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First in a new series!

Nora Charles doesn't believe in fate, even if she is a crime reporter who shares a name with a character from The Thin Man. In fact, she's moving back to Cruz, California, to have a quieter life. But after finding an online magazine eager for material, and a stray cat named Nick with a talent for detection, Nora's not just reporting crimes again. She's uncovering them...

Back in her hometown, Nora reconnects with old friends and makes some new ones, like Nick, the charming feline who seems determined to be her cat. But not everything about Cruz is friendly. Writing for a local online magazine, Nora investigates the curious death of socialite Lola Grainger. Though it was deemed an accident, Nora suspects foul play. And it seems that her cat does too.

Apparently, Nick used to belong to a P.I. who disappeared while investigating Lola Grainger's death. The coincidence is spooky, but not as spooky as the clues Nick spells out for her with Scrabble letters—clues that lead her down an increasingly dangerous path. Whether fate put her on this case or not, solving it will take all of Nora's wits, and maybe a few of Nick's nine lives.

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AngryGreyCat says

This, Meow If It's Murder, is first in a series, A Nick & Nora Mystery and a new-to-me author, T.C. LoTempio. Nick is a not so ordinary tuxedo cat and Nora is a former crime reporter who has returned home to run the family sandwich shop/catering business. She is still keeping her foot in the door with crime reporting locally and finds herself investigating a case that has been ruled an accidental death, but was it? Nora is not so sure.

Each stone that Nora turns over seems to raise more questions than answers: from sisters who are dead or maybe not? to mobsters. to missing PIs. to the local PD, who didn't really seem to follow procedure. Nora uses all the skills she honed in her years of crime reporting to uncover what has really happened to Lola Grainger and who was responsible.

This was a really well written cozy and the cat, Nick, reminded me of KoKo and Yum Yum in the famous Cat Who ... series. Nora is a methodical, intelligent investigator. I look forward to reading more in this series.

Tina at A COZY GIRL READS AND WRITES Blog says

It seems that crime reporting is in Nora Charles blood because she can't seem to get it out of her system. She moves back to her hometown of Cruz, California after her mother passes away to run Hot Bread, her mothers sandwich shop and leave Chicago and crime reporting behind. Soon a cat finds Nora and she names him, Nick. He has designs on being her affectionate and fun loving animal.

Along with running the sandwich shop, Nora writes for a local online magazine, Noir. Nora is determined to get her boss at Noir to approve of her writing an article on the death of socialite, Lola Grainger. He is reluctant because it was deemed a open and shut case but Nora suspects otherwise.

It's like fate that Nick previously belonged to a PI also named Nick and he disappeared while also investigating Lola's death. Nick the cat is beginning to show signs and clues that he also knows more about the case and works with Nora to try to help solve the case of the mysterious death of Lola Grainger.

I fell in love with Nick the cat, not only because he shares my husband and son's name so I had to pick up this book about a cat named Nick to see what he was all about but because he is a smart and handsome fellow. Nick and Nora are a match made in heaven, one of the best cat sleuths since Diesel from Miranda James' s Cat in the stacks mysteries. What I like about Nora is she is a no nonsense type of gal and the fact that she is a crime writer had me wanting to pick up this book. A great cozy mystery could not be complete with out food, running her mother's sandwich shop brought a great spin to the story with me being a culinary mystery fan. I can't wait to go on another crime fighting adventure with Nick and Nora in the next book.

Susan Johnston says

This is Princess Fuzzypants and I am doing the review. I am a literate Maine Coon who loves to read cat

mysteries with my mom. What makes a really good cat mystery? Simple, a really strong and well written feline hero or heroine. Think of Hamlet, Diesel, Midnight Louie, Mrs. Murphy, Boris or Joe Grey to name a few. These names will be familiar to you if you are a fan of the genre. Each has some special characteristic besides their natural feline superiority. They are smart, they are savvy and they help solve mysteries.

Nick, who adopts Nora Charles when his previous human disappears, is one such kitty. While he does not speak, he is quite fluent with the Scrabble tiles and he saves Nora's bacon more than once. She's more than ok as well (for a human) but it is Nick that will get all the kitty hearts a-purring. Those, like my mom, who love cat mysteries will fall for him too.

If you are a fan of the old Thin Man series, the names Nick and Nora Charles will bring back memories.

