairly gentle first in a series, I did find the writing style a little "choppy" (not that I think I could do any

better!) but I like the characters of Adina and Detective Jonathan Saks and I look forward to seeing what happens in the next book.

Krystyna says

Two dimensional and flat

A bit anti- climatic. Well written but there was no suspense and the characters were a bit two dimensional. I suppose it could be classified as a cozy mystery but I didn't feel it was. Will not be reading any more.

Paula Ratcliffe says

What starts out as drinks with a her friend Hillary ends in tragedy for Adina Donati when her friend is found dead in the bathroom an apparent suicide but everything is not what it seems in D.C. Adina seems to be in the middle of something big and someone wanted to kill her friend but who did it remains to be seen.

As Adina tries to help her friend's boss with a project Hillary was working on she starts to notice things aren't right, and quickly alerts the attention of someone. Whether it be for good or bad remains to be seen. With every action being watched by someone Adina relies on the police more and that seems to be upsetting someone who wants to make sure Adina suffers the same fate as Hillary.

I really enjoyed this book as it dealt with D.C. and was different then other cozy mysteries I have read this one focused on think tank type jobs, volunteering at a pet rescue place and Adina's apartment rather normal cozies which either focus on cooking, books, or things like that. I really enjoyed this journey you take with Adina. Definitely a great author I hope to read more by her.

Amy Shannon says

A definite intrigue

Welcome to Washington DC and I bet "Murder" wasn't on the itinerary. This book held me captive until I finished it. It was the first book I've ready by Salem but it won't be my last. It starts when Adina finds her friends murdered body, just moments after they were having drinks together. This book was a great caper to discover more than just a murderer as the clues started to pile up, pulling in Adina to places very dangerous. Just when you think you figured it out, you could just be wrong. Highly recommended.

Bonnie Dale Keck says

Available Kindle Unlimited which is how I got it, seemed a bit 'off' or maybe dragging in a couple of places but then again this was not a 'cozy' murder and is set up differently so with that in mind it was a good story and worth the time.

Think Murder (Adina Donati, Accidental Sleuth Book 1)

Dying for Data (Adina Donati, Accidental Sleuth #2)

Also the co-author of the Hannah and Tamar Mystery series for YA

for some reason didn't review this from when read on amazon

Lisa Thomas says

Think Murder offers a refreshing glimpse into the world of the mundane as it clashes with high stakes politics. Set in Washington, DC, the main character, Adina, is thrust into a police investigation that becomes more dangerous at every turn. She tries to maintain a sense of normalcy while the events around her seem anything but normal. This whodunnit kept me guessing until the end. There is just the right amount of romance to make the story sweet and believable. The novel is well-written and enjoyable to read. I am hoping for a sequel and look forward to reading more by this talented author.

Jennifer says

First, I want to thank the author for giving me the opportunity to read her book. Second, you need to read this book! This little mystery is a real gem.

Adina Donati is a young lady just starting out her career in Washington, D.C. She works for a think-tank as a researcher during the day, and volunteers at a dog rescue center at night. On Wednesdays, she and her best friend Hilary stop in at McSweeney's bar for a drink after work. This particular Wednesday everything is going as usual until Hilary ends up dead on the bathroom floor. Adina finds herself being swept up in the police investigation which begins to focus more and more on the work Hilary was doing at the think-tank. She also finds herself in danger after she takes over the project that Hilary's death left unfinished.

You can't help but like Adina, who is just a regular person getting caught up in terrible circumstances. Her dating life has gone stale and her mother is constantly trying to match her up. She lives by herself and struggles with the loneliness that comes with it. She gets bored at work and succumbs to social media surfing when she just can't focus. I could totally relate to all of it. Luckily for Adina the author is about to send a couple of hunky guys her way, just at the moment she needs to be rescued.

This story was very well-written and the narrative flowed smoothly and at a steady pace. I found it difficult to pull myself away from it once the story got going. The characters were believable and felt real to me. I also really enjoyed her descriptions of the parts of the city Adina finds herself in, such as Farragut Square and the Library of Congress.

