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Susan says

Helma Zukas is persuaded by her friend Ruth to take a hike in the beautiful mountains around Bellehaven. But unexpectedly bad weather and their discovery of an injured hiker lead to a rescue cabin, where the three of them, and four other travellers, are stranded. It doesn't take long for Helma to realize that one of the others is probably a murderer.

Suzanne says

Love this series!!

Kristi Thompson says

The librarian stereotypes still annoy, but the plot was more exciting with this one. Also suffers from Murder She Wrote syndrome - why do people keep getting killed in the vicinity of this perfectly normal albeit obsessive woman? But many mystery series do.

Spuddie says

#5 Helma Zukas, librarian, mystery set in fictional Bellehaven, WA. Helma and her good friend Ruth set off on a 3-day camping trip/hike up in the mountains near the Canadian border when they are trapped by a snowstorm in an emergency cabin with several other hikers. Helma is as prepared as she can be with plenty of dried foods and a backpack full of useful things--unlike Ruth, who insisted on hiking in a skirt, of all things.

Of course there are dead bodies, guns, suspicious behavior and at least one murderer--but who? And how will Helma keep the killer from suspecting that she may have figured out the mystery long enough for the storm to abate and the group to be rescued?

I enjoy this series a lot. Helma is an odd duck for sure--she "seems" a lot older than she is, rather prim and proper and yet she definitely has sense of humor too. It's not often I find a cozy-ish series that I enjoy these days, but this is definitely one of them.

Ann Cooper says

Miss Zukas leaves the library environs for a three-day hike with Ruth, who is feeling old and wants to get fit. Their adventures on the mountain are not what they expected, but of course what we expected, with bodies in the mix, and Miss Zukas's usual commonsense to the rescue.

Kari says

Helma's nonathletic best friend Ruth wants to commemorate her 40th birthday with an overnight hiking trip in the mountains. Helma reluctantly agrees, and, being the good librarian that she is, she does her research first, purchasing the appropriate gear, printing maps of their route, and packing a book on surviving in the wilderness, just in case.

An early winter storm catches them off-guard shortly after they begin their trek, and they encounter the body of a wounded man, who is air-rescued out of the wilderness. Helma and Ruth continue on their hike, on the look out for the other person in the party with the wounded (murdered?) man. They end up stranded in an emergency cabin for hikers with 5 other hikers caught in the same storm...and it appears that one of them must be the killer.

Kyrie says

I love Miss Zukas because she's so OCD.

I also love Miss Zukas because her OCD traits usually solve the mystery.

I liked this book because it wasn't clear if there was a murder, and if there was, who did it and why.

Oh, heck, it was a light easy read that didn't strain the brain and I liked it.

Laurie says

Miss Zukas & her friend, Ruth, go hiking in the Cascades.

Beth says

A Miss Zukas Mystery. Weak plot, fair characters. The biggest question isn't who murdered the man who was found in the snow but why Miss Z. puts up with her friend Ruth who is clearly supposed to provide comic relief but who is merely irritating. Ruth and Miss Z. (Helma?) take a hike into the mountains --- Ruth ill-equipped Helma well equipped. They are caught in a snow storm and seek shelter in a cabin with four or five others (too uninteresting to stand out as individuals). Among these is a murdered but it's only at the end that we find out who and why (surprise surprise --- all the messages on the radio actually are relevant).

Phyllis says

This was #5 of 12 in the series, and one of the best! I have now completed reading them all. (I like to read in order but couldn't get my hands on this one till now).

Don says

Miss Helma Zukas is prodded by her artist friend Ruth to go hiking on Mt. Baker. They discover a man, covered in blood, stumbling down the mountain. He reports his hiking partner is dead, left on the mountain. He was shot. Miss Zukas & Ruth get stuck in an emergency cabin during an unseasonable snow storm with several people, one may be a murderer. Recommended.

Chi Dubinski says

The Miss Zukas series is one of my favorites. Ruth feels the weight of her fortieth birthday weighing upon her, and convinces her friend, librarian Helma Zukas, to go with her on a hike in the mountains. But even perfectionist Helma can't predict everything that goes wrong. Fans of cozy mysteries will enjoy this series.

Dale Safford says

A good little mystery that is easy to read and fairly fun. One chapter leads you right into the next.

Librarian Miss Helma Zukas reluctantly goes with her slightly crazy friend Ruth Winthrop on an overnight hiking trip on a mountain in Washington state. After seeing a man they know who has come off the trail having been shot and then dies, a blizzard catches them by surprise as they search for the man's wounded friend. Seeking refuge in one of the shelter buildings, they are joined by 2 women and 2 men. Tension builds as the snow strands them, and a gun appears in Helma's sleeping bag and then mysteriously disappears. Is one of the people with them a murderer? But which one? Will the books that Helma has selected to bring with on the trip help them through the situation?

Marty says

Miss Helma Zukas is a librarian who isn't much of a hiker. Ruth, her best friend, is about to turn 40 and has decided they should go on a hike – in fact a 3 day back-pack trip. Neither of them had ever done any camping. Helma reluctantly agrees but the trip turns out to be much more than they planned on. Murder, snow storm, finding an unconscious hiker, marooned in an emergency cabin with 5 other people Quite a camping trip!!

Barbara says

I was going to read this series in order, but the library didn't have a copy of the third book, and I skipped straight to this one. It was every bit as enjoyable as the other two I'd read.

The setting in the mountains of Washington state, and putting our methodical librarian in unusual circumstance once again brought delight. The characters and their relationships help move things along, keeping the loyal reader delighted. And I have to admit to taking special delight in Miss Zukas' ability to not

recognize when gents are attracted to her, while her friend Ruth has such great antennae of that nature.

Light, captivating, easy to read, and *fun*!
