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A relaxing trail ride turns tragic when Paramedic and Deputy Coroner Zoe Chambers discovers the body of a popular county commissioner in her Pennsylvania woods. Inconsistencies surround the horrible “accident,” but before she can investigate further, she’s pried away by a plea for help from her best friend whose son has been deemed a person of interest in a homicide over a thousand miles away. When he vanishes without a trace, his mother begs Zoe to help clear him and bring him safely home. The task takes Zoe out of her comfort zone in a frantic trip to the desolate canyons and bluffs of New Mexico where she joins forces with the missing boy’s sister and a mysterious young Navajo.

Back at home, Vance Township’s Chief of Police Pete Adams must deal not only with the commissioner’s homicide, but with an influx of meth and a subsequent rash of drug overdoses in his rural community. Bodies keep turning up while suspects keep disappearing. However little else matters when he learns that half a continent away, a brutal killer has Zoe in his sights.

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No Way Home Details

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Lisa Elizabeth says

The Zoe Chambers series is a hidden gem in the cozy mystery genre. The incredible character development, detailed and entangled plotlines and superb writing create stories that deserve much more attention and acclaim than they receive. The cute covers are misleading. These mysteries are hard-boiled.

Jenna says

Setting: Split between Pennsylvania and New Mexico

Characters

Zoe Chambers, paramedic and deputy coroner; best friend of Rose, girlfriend of Pete

Pete Adams, Vance Township Chief of Police; boyfriend of Zoe

Rose Bassi, Zoe's best friend and mom to Allison and Logan

Plot: On an uncharacteristically warm fall morning, Zoe gathers in her barn with a group of riders and their horses for a trail ride. But before they can get going, another horse - a notably anxious one - returns to the barn without his rider, who had gone out earlier in the morning. When Zoe heads out to investigate, she finds the body of a county commissioner - and a puzzling set of inconsistencies. At the same time, Pete is dealing with what looks to become a drug overdose epidemic and Zoe's best friend's son, Logan, is missing in New Mexico. Zoe is eager to help figure out who killed the commissioner, but Rose needs her help in locating Logan. As Rose and Zoe head west to New Mexico, Pete promises to keep Zoe in the loop about the murder, as long as she fills him in on the search for Rose's son, too. The story flips back and forth between the investigations, all the while somehow drawing closer together. Tension builds as the clues fall into place and, as a reader, I was anxious to see if anyone would put everything together in time to avoid more tragedy and violence!

Pacing: Brisk! Annette Dashofy keeps her characters moving along at a great pace for readers.

Predictability: Low; I was shocked!

Wild Card: Cards on the table: I'm kind of surprised that I liked No Way Home as much as I did. I've been a fan of the series, certainly, but I generally shy away from settings in the southwest. But the story was so clever and intriguing, that I couldn't keep from turning page after virtual page. Annette Dashofy has crafted a suspenseful and satisfying story in No Way Home; it's possibly my favorite of the Zoe Chambers mysteries to date.

Hit, Miss, or Draw? A definite hit.

Lisa Morin says

This is an incredibly good story.

Deputy Coroner Zoe Chambers is a strong, insightful character and I was pleasantly surprised with the story line. I am not familiar with this author so it's always fun to discover a new to me author.

In this book Zoe discovers the body of the county commissioner when she discovers his horse has returned, riderless.

This explodes into a game of cat and mouse which puts Zoe into some precarious situations. Also unfolding is the story with her best friend's son, who happens to be missing. Taking off to help her nerve wracked friend, Zoe finds herself in a battle with nefarious foes who would rather kill than face the consequences.

This story tells a gripping story and I felt transported into the action. All cozy mystery buffs must put this on their to be read list.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book provided by Henry Press and NetGalley.

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Carla Johnson-Hicks says

Zoe Chambers is a Paramedic and Deputy Coroner in rural Pennsylvania. She also boards horses and runs trail rides. When one of her boarders' horses returns riderless, Zoe sets out to find what she hopes is the injured man. Unfortunately, she finds County Commissioner Dale Springfield dead. She assumes that his horse spooked, dragged him before shaking him loose and heading home. The autopsy shows different. It turns out that Dale is on the no side of the discussion of allowing a company to frac in their township. Could someone have killed him to prevent him from speaking out? Pete has his work cut out for him on this one to find out who has the most to gain from Dale's death. While he is investigating this, young people are overdosing on heroin and meth. Is there something mixed with the drugs? Who is bringing in these deadly drugs? Who is Wolfie, the possible dealer?

