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Snow before Halloween shocks the residents of tiny Park County Tennessee. While dealing with a multitude of minor issues Sheriff Tony Abernathy is contacted by a charter pilot who claims his passenger jumped without a parachute into the most remote spot in the county. After riding mules into the wilderness to collect the body Tony and his deputy must travel to North Carolina in a blizzard to notify the widow. Problems multiply. Tony's wife Theo is shocked to see a woman at the grocery store with a knife embedded in her back. Then a priceless quilt is stolen.

As the sheriff Tony hates Halloween. Even so he never expected a valuable coffin and the body inside to go missing.

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Sandybear76 says

Loved this book in this series. Tony, the local sheriff, and Theo, his wife and local quilt shop owner, help each other solve mysteries around their town/county. The book has several mysteries going on and you might think that the author has forget to solve 1 or 2 of them. The book is comfortably told in the voices of both Theo and Tony without confusion.

Snow has come early to Silersville, TN with a big snow before Halloween. Tony receives an odd call from a pilot, who explains that his passenger jumped out of his plane and landed, dead, in a snow-filled clearing.

Sara Bartlett says

I picked up this book due to the Goodreads rating. I just can't believe the reviews. This book has no consistent thread! It opens with bones found in a cellar, then we don't hear another word about the bones until the last page. No mystery. Then a man falls from an airplane. But there are all these side stories... a homeless man with a dog, build up to a fight - over nothing then that thread ends. Then there is a woman with a knife in her back while grocery shopping! Mystery? No, that thread is dropped, never developed. Then threatening notes to a woman getting married...no big deal there, no mystery, it's dropped. Then the last two pages it ends! What a mess! It amazes me that some of these authors are published! I checked out another Brabara Graham novel at the library but it's going back unopened. I finished reading the book thinking somehow it had to get better, it never did.

Shirl says

A good mystery.

Lisa Cobb Sabatini says

Barbara Graham's Murder by Gravity: The Coffin Quilt has everything that readers of cozy mysteries want. Small town Silersville, Tennessee has plenty of quirky citizens and uncommon happenings. Like a body falling from the sky. Other occurrences include the discovery of human bones in a basement, a woman walking around the grocery store with a knife in her back, the theft of a valuable quilt, and the theft of a coffin with . . . contents. Tony Abernathy, the antacid chewing sheriff, is tasked with taking care of the citizens and solving the crimes. His wife, Theo, who owns the quilt shop in town, finds herself involved in some of Tony's cases, especially as she searches for the quilt that was stolen from her shop.

Murder by Gravity is fun and the whodunit is well plotted. For quilters, a pattern is included. Full of meddlesome and peculiar characters, humorous scenes, and lovable protagonists, Barbara Graham's Quilted Mysteries series is one readers will want to curl up with again and again.

Alice says

Cozy

Quick read

last of series, but I'm not interested enough in the characters to go back and read the others.

Quilt inclusion also not enough to go back and read the others.

Cheryl says

This is 5th in a series about Sheriff Tony Abernathy and his wife Theo who owns a quilt shop. Theo is at a grocery store when she sees a lady in front of her with a knife sticking out of her back, then a priceless quilt is taken from her store and her husband is busy trying to figure out why a man would jump off the wing of a plane to his death. An enjoyable book

Grey853 says

Tony is the sheriff of a small town and his wife Theo runs a quilt shop. They have four small children.

This is supposed to be a cozy mystery because it's sold as one, what with the quilting angle and all. However, it doesn't read like one. The only real quilting going on is the actual pattern that's given for the Coffin quilt throughout, which is separate from the actual story. It really seems like a regular mystery to me because the majority of it is told from Tony's point of view as sheriff.

There are three main mysteries: Four very old skeletons are found in the basement of a local renter, a woman is shopping with a knife in her back, and a man jumps out of an airplane with no parachute.

That last mystery is the one that takes up most of the story. Why would the guy fall out of the plane? Did he jump, was he pushed, what's the situation?

All three are solved with in few pages of one another, which seemed a little rushed.

It's not a bad book. It just had potential to be more. I wanted to see more about Theo and less about Tony since it's marketed as a "quilt" mystery. Still, it was worth reading.

Jan says

The titles of Barbara Graham's books always make me chuckle. They are most appropriate, though I don't

usually understand them until the end of the book. I really loved this book. The interwoven tales of the county are seamless. Tony and Theo's lives continue to develop along with the lives of the other characters. Some things are shocking, some are hilarious, some are heartbreaking, some are heartwarming, but they are never dull. I love this series and highly recommend it.

Val says

I LOVE THESE BOOKS!!! Every page is a adventure, and every person is a kooky character. Tony is probably never going to get his book wrote and Theo will probably never get a chance to relax but they take what life and their crazy families, friends and community throw at them in stride. I'm so thankful to have found these books!

Susan says

It's Halloween, and there's a lot going on in little Park county. Sheriff Tony Abernathy is trying to find out how the body of the mayor's brother ended up falling from a small plane into a remote forest; his wife Theo is stunned by seeing a woman walking through the supermarket with a knife in her back; someone has stolen a coffin, complete with body; and Theo's been tipped off that someone of malicious intent is investigating the local underground railroad for abused women and children. And that's not even touching on the threatening notes being sent to Tony's favorite baker, soon to be a bride. Not all the loose ends are tied up, but that gives us something to look forward to in Graham's next book.