While this Nora is no Myrna Loy and Nick is no William Powell, they will entertain you in a well paced and highly entertaining first book of the series. There is a lot less champagne served but it is still quite bubbly.

I give it two paws up and five purrs. We await the next installment to pounce upon.

Yvonne says

After her mother dies, crime reporter Nora Charles moves back to her hometown of Cruz, California to run her mother's sandwich shop. She manages to get a side job with an online magazine looking for crime stories. Then, much to her surprise, a very handsome black and white cat shows up on her doorstep and moves in. Nora has no intentions of keeping him and makes plans to find his owner. In the meantime, she names him Nick.

Nora comes across articles on the sudden death of a wealthy woman, Lola Grainer. The police rule the death as an accident, but Nora has other suspicions. In fact, her new cat Nick has suspicions too. Together, they investigate and put themselves right in the line of danger.

I love this new mystery duo, Nick and Nora Charles. The rapport between human and cat seemed so natural. No, the cat doesn't speak human but he appeared to understand Nora as she tried to put the pieces of this case together. Nick may only have answered with "meeeeooowww" but Nora knew exactly what he meant. I've had similar conversations with my own cats. LOL Their scenes felt realistic to me as an animal lover who often talks to her pets.

The storyline grabbed my interest right from the beginning. I found the mystery to be fascinating and filled with intrigue. It felt like an old fashioned detective novel to me. I couldn't put it down and practically devoured it in a few short days. I'm so looking forward to the next adventure in this series. It's so much fun to get in on the ground floor with a cozy mystery series. Book #1 is a winner with me!

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Saba N Taylor says

This is definitely an easy book to cozy up with. My favorite character? Nick of course! That is Nick the kitty. :) Who doesn't love a kitty that can kick butt to save his lady master and solve a crime(s) to boot?

Nora Charles is a crime investigative reporter (she thinks she is a sandwich maker/sandwich shop owner) but investigating crime is in her blood. Once a mystery tickles her fancy not even her close friend or the hunk of a detective she meets can persuade to stop investigating the suspicious death of Lola Grainger, a close and

good customer of her late mother's. She meets a feline who makes it's self at home in her shop. She settles on the name Nick after a favorite movie character. The cat has unusual talents that assist Nora in finding out the truth about the mystery behind the suspicious death of Lola as well as Nick's missing owner.

I enjoyed this story a lot, even though there were a few mistakes that caught my eye, but despite that, the story was packed with action and lots of interesting twists that kept me glued to my screen.

Donna says

I loved this book. I think it was the whole concept of the story that just kept my interest. First off I love the old Thin Man series and there is a cat in the book. Plus the main character didn't take off after the bad guy by herself. She was more interested in the story. Nora moved back home to Cruz, California to take over her mom's cafe after she dies. Plus after being a crime reporter in Chicago she decided she needed a quieter life. But she does take a part-time job writing articles for an online magazine and that is where the mystery begins. Her reporter instincts kick in after she reads about the death of socialite Lola Grainger. Once she starts investigating she finds there is more to the story than what was said plus Nick the cat seems to have some interest in the murder also. Did I mention that Nick the cat actually belonged to the Private Investigator that disappeared when he started investigating the death of Lola. That is a mystery all by itself. Can't wait to read the next one in the series.

Amanda says

This is a wonderful start to a new cozy mystery. I loved the Thin Man references through out the story. The main character Nora Charles, was a real treat, she reminded me of the Nora Charles from the movies. The real star of this book is Nick the cat. I'm in love with this rather plumping cat. He reminds me of KoKo from the Cat Who series. The story and mystery was fantastic, it could actually be a story plot for a Thin Man movie. There was so many twist and turns through out the telling, that I was surprised by how it all turned out at the end.

I think, if anyone is a fan of the Thin Man series, or even Sherlock Holmes and Murder, She Wrote, will enjoy this story. I'm very much, looking forward to the second book in the series.

Kim Galla says

Let me preface my review with a comment to the nay-saying reviewers. It's a cozy mystery. Its not meant to be serious and will have eye-rolling moments and unbelievable characters. I know, it's difficult at first to accept these, and some authors are worse than others. I think T.C. was about average. I've read much, much worse. At least I was happily able to finish this one, with several laugh-out-loud moments, with my husband giving me an occasional raised eyebrow.