Meanwhile Zoe has been asked to make a trip to New Mexico with her best friend Rose. It seems her son, Logan has disappeared and his girlfriend has been found dead. Is he the killer or is he in hiding from the killer? There is someone hunting Logan and that puts Zoe right in the path of the killer. Pete heads to New Mexico when Zoe stops answering her phone. Rose is frantic with worry and convinced that the boy she loves like a son is innocent, it's up to Zoe - with the help of Logan's sister Allison - to find out the truth of the matter.

The author switches smoothly between storylines in both states without skipping a beat. You are at first in rural Pennsylvania, with its rolling hills, brisk snowy weather, and close-knit community, then quickly transported to New Mexico, with its jagged mountains, bright sunrises, and desert terrain with people as

mysterious as the mountains themselves The Navajo friends that Logan and Alison made when they lived there, enter the story with assistance. When we reach the end of the story it comes together beautifully. The conclusion is believable and well-written. Once again, Zoe shows her smarts, her caring nature and the skills she has to assist in emergency situations. Once again, I think this is the best in the series so far. I highly recommend not just this book, but the whole series. This is more than just a cozy, it is a thriller/mystery with cozy characteristics.

Martha Reed says

Vance Township Paramedic and Deputy Coroner Zoe Chambers hits the road in this installment to help her best friend Rose locate her missing son. When Zoe arrives in Aztec, New Mexico, Annette Dashofy's gift for storytelling detail lifts the words right off the page. The complex, multi-layered plot offers many surprising twists and reveals right up to the surprise ending. Annette Dashofy has been nominated for an Agatha award, twice. It's easy to see why. Highly recommended.

Christi says

This is one of my favorite series, and this is my favorite book of the series. I read it in one day...I couldn't stop! Highly recommended!

Lghiggins says

No Way Home combines elements of a cozy mystery with elements of a thriller, and the result is an excellent read. As a cozy, *No Way Home*'s main character is Zoe Chambers, a county EMS paramedic and Deputy Coroner, who gets involved in trying to solve a murder when a riderless horse returns to the stable she manages. She is also trying to help her friend Rose find her missing son Logan. Meanwhile, several young people have overdosed in her county, and Zoe's boyfriend Pete, Chief of Police, is driven to find the dealer. In this book, there are all the components of a good cozy: a likable heroine, a love interest, and a fascinating mystery with lots of threads. In addition, we are exposed to Native American culture as found in the Four Corners area.

No Way Home is also a thriller, however. A crucial characteristic of a thriller is suspense. This book kept me interested and wanting more from start to finish and fearful of what might happen next. The book has two contrasting settings as it bounces back and forth from Pennsylvania to New Mexico in such a way that the reader wants to keep going with each plot thread in turn, a thread which is dangling just out of reach. It is a book you won't put aside easily or for long.

I would like to extend my thanks to netgalley.com and to Henery Press for giving me the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

Sherry Lynn says

I was drawn in on page one and 'spurred' on straight to the end!

No Way Home was a great introduction to Zoe Chambers and author author Annette Dashofy. I really enjoyed this 5th book in the series. And I can't wait to read books 1 thru 4!

I loved getting to know the main character Zoe and the town police chief Pete. The two happen to be romantically involved.

The story begins on a quiet Sunday morning or so Zoe thinks!

As the manager of the local horse boarding facility Zoe begins to set out on a trail ride. Her plans are thwarted when one of the boarders horses comes running home. Upon finding the fallen rider Zoe immediately realizes there wasn't an 'accident'.

Before Zoe has a chance to 'dig' into the investigation she is whisked away to New Mexico with her best friend Rose to search for Rose's missing son.

It seems that trouble follows Zoe wherever she goes. Zoe and Police Chief Pete soon realize that there is a connection to the riders 'accidental death' and the missing boy.

No Way Home was a fast paced keep you on the edge of your seat Cozy read. No Way Home is a 'stand alone' book although be cautioned you'll probably want to read the beginning of the series!

My favorite sub-character in this story was the character that helped Zoe in New Mexico. The character 'Yellow Horse' aka Pony Boy was elusive and a bit mysterious. And I caught myself wondering if Zoe wasn't already involved if there could be a little budding romance. I'd love to see more of Pony Boy.

