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Jake Rand is an attorney in Casper, Wyoming, specializing in juvenile justice cases. His wife Emma is a therapist in private practice. Their peaceful life together in the shadow of Casper Mountain is shattered when they discover the body of an unknown woman apparently frozen to death almost on their doorstep. Concerned that police might think they had something to do with the woman's death, Jake and Emma set out to unravel the mystery of who she is and how she met her lonely fate.

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Sharon says

This little novella really packs a punch! Engaging characters with interesting jobs and a surprise murderer. I recommend it.

Karin says

Some people dump their trash anywhere. But, when they dump it right in front of Jake and Emma's, that's a little too much. Also, when the trash turns out to be a dead body, Jake and Emma start looking around and they really stir things up. I enjoyed meeting the characters in this first book and could hardly wait to start the second book.

S.A. Molteni says

Too Cute to Kill by Linda Crowder is a wonderfully written, cozy murder mystery.

Jake and Emma find a dead body left close to their home in the middle of winter. Since they live in a rural area of Wyoming, neighbors know neighbors and crimes like this are not very commonplace. As the story continues, another murder takes place near a public area, leaving Jake and Emma to wonder what connection they, as common citizens, have to the two victims.

Once the murderer is revealed, all of the clues throughout the beginning of the book start to make sense. The murderer is not one you would expect nor one you would foresee as a criminal.

The author did an excellent job in character development and moving the story along at a good pace. All in all, this was a delightful read. Looking forward to reading the next book in the series.

Jack Heath says

Synopsis: Jake Rand is a Wyoming attorney and his wife Emma a therapist. They discover the body of a frozen woman.

Frances L. Ehrig says

Snow Country

I must admit" that the title puzzles me. It doesn't seem to refer to anything, but putting that aside, the story was pretty good. The characters pleasant, and the resolution surprising. I will look forward to another Jake and Emma mystery.

Suzanne Page says

great who-dunnit. I enjoyed it.

Dawn Hamilton says

This was a very well written and enjoyable murder mystery with lots of twists and turns, and a nail biter ending. I've lived with pets, and the author really captured the antics of the animals in this story. The author has done her homework, as is evident in the colorful and realistic settings. I've also lived in a northern place with cold, snowy winters, and her descriptions transported me to the cabin where I could feel the cold biting my nose, and hear the snow crunching under my boots as I walked across the yard. I will be looking forward to more from this author.

C-shaw says

This was a fairly pleasant little mystery, a freebie that I picked up to read in bed because the other two books I was in the midst of were a bit too heavy for bedtime reading. Not good enough for me, though, to read more of the series.

Carolyn Taylor says

Good read

Good plot, well written, believable people. I also liked the interplay within the cats and dogs. I'm ready for me time with Jake and Emma.

Sarah Stuart says

More a travelogue than a multiple-murder mystery.

I started reading "Too Cute To Kill" on a wet, cold, July evening, when I had nothing else I had to do right then, so I was content with the slow start. Animals have always been part of my life, so Emma's relationships with her dogs and cats were interesting. What I didn't expect, from a book purchased as a crime thriller, was the continuing snails-pace, or so many interruptions concerning animals that even Emma's husband, Jake, is overshadowed almost to the point of remaining a cardboard cut-out.

Amateur sleuths, with none of the resources available to the police, or even private detectives, often make for a fascinating read. Agatha Christie used them. Sadly, it didn't really work this time. Vivid descriptions of the Wyoming setting certainly caused me to add Casper to my want-to-visit list, but I couldn't believe police would give up so easily on unsolved murders, or that Emma and Jake, having taken on the task of identifying killers, would treat the matter almost casually at times. The one plus is writing that's virtually error-free and easy to read.

Lori Henrich says

This was just okay for me. Not sure why. The characters were okay and the plot was okay. But nothing really made me want to read the next book in the series.

A married couple find a dead body on their property which opens the door to them sticking their noses into the mystery.

Jaide says

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Ms. Crowder's cozy mystery Too Cute to Kill. I recently lived near Casper Mountain and still visit family there frequently. Emma and Jake Rand were believable and likable characters. The plot held my interest, and the twists in the story kept me turning the pages. I have already downloaded her sequel, and am looking forward to another cozy mystery!

LORI CASWELL says

Dollycas's Thoughts

A nice short mystery to kick off this series. I like Jake and Emma. They are so in love it was almost sad to see the murderer leave the body at their wonderful place. They work together to catch the culprit, I was surprised by the outcome but it did make sense. There are still some questions to be answered though...

Justine says

I won this as a Goodreads First Reads and I'm so glad I did. I entered because my parents grew up in Wyoming with my mom in Casper where the book takes place.

I thought this book was great. It was short and sweet but sucked me in right away. I wasn't entirely sure what to expect from the story line since it's a brand new book and author, but I'm pleased. I wasn't expecting the ending at all and liked getting to know Jake and Emma through the book. I would have liked some more descriptions in general throughout the book, but I was able to follow the story just fine regardless.

There were a few errors, but I've seen more from much larger publishers so I didn't mind much because they're not ones that were big enough to remember. I can't wait to read what else is in store for little ol'

Casper, Wyo.

Julie says

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Too Cute to Kill is a quaint read. Set in rural Wyoming, it is the tale of delightful couple's encounter with the seedier side of life. Ms. Crowder has portrayed the snowy, cold winters in Wyoming in such a way that you'll want to curl up with a blanket while reading no matter what the temperature. Fort Casper, Wyoming and its outlying areas seemed stark and remote—the perfect setting for a murder mystery.

The main characters, Jake and Emma, are a likable couple; they're the kind of people you would expect to meet in a small town. Homey, friendly, and caring, they have a houseful of animals and take in Nate Carver, son of one of the murder victims. They also take on looking into the murders. As amateur sleuths, they stir the pot enough that the murderer comes to light. Even though the story was fairly straightforward, I was surprised when the murderer was revealed. The murder was working for someone, and that someone will hopefully be revealed in the next Jake and Emma mystery (which I am looking forward to reading).

Too Cute to Kill is the perfect book to curl up with for an afternoon escape.

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