That being said. I liked the book. The narrator did a crazy good job with Nick's voice, err, meowing. Nora seemed to have her head on her shoulders for the most part. I'll pick up the series in the future. Too many books to catch up on and all that, you know?

Dawn Frazier says

Loved it! This book was so much fun, I loved the main character, Nora Charles, and of course her cat Nick, is the star of the book. I cannot wait until the next book!

Debbie Lester says

T.C. LoTempio brings readers the first book in her new Nick and Nora mystery series, Meow If It's Murder. Fans of The Thin Man movies are sure to take notice of this new series and all of the crazy antics of Nora, a former investigative reporter and her cat, Nick. LoTempio matches Nora's wits against a killer, who murdered a friend of Nora's deceased mother. With eerie nods to some of the mystery greats this is a very good first effort in a series.

What I liked:

First of all, I was intrigued right away with this book for several reasons. Being a fan of The Thin Man, having a cozy series that made a play on the movies was a great idea and I think it really worked for LoTempio here. She doesn't beat the reader over the head with the references but she does allude to the great movies of William Powell. Not only that, but the fact that Nick the cat has the distinct features of his former owner, a brilliant detective, was a cool idea, even making the reader think along the lines of reincarnation or something of the sort. There was also the fact that the murder in the story was eerily reminiscent of a Hollywood starlet's murder that was never solved. So, many good little tidbits to draw the reader in.

Nora is former investigative reporter turned sandwich shop owner. She returns home to California from her stint in Chicago, after the death of her mother only to find that one of her close friends has possibly been murdered. I liked the investigative reporter angle. It still makes Nora an amateur sleuth, but it gives her bit of a leg up on just your average deli owner trying to solve a complex crime. I thought she was brilliant and I loved her interaction with police detective, Corleone. (A nod to the Godfather, perhaps?) I think there is plenty of room for romance between these two in the future.

The murder itself was not an easy one to figure. You kind of knew why someone may have done her in, but not exactly who did it. There were plenty of twists and turns and Nick's little trick with the Scrabble tiles was ingenious. He has to be carrying around the spirit of his former owner. This one wasn't easy to predict and there were plenty of suspects. I found myself enthralled with it and couldn't put it down until I finished. That's saying a lot since I read tons of cozies every month.

Bottom Line:

This was an excellent first book in a series. There was enough background to get the reader going on the series, but it didn't overpower the mystery of the first book. I thought LoTempio made nods some of the greats, including The Thin Man and the worked well to build interest in the series. I liked Nora a lot and found her angle for investigating believable. A great first book in a series!

KyBunnies says

Originally posted at Bunny's Review

I love a good mystery book and this was great. The best part the cat. Okay no I am not really a cat person I tend to lean more toward bunnies or dogs but a cat always seems to have a canny knack to always know when something is up. I know my two may be sleeping on the opposite side of the house but if I fill their food bowl they are on top of me before I can blink.

I would love to listen to this book. I know I just read it but I love listening to mystery books. While reading I keep getting the feel of 'The Cat Who' series by Lilian Jackson Braun.

I liked how the author had Nora move back home after her mother passed. Willing to give up a career in investigative reporting to take over her mother's business.

I recommend this book to any who enjoy a good mystery.

The bunnies and I give this book carrots.

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Penny says

It was pretty good. Not earth shattering, though.

Kevin says

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Liz Jones says

This was a good book! I am glad I didn't let the psychic babble in the beginning deter me as it was just a small part of the book. Nora and her cat, Nick, are lovable characters!

Patrizia says

4 stelle e mezza.

Prendete Nora, ex-giornalista investigativa che è tornata a casa dopo la morte della madre per continuarne l'attività (in pratica una paninoteca, ma da leccarsi i baffi!). Prendete Nick, un gatto molto saggio che è

appartenuto a un investigatore privato scomparso misteriosamente. Aggiungete un detective mooolto sexy e altrettanto misterioso che risponde al nome di Daniel Corleone (potete sghignazzare: io l'ho fatto!). Spruzzate un'abbondante dose di Chantal, l'amica sensitiva di Nora, e un pizzico di Ollie, il collega dell'investigatore privato. Mescolate con una morte che tanto accidentale non è... Ecco, avrete la ricetta perfetta di questo libro.
