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Ever wonder how a little old lady with possum-gray hair could wind up on a homicidal hit list? Well, nothing is too outlandish for Ivy Malone. She's back and she's brought her mutant curiosity gene with her. And ever since the evil-intentioned Drake Braxton and his family threatened to make road kill out of Ivy, her life has been crazier than ever!

With the ever-present threat of looming Braxtons, Ivy decides to get out of Dodge for a while. But for someone who slides down banisters and drives a T-Bird, hiding from the mob does not come easily. And when strange things start happening to her new neighbors, Ivy's snooping sense kicks into overdrive. Will she unravel the mystery? Or will the threats to her safety scare her away?

With *Invisible*, readers laughed so hard they cried. In *Plain Sight*, the second Ivy Malone mystery, promises to be even better!

### **In Plain Sight Details**

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### Book Him Danno says

Having read the first book in this series I was so looking forward to the next one. The first one kept me in stitches the whole time, whether she was in the cemetery watching for vandals- all the way through to when she climbs out the window of a dirty bathroom in a junk yard. This first book was so well written and just had such an appeal and I fell in love with Ivy Malone just like she was a friend I had right next door.

This having been said the second book very much disappointed me. I was so looking forward to a really good story again and there were some very good parts in it but I felt that it was a bit contrived and I knew who the victim was going to be and just who had murdered her. The constant reference to the Braxtons, trying to find her and murder her is a bit much and tiresome, I felt it was time for Ivy to move on to other adventures with her old friends and leave that group behind.

I like how Mac has come back into her life but their romance either needs to move a bit faster or be dropped altogether and besides I like the lawyer guy better anyway.

It is a good story but not a great story is all I can say, so I give this book a 3. But I have already read book 3 and ..... so ....

Thanks goes to Eileen for this review.

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### Margaret Boehm says

wonderful mystery

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### Beverly says

The second in the series featuring Ivy Malone, a LOL (little old lady). In the last book, Ivy was getting used to the idea that she was no longer visible to the majority of the world. She was just a LOL and most everyone just didn't notice her. It gave her the perfect opportunity to help out by investigating some unsavory activities that were occurring. Now, in her second book, the outcome of the last investigating she did now has made her susceptible to the relatives of someone she helped to put away. So she decides to go visit some of her family, hoping that while she's gone, the thugs will forget about her. Unfortunately, her inquisitiveness just lands her in the middle of another mysterious situation and soon she is once again the target for someone who doesn't like her sticking her nose in!!! This is just a fun, light, easy Christian read. I always love a heroine that is in my same decade age-wise.

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### Amanda says

In this book Ivy has yet again gotten herself into trouble and has a crime to solve. After getting death threats

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from the Braxton clan for solving and arresting one of their own, Ivy has decided to go on the run. Ivy took up her niece DeeAnn's offer to live with her in Arkansas in order to get away. While staying with her family she picks up a job as a housekeeper for a very rich woman named Leslie Marcone a couple days a week. Since she has been working for her she has noticed Leslie is very secretive and keeps to herself but doesn't think much of it. One day she comes to her house and finds her Mercedes parked haphazardly by the lake next to her home. She goes to investigate and finds Leslie's dead body floating in the water.

Ivy takes it upon herself to find Leslie's killer and bring them to justice. While keeping an eye out for clues to the murder, Ivy tags along with her grandniece Sandy to go babysitting. This is no ordinary baby sitting job because they are babysitting a dog. Ivy meets Baby the huge great Dane and its owner Tammi Ridenour, wife of local news reporter Brad. While babysitting Baby, Ivy decides to snoop around their house and finds a letter talking about Brad and Leslie's romantic involvement with one another. Ivy is shocked to find out of Brad's affair with Leslie. She realizes that if a certain person found this information out it could be very bad and even push them to murder. To see who the killer is read this book.

I liked this book very much. I couldn't stop reading it because of the humor and suspense. I give this book 5 stars because its a good book to read for all ages and will make you laugh out loud. Its very entertaining and keeps you on your toes. It has a great story line and is part of a series so you can keep on reading. Everyone should read this book!

