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Private investigator Desiree Shapiro has run into some tough cases before, but the death of a noted children's book author-found inher study with her cat as the only witness-has her truly stumped. A frequently married woman of contradictions and eccentric habits, this writer had enough in her estate to provide more than a motive for homicide. Desiree must think fast if she wants to catch a killer...not to mention stay alive!

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Kim j says

Love her books & her genuine style. I love all the characters & the fact that she is not a typical PI. Fresh & always down to earth!

Cindy says

Desiree is always fun to read. I love the working relationship with her secretary Jackie. And the asides to the audience about food, and Desiree's description of things. Sometimes I even laugh out loud. Great character.

Margaret says

This was the first of this series that I've read (although I have 2 more on Mt. TBR) and I really liked the heroine Desiree Shapiro. She's a self-doubting, sensitive, single, plus-sized private investigator - what's not to like? In this story, the suspects were all related either by blood or marriage and I think I would have liked to have seen a few more wild cards/red herrings thrown in the plot since I was able to guess the murderer early on. Much like real investigative work, there were a few slow spots however overall it was a nice read.

Madelyn Flammia says

I enjoyed this book a lot. The first person narrative is well done. Desiree has a great voice; she is a very endearing character. I recommend this series highly.

Marney Hawes says

Nice to meet a new series. Desiree is a most relatable PI - she isn't an ex-cop, she doesn't do martial arts and she finds it hard to pass up a bakery. She also doesn't solve the mystery in a week, doesn't bug the cops nor get in their way, and occasionally makes wrong assumptions. And even when she is working a case, she still has issues with family and dating. A well-rounded (no pun intended) character who works as a PI. I like her!

Rebecca says

Too much irrelevant stuff.

Marti says

this was my treadmill book--it has a nice little ledge--so it took me quite a while to read it, even though I finally brought it upstairs. the fact that we have a cat influenced me to pick this at a book sale. i found it fair--wasn't crazy about the characters, didn't sympathize with Desiree's problems with friends or men and am not sure why i just didn't put it in the recycle bag earlier.

Andreia says

So far I'm still enjoying this series.

Georgene says

A nicely written little whodunit featuring a plus-sized P.I., a cat and a whole lot of other interesting characters.

Maryllice Hogg-O'Rourke says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!
<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/11629887>

Dharia Scarab says

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more. But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It has earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

Ellen says

Loved by everyone, murdered by one.

Desiree has a request from long time friend and former neighbor, Kevin Garvey. Kevin, still a strikingly handsome man although in his 60's, believes his former wife's death was no accident. He was also the 4Th in Luella Pressman's list of husbands and evidently he never stopped being in love with her.

Luella Pressman was a successful author of a series of children's books. She could be usually be found stirring up those creative juices and writing away in her study alone...except for her beloved pet cat Beatrix. Although devoted mostly to her writing Luella made sure her 3 step daughters had everything they needed as well as a loving environment...her home.

So who are the list of suspects in this supposed murder? According to Kevins' logic it must be one of Luella's 3 step daughters:

Enid-33 years old and the oldest of the 3 step daughters. The father, Walter Pressman, stepped out one day for a bit of shopping and never returned.

Nadine- 24 years old and the daughter of, Ned Murray, a philandering airline pilot who was killed in a plane crash. Nadine's mother had been institutionalized prior to her death.

Geena-27 years old and the daughter of Fred, a wealthy Texas tycoon, who lost it all and committed suicide.

Connie, Luella's sister, is strongly opposed to Kevin's request of Desiree to investigate the girl's in regards to their step mother's death and possible murder. Nevertheless both Connie and Kevin are consulted by Desiree after each interview.

What is the motive behind this supposed murder? As Desiree gathers the clues it becomes more and more apparent that Luella Pressman had no enemies.

I have more than enjoyed this series...I am at home with Desiree. Her thoughts and shortcomings are as realistic as they would be with any person I know including myself. This story was a bit different than the usual D.S. book as I've outlined in this review.

Highly recommended for a wonderful cozy book and series.

Ann says

I love this amateur sleuth. She's my kind of gal.

Jodi says

This is the first book that I've read in this series, but it's book 5 of the series (which is currently in hiatus after book 15). It was an easy read but I knew the killer pretty much immediately. Desiree Shapiro is a full-figured PI in NYC. She's dating a total creep. She has very caring friends. But I thought her investigation left much to be desired. In this book she's asked to investigate the death of the ex-wife of a friend of hers. The ex-husband is convinced that it must be her step-daughters whodunit and he's convinced his former sister-in-law that hiring Desiree is the only way to get justice served.