I received a complimentary copy of No Way Home from Great Escapes Book Tours.

This review will appear at retail sites where the book is available.

This review will appear on Good Reads & My Reading Journeys.

For links to additional reviews, author/character interviews and guest posts visit the Book Tour at Great Escapes. [Click here.](#)

LORI CASWELL says

Dollycas's Thoughts

First, Paramedic and Deputy Coroner Zoe Chambers finds a dead body near her home in Pennsylvania.

Before she even has time to get in the middle of the investigation she is on a plane to New Mexico to find the

son of her best friend. He isn't answering his cell phone and his girlfriend body has been found near a canyon outside of Aztec. She has left Chief of Police and her boyfriend, Pete Adams, to handle the death at home as she gets in way over her head in New Mexico.

I am a huge fan of this series. This author continues to amaze me with each story topping the last. Every time I reach the end I find myself saying "WOW".

In this installment the pace is quick, a lot is packed into 256 pages. There are two mysteries to solve 1000 miles apart from each other. Zoe and Pete stay connected with daily phone calls until Zoe stops answering her phone and definitely not by her choice. Ms. Dashofy edges right up to the cozy/thriller line that will have her readers glued to the page. This makes for a very exciting read.

Zoe is a strong intelligent woman and she needs both if she is going to survive the trouble she has landed smack in the middle of. She and Pete usually have each other's back. Where Zoe is more impulsive, he is more measured. They both have the determination for justice to prevail. Separated this time they are dependent on others. But Pete is working with other professionals and Zoe is working with the sister of the guy she is trying to find and one of her friends. So many things could go wrong and do.

Dashofy's No Way Home is off the charts fantastic! Fantastic characters, fantastic mysteries, fantastic book!! Get your copy and hold on tight, it is going to be a bumpy ride as you find out if everyone make their way home.

Betty says

I have been a vivid friend of this series since book one. I was not disappointed and feel the series keeps getting better. The writing will put you into rural Pennsylvania and in this book into New Mexico. Zoe Chambers is getting ready for a group ride when a lone horse returns to the barn. Zoe organized a search party and finds a county commissioner dead. It appears he was buck off his horse when the horse was spooked by a gunshot. There are abnormal tracts that Zoe notice. However, before she can investigate, her friend, Rose's son is missing in New Mexico and his girlfriend is found murdered. Zoe and Rose fly to New Mexico to help in the search for the missing lad. Back home Police Chief, Sam Adams not only has the murder of the commissioner but a sudden series of death by meth and heroin overdoses. The different cases are brought to together superbly for one tale. Evidence begins to suggest that the villain in both places is the same person. Learning this person is out to kill Zoe, he flies to New Mexico to help save her. The ending will surprise you. I am looking forward to the next adventure. I highly recommend this book and series.

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Patrizia says

Questa è senza ombra di dubbio una delle mie serie preferite! Quelle 2-3 volte che ho dovuto interrompere la lettura sono stati momenti duri...

In questo libro Zoe (e Pete) sono alle prese con ben tre misteri: la morte, apparentemente per un incidente a cavallo, di un importante politico locale, una serie di morti per overdose di giovani e la scomparsa in New

Mexico del figlio della migliore amica di Zoe (con la concomitante uccisione della sua ragazza). Zoe vola in New Mexico e, visto che ha la preoccupante caratteristica di cacciarsi sempre nei guai, Pete è un attimino preoccupato... Mi è piaciuto il cambio di ambientazione, anche perché, essendo stata da quelle parti in giro per parchi naturali, sono riuscita a immaginarmi bene il paesaggio. Facciamo conoscenza anche con un misterioso Navajo, che vedrei bene come protagonista di una serie tutta sua.

La soluzione dei vari misteri mi ha sorpreso, anche se a un certo punto le avevo pure ipotizzate. Insomma, mi è piaciuto un sacco! Posso dare 6 stelle?

Edith Maxwell says

Annette Dashofy has done it again. NO WAY HOME made me regret I'm such a fast reader, because it's yet another well-woven, suspenseful, caring Zoe Chambers mystery and I finished it. I particularly loved the well-researched and experienced New Mexico scenes, but it's all nicely crafted and beautifully written. Congratulations to the author. The rest of you? Read it!

