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A Cold Brew Killing Details

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From Reader Review A Cold Brew Killing for online ebook

Carrie Schmidt (Reading is My SuperPower) says

How appropriate for this book to release on Election Day, since part of the plot revolves around a local election for mayor. Don't worry though – politics isn't the focus. Instead, it's a cozy mystery that also celebrates the bonds of friendship in many different ways. Which is what I love most about this series.

Gia has grown so much as a character since the first book, and she seems to finally be settling in to the quaint Florida town and her all-day breakfast cafe. While she rallies around her friend Trevor – who is falsely accused of murder – her friends rally around her, watching out for her and pitching in at the cafe when needed. There's a slight romance thread but it's definitely in the background, and there are also a couple of intriguing subplots involving some of the supporting characters. I loved spending more time with Cybil in this book, and of course i can't forget to highlight Gia's adorable dog Troy. He's such a sweetie!

Bottom Line: A Cold Brew Killing is another great read in the All-Day Breakfast Cafe series! Gia continues to be a compelling – and evolving – character and her friendships are the highlight of the non-mystery portion of the book. The mystery itself is well-plotted with several layers and twists. Looking forward to more adventures with Gia and her gang!

(I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book)

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Sarah says

Another great addition to the series! I very much enjoyed the mystery and the characters. I'm hoping this series will continue!

Mary Brown says

A Cold Brew Killing
All-Day Breakfast Cafe Mystery, Book #3
Lena Gregory
5 Stars

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Review:

The characters are well rounded and well developed. Although Gia does not have a conventional family, she has a family of friends and co-workers who mean so much to her. I love the relationship between Gia and Savannah, it seems so warm and sincere. All of her relationships feel that way.

The writing style flows smoothly and the book was an easy read. The author is very talented in her descriptive writing and drew me into the story from the very beginning. Boggy Creek and all of the shops and restaurants came to life in my mind and it is a place I would like to visit.

The mystery was well plotted and moved along at a nice pace. There were plenty of twists and turns and red herrings thrown in and it was a difficult mystery to solve, which is fine with me.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well crafted cozy mystery. It has humor, personable characters, loving friendships and an intriguing mystery. I have read all the books in this series and they just keep getting better.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book provided by the publisher, Kensington Books, and NetGalley, which I greatly appreciate.

Jessica Robbins says

*I received a free copy of this book which I voluntarily chose to write an honest review for.

Gregory has become one of my go-to cozy mystery authors when I am feeling in the mood and this new installment to the adorable series was no exception. I fell in love from the very first page as Gia yet again charms the reader as she runs her breakfast cafe with efficiency. Things are going pretty well until her friend Trevor finds a dead body in the freezer of his ice cream shop. Well of course Gia has to get involved in the mystery even if she does try not to. Her curiosity just will not abate but that is what this is so great. The blend of the characters, the cafe, and the mystery comes together to create this absolutely fantastic cozy that I just could not put down once I started. If like great characters, food, and a mystery you really have to read this one though the whole series has been amazing. In case you cannot tell I totally loved it so I give it 5/5 stars.

Shelly says

Likable characters, clever plot twists and quirky cozy elements make *A Cold Brew Killing* a worthy read! Gia, a transplant from New York, runs a breakfast diner in sunny Florida. When the dead body of a local politician mysteriously turns up in the freezer of her flirtatious friend's ice cream parlor, Gia is pulled into investigating the perplexing homicide. The story flows at a perfect pace and unfolds smoothly. The All-Day Breakfast Café Mystery series is delightfully fun and engaging and will leave you "hungering" for more in the series.

Karen Hollins-Stallman says

"Family secrets, old mansions, and murder"

Politics can be murder, at least that is how it seems to Gia. When a local mayoral candidate is murdered and left in the freezer of Trevor's ice cream shop, he becomes suspect number one. Nothing is going to keep Gia out of the murder investigation now that it seems to affect not one but two of her close friends.

Each book in this series seems better than the last for me at least. The story pulled me in straight away and held my attention till the very end. There were plenty of twists and turns, and enough intrigue to keep you reading throughout and per usual with this series I read in one sitting.

Gia is a determined, and loyal protagonist that you can't help but love and now you also want to root for the rest of her friends. We also got a bit more background information about Trevor and Harley's pasts and I was happy we saw more of Sybil and her dog, Caesar in this story.

I will be reading this series as long as there are new books. While it can be read as a stand alone, the reader will get more out of "*A Cold Brew Killing*" if the previous books have been read.

