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In Harvest of Murder, garden show host Louise Eldridge is on the case again when her hectic Thanksgiving preparations are interrupted by a brutal murder committed in her own backyard.

## Harvest Of Murder Details

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## Carol says

This was the first of the series that I read.-- I was really looking forward to this series thinking it would be on par with the China Bayles series but that was not the feel I got... this is only the second book of the series but all the people around the main character treat her with kid gloves and think she is just being flighty and a busy body.

There also was not nearly enough gardening trivia..other than being located in a plant propagation lab.

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## Pat says

Good book in series.

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## Cindy says

I found this very slow and it wasn't until the last 3 chapters that I really became interested.

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## april Galloway says

Could not get started on this book. Couldn't sink right into it

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## Hanani says

I've read this book 6 years ago.

And I can only remember being somewhat...bored by it. I guess the book is all right. There's not much to say, other than it doesn't really stand out that much among the plethora of books available for your reading pleasure.

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## Kirsti says

I jumped straight into this cozy mystery series with book six, after finding a number of these for sale at my local op shop. This was the earliest book I picked up, and I figured most cozies you can read out of order. This one felt a little off from other mysteries though, because it did reference previous events and characters that I had zero clues about. Oh well.

Still, I got into the mystery in the end, and enjoyed what I could. The gardening theme is one I can be

amused with from afar; I kill every plant I touch. I'm truly that gifted. I remember with fondness a High School growing experiment, where we were all given the same seed and had to do different things to it; mine and my best friend's plants were the only two in a class of 30 to never sprout; I got all excited one class to see something happening to it, but it was just mould forming on it. Oops.

The writing is clear, the characters distinct and amusing. I'll definitely have to read more of this series, hopefully I can find some earlier novels to sink my teeth into. Three stars.

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### **Barbra says**

One more book in my TBR stack and then I am done with this series, I think it has run its course. For some reason I was unable to really get into this book, the series is a little too unbelievable at times for me.

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### **Jan says**

A bit thin in plot and character development...and gardening advice. My sympathy for Louise and her over-eager plans for Thanksgiving was non-existent and those plans were too obvious as a plot device. And, I must be really jaded right now, but the basic plot hook of pharma companies and "magic beans (plants)" just didn't work for me. I am an amateur gardener so I did like the earlier format of garden tips and advice.

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### **Betty says**

Though the culprit was not who I expected, I found this book to still be typical.

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### **Ed says**

#6 in the Louise Eldridge series. A disappointing entry in the series about an organic gardener and the bodies she seems to dig up.

Louise Eldridge has a 3 month break from her PBS gardening show and plans a big Thanksgiving feast. After her dog walking companion, an elderly plant scientist, is brutally murdered, she gets a temporary job as a plant handler in his company and proceeds to investigate the swarm of unlikeable characters until one tries to kill her. Disjointed.

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### **Sandra says**

This is the first book I've read by this author.

Generally the mystery was interesting but the main character left something to be desired. She invites 15

people to a Thanksgiving dinner when she is a poor cook and doesn't even like cooking.

The summary of the mystery was very convoluted even though I had read the previous chapters.

Perhaps the next book in the series may be better.

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### **Beth says**

a fun, light-hearted Thanksgiving murder mystery.

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### **Lori says**

I enjoyed this book, but since this was the first book I had read in this series I kept feeling I was missing character information. I will definitely get more books by this author and try to read the series in sequence.

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### **Rage says**

It's a shame the writing isn't better, because the premise is interesting. Almost all of the characters are unlikeable, and their behavior is often unbelievable to such an extent that it's detrimental to the narrative. There is very little character development, any information about the murder is gathered through gossip and luck, and the main character, Louise, displays all of the common sense of a child - her incompetence is often the only means for advancing the story. (After telling teenaged children not to walk around outside in the dark, because there's allegedly a serial killer on the loose, what does Louise do? Go for a walk by herself in the dark. After being asked by the police to do some discreet investigating, what does Louise do? Get caught. Twice.) The resolution isn't very satisfying, either, because the murderer's character becomes wildly different, even psychotic, just to create tension at the end. All of the Thanksgiving-related material has to do with Louise's inability to cook or plan a dinner, despite having invited more than ten guests, just to let you know in case you wanted to read this for the seasonal details. The whole book felt kind of raw, like it was waiting for some revisions to tighten up the plot, give the characters more depth, make the mystery more mysterious, get rid of the filler...

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### **Lauri Saplاد says**

A very interesting tale complete with a hint of biology, chemistry and the Amazonian jungle! Our amateur sleuth, Louise, has stumbled onto murder yet again, this time right in her own neighborhood! She strikes up a dog walking friendship with an older male professor. When he is brutally murdered, she just can't help but investigate. His lab and seemingly magical fountain in of youth discovery may have something to do with his untimely demise. Louise has a maddening habit of putting herself in harm's way that upsets her family and probably most readers. I found myself speaking to her out loud, warning her not to do certain things! All in all, you will find her charming and endearing with a wacky family and supporting cast. This episode also

features a quirky Thanksgiving feast with a bunch of new cast members.

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