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### **David Kemp says**

Lorena McCourtney is a new author to me but she's winning me over on the LOL, Mrs. Ivy Malone. I only regret that there only four books in the series.

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### **Doranne Long says**

Another fun read by Lorena McCourtney. I am a big fan and will continue reading. It's like watching Murder She Wrote, but better!

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### **Cathy says**

her books are fast, a little silly easy light reading

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### **Kelly says**

I love old lady sleuths! Ivy Malone is no exception. Hilarity ensues when Ivy is around.

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### **Linda says**

This was a quick read. Who would think that a little old lady would make should a great detective. Ok I know you are saying, "What about Miss Marple?" I loved her character also. Maybe I'm getting to close so

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that age myself (almost 55). I've started book 3 in the series and I'm loving that one also.

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### **Pat says**

More mystery, very light.  
Christian with humor.  
Enjoyable, not memorable.

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### **Linda says**

I like Ivy. We seem to have a lot in common. although in this book she's a little too eager to share her thoughts about who- done-it, which makes her more busybody/gossip than I'd like. In this book Ivy is spending the summer at the home of her niece. She's had to leave her hometown for a while because the evil Braxtons have vowed to do her in in retaliation for her sending their relative to prison (see book #1-- Invisible). Things don't prove any safer this time when she takes a job with a snooty rich blonde who has a lot of enemies, and winds up being the person to find her employer's dead body in the lake. There are lots of suspects, but Ivy is in real danger when the real killer reveals him/her self. Oh. Did I forget to mention that someone attaches a dynamite bomb to her car?  
This isn't a romantic series, but it's nice that Ivy has a couple of gentlemen friends in her life...life definitely does not end at 60!

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### **Nancyinbelize says**

Loved this fun quick read.

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### **Cathy Daniel says**

Excellent book!! Ivy is so fun! I love her!

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### **Sandi says**

This is book two in the Ivy Malone series. Ivy is an 80 year old woman who seems to find herself involved in murder cases. She is a "plucky" lady with a christian belief system which she talks about at different points in the book. Following is an example.

"One night one of them was talking about God never abandoning his people. Always being there for them. He had some Bible verse, of course."

"Perhaps the one in Hebrews: 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

"Do you believe that?"

"Of course. Another one that comforts me is Pasm 46:1:'God is our refuge and strengthj, an ever-present

help in trouble."

"They're just words. I write words. Thousands of them."

"But these are inspired words from the Lord."

This one of the lengthier quotes about religion. It didn't distract from the story. This series reminds me of Jann Karon's Mitford series.

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## **Mandolin says**

"Aunt Ivy, for a sweet, harmless little aunt, you do seem to get yourself in an unusual amount of trouble." With her tiny frame and possum-grey hair, Ivy Malone is your typical LOL (little old lady) and feels invisible to most people...but she likes it that way! With her love for mystery stories and her mutant curiosity gene, Ivy is just thrilled that people seem to look right through her, for it allows her the chance to probe into the strange occurrences that seem to dog her every step and to add her two cents to the crime investigations that have lately come her way. Unfortunately, she's not always one-hundred percent invisible to the criminals she helps to nab, as her recent run-in with the nefarious Braxton clan has taught her. With their very real death threats hanging over her head, Ivy decides to play it safe and heads to Arkansas to hide out at the lakeside home of her niece, who has recently relocated to Hawaii. As luck would have it, though, Ivy quickly becomes involved in another strange case when she takes a job as a housekeeper for a wealthy young woman whose very life - and subsequent death - is a mystery to the rest of the community. Will the young woman's killer - or the evil Braxtons - quench Ivy's thirst for mystery by putting an end to it permanently? Or will Ivy be able to elude her pursuers and solve the crime before someone else winds up dead?

Like a wild ride in Ivy's sometimes trusty old T-bird, this book is a nice adventure with a sleuth who puts a great modern-day spin on one of my favorite amateur detectives of all time, Miss Marple. Though not quite as funny as the first book in the series, it's still an entertaining read that's sure to have you laughing at least a couple of times and, in addition, will remind you that God is in control even in the craziest of circumstances. You may be invisible to the world, but you're surely not invisible to Him!

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