Lovers of cozy mysteries with some danger thrown in will really enjoy this book. This is meant to be the first in a series and I will be looking for future installments.

Kathy Gates says

When Adina Donati goes for a drink with her friend Hilary she expects it to be like every other Wednesday

night. She couldn't be more wrong -- Hilary ends up dead and Adina is thrust into the centre of a murder investigation. At first she is numbed by shock but over the next few days Adina has to deal with grief over the loss of her friend and the fear that she could be next. Understandably she jumps at shadows. But are they shadows? She's not sure who to trust. Detective Jonathan Saks is sturdy, stable and makes her feel safe. Bruce, handsome with a strong pair of arms, is new on the scene and ready to come to her rescue when the need arises. By the end of the story one mystery is solved but another one is about to begin... I hope that this is the first in a series; I'd love to find out whether Adina falls for Jonathan's stolid charms or succumbs to Bruce who sets her heartbeat racing.

Kristine Hall says

Adina Donati is the new Nancy Drew (hmmm, or maybe she'd be Bess. . .), all grown up and a single young professional working at a prestigious think tank in Washington D.C. What makes this story a bit more realistic than a Nancy Drew story is that for the most part, Adina does the responsible thing in passing on information she stumbles across to the proper authority -- namely, the attractive detective, Jonathan Saks, who may or may not be interested in a relationship beyond the case. Author Cassidy Salem does a great job of establishing the setting in D.C. and clearly knows the city and its dwellers well, but it is her characterization that really shines. From the lovable neighbor, Daniel Sullivan, to the loathsome new boss, Dr. Stickler, Salem gives readers exactly the right information to create a definite profile and impression of each character, which keeps each memorable and unique. She also expertly throws hints at what's coming, but just as often Salem throws foils that misdirect and muddy-up the whodunnit part of the mystery. The resolution of the story works well as is, but it's set-up in a way that Adina's story may very well continue into subsequent books! Full review on Hall Ways Blog [http://kristinehallways.blogspot.com/...](http://kristinehallways.blogspot.com/)

Clare Kauter says

"Think Murder" is a captivating read with a tight and well-planned storyline. The main character, Adina Donati, is a very likeable, well-rounded and often witty narrator who makes the journey through this story thoroughly enjoyable.

This is a great example of a 'cozy' mystery - plenty of suspense and intrigue with very little gore or violence (apart from the murder, of course!). It is well-written and has a clever mystery at its core. If you're looking for a calm, yet absorbing, mystery, "Think Murder" is definitely worth a read!

Linda Crowder says

According to the bio following the book, this is the author's first work of fiction. I hope it is not her last. Her mystery is well developed but rushes too quickly to the conclusion. I hope in her next book, the resolution will be as well crafted as her set up deserves. The lead character is likable and you root for her. I would like to see further books in this series, if it will be a series, deepen her relationships with her friends, family and budding romantic interests. In all, a very promising first entry, demonstrating the skill of the author in an enjoyable read.

William Stuart says

Cozy style mysteries aren't usually a go-to genre for me, but I am trying to expand my reading horizons. I decided to give Think Murder by Cassidy Salem a shot. I must say I was entertained!

Synopsis (from the author): Adina Donati came to Washington D.C. to find excitement, not a dead body.

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What I liked: The story was interesting and held my interest. Adina was a fresh take on the overworked (and underpaid) office minion. Her budding potential romance with the detective and the flirtations with another volunteer at the animal rescue shelter made for an interesting side story. The clues to the killer's identity were nicely scattered throughout the story and did keep me guessing for a large part of the book.

What I didn't like: Despite Adina's likeability, I thought her reaction to the murder could have been more realistic. The budding relationships between Adina and her potential beaus as a predictable part of the book, too, and I thought Bruce (from the animal rescue center) would have made a great suspect.

Overall impression: Think Murder was a well-written and entertaining book. The plot could have been a bit more complex, but the book was an easy enjoyable read!

My Rating: 4 Stars