JoAnne McMaster (Any Good Book) says

Zoe Chambers is a Paramedic and Deputy Coroner in Vance Township, Pennsylvania; and she also runs a boarding stable. So when one of her boarders' horses returns riderless, Zoe sets out to find the man she hopes is merely injured. But instead she finds the body of County Commissioner Dale Springfield, and at first glance it appears his horse was spooked and he fell and hit his head. Yet when Zoe does a preliminary examination, she thinks the body is colder than it should be for a recent accident, and wonders about the time of death.

Yet Dale's death might not be an accident after all - the town is divided on a company that wants to do local fracking - and Dale was definitely on the 'no' side. So who will benefit the most if and when the deal goes through, and did anyone hate him enough to want him out of the way permanently? With a host of suspects but no solid clues, Pete has his work cut out for him on this one.

There is also another problem going on in their town - young people are overdosing on heroin and meth, but Sheriff Pete Adams isn't sure which one is the culprit, or where the teens are getting their drugs. Even with the help of Detective Wayne Baronick - a sometimes-thorn in Pete's side - every lead they have runs down to a dead end.

But even with these crimes going on, Zoe's put front and center in another investigation. It seems her best friend Rose's son Logan has disappeared out in New Mexico - right after his girlfriend's body was found in the desert; he's not answering his cell phone, and it turns out that law enforcement aren't the only ones looking for him. Roped into traveling to the Southwest with Rose's family to help search for Logan, Zoe, although thousands of miles away, might just find that distance doesn't keep danger from finding you...

No Way Home is the fifth book in the Zoe Chambers mystery and in my opinion, so far it's the best of the group (which is a pretty feat, considering the other four were quite good themselves). We start out with several deaths in Pennsylvania that may be linked somehow, and then follow Zoe in New Mexico on her quest not only to find Logan, but get answers as to who murdered his girlfriend. Rose is frantic with worry and convinced that the boy she loves like a son is innocent, it's up to Zoe - with the help of Logan's sister

Allison - to find out the truth of the matter.

The author switches deftly from the scenarios going on in both states without skipping a beat. You are at first in rural Pennsylvania, with its rolling hills, brisk snowy weather, and close-knit community of people, then are transported seamlessly to New Mexico, with its jagged mountains, bright sunrises, and desert terrain; and people as mysterious as the mountains themselves - a new experience for Zoe.

Still, with each mystery going on separately yet at the same time, we are drawn deeply into the multifarious story line, anxiously awaiting the outcome of both. Without giving too much away, let it be known that while there are plenty of twists and turns along the way, Ms. Dashofy spins a tightly-knit tale that delights the mind with vivid descriptions of regions and people, bringing it to life.

When at last we reach the end of the story it comes together beautifully; and as we learn the truth it is altogether believable and well-composed; with a gamut of emotions that elicits the same from the readers of the story. Highly recommended and I look forward to the next in the series.

Brenda says

The best in this series to date finds Zoe's relationships with police chief Pete Adams and that of her friend Rose Bassi slowly warming up.

Fracking has Vance County divided into for and against factions. When Commissioner Dale Springfield's horse returns riderless to Zoe's barn her search ends when she finds him dead on a trail. Was it an accident or murder because Dale was leading the anti-pipeline group?

Logan Bassi seems to have disappeared after the brutalized body of his girlfriend is found in the desert around Aztec New Mexico. Rose needs Zoe's help to find Logan but the danger this puts Zoe in is something no-one could have predicted.

The descriptions of New Mexico paint a beautiful and very different country from Vance County Pennsylvania.

Warning - there is some brutal violence in this book. Not a cozy mystery.

I received a copy of this book from Henery Press through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

Anne says

This is a joint review of With A Vengeance and No Way Home since I read them one right after the other and had the same basic experience.

When I first requested Vengeance from Netgalley (in exchange for my honest review) I was expecting more of a cozy read based on the cover. Despite the lack of sex, descriptive imagery of the violence and gore and vulgar language, I would say this series falls into the true mystery category based on the developed, action

packed plot lines and how we get to see what/how our amateur sleuth (Zoe) and the police are investigating. So many of the cozies I've been reading barely even have the police showing up.

Vengeance deals with the sniper shooting of first responders and I really liked how Home was completely different dealing with both drugs and a murder due to fracking/big money. The author really provided decent, full, detailed plots in both books. More in Vengeance than Home, previous events were just briefly mentioned and didn't impact my reading being new to the series. It was easy to jump in here.

I'm definitely looking forward to reading the first three books and the 6th when available.