Betty says

Reading the third book in the All-day Breakfast series I found it much improved from the first one I read. I am looking forward to the next installment.

Gia Morelli's cafe is busy when her friend and ice cream vendor, Trevor arrives in the cafe and immediately collapses. He tells the group there a dead body in his refrigerator. As the police investigate the death Trevor becomes a suspect. Her boyfriend acting police chief, Hunt Quinn refuses to tell Gia anything about the murder. Some of Gia's actions put her in harm's way. Most of the characters went to school together and the motive for MURDER reaches back to their high school days. Is Trevor guilty or is he being framed? I highly recommend this book and series.

Disclosure: Many thanks to NetGalley and Kensington Books for a review copy. The opinions expressed are my own.

Kristin Cochran Schadler says

Loved this book. This was a fun read. I love when characters aren't what you think they are, or have more depth than you originally think. Very excited to see what happens next for this group.

Tari says

This is another of my favorite series that just keeps getting better. One of the Facebook book clubs I'm in had the first book in this series for our November discussion, and since I'd read the second one this summer, I was in the mood to read this one--especially since I had all the characters and situations fresh in my brain! ;)

When a local guy who was running for mayor was found dead in Trevor's ice cream shop freezer, Gia had the need to help find the killer despite what her sorta-boyfriend (as she calls him) acting-Captain Hunt Quinn says. He is awfully sweet to her and I loved the awesome scenes they had together! He had his few little moments of jealousy over Trevor, but Gia assured him he had nothing to worry about. I liked the side mysteries as well that centered on Harley and Skyla.

A new character introduced was Skyla who was Willow the cafe waitress' mom, and she had a secret of her own, as did the gentle homeless man Harley that Gia has kept supplied with dinner since the first book. Harley is such an awesome character. He doesn't say much, but he sure is always there for his pal Gia. Another character that was somewhat new but introduced in the second book was a retired cook named Cole who was now working for Gia and loving it. He said retirement was boring. Earl (my fave since the first book since he makes me think of Columbo) got more page time as well, since he's also a helper in the cafe when Gia needs him as well as a regular breakfast customer. A really cool character that I liked from the second book was Cybil, a somewhat mysterious woman who always walked in the woods. Gia became closer friends with her and invited her to the cafe. Cybil was a widow that Gia thought might enjoy meeting Earl, a widower.

Savannah is such a hoot! She's the perfect bestie and she was determined that she and Gia would get a girls' getaway. It didn't quite happen the way she planned, but it was still some good adventure. Gia and Hunt are in a really good place right now. I like how their relationship has been a little slow, sometimes shaky but not stormy. I'm anxiously waiting for the next book!

Katreader says

A COLD BREW KILLING by Lena Gregory
The Third All-Day Breakfast Café Mystery

Gia Morelli has had it with politics! She's tired of Earl and Savannah bickering over the upcoming mayoral election and concerned with Skyla's reaction to one of the candidates. The election is thrown a curve when Trevor finds one of the men murdered in his ice cream parlor's freezer. Gia is certain of Trevor's innocence, but she soon discovers there's much more to him than she realized. More and more people are acting angry and scared and Gia soon realizes that all of them were friends in high school. Something that happened back

then must be the root of the current murder, but what?

Can you ever escape your past? Should people be made accountable for past transgressions? Can people really change? The third All-Day Breakfast Café provides a fascinating look at these questions from a variety of angles. The themes explored are particularly relevant today, in relation to entitled young men, politics, and those who seek justice.

I love how the basis of the mystery was created in the past, a past about which Gia is totally unfamiliar. Gia's reacting without thinking and her jitteriness still annoys me, but her dedication, loyalty, and devotion to friends makes me like her. Her negative habits are slowly abating and I enjoy seeing her grow as a person. I'm also excited to see the development of some of the secondary characters, Cybil in particular.

A COLD BREW KILLING is a fast paced mystery that holds particular relevance in today's world. It's important to stand up for what you believe in and trust that your friends and family will support you. And remember family doesn't have to be blood, we can make our own family with those friends we hold dear.

FTC Disclosure – The publisher sent me a digital ARC provided through NetGalley, in the hopes I would review it.

Debra Jo Burnette says

REREAD FOR BOOK DISCUSSION.

This is such a fun series. I love Gia and Savannah and the entire All Day Gang.

Poor Gia hasn't had it easy. Finding out her ex husband was a scam artist who swindled half the millionaires in town, she moved from NY to Florida to start a new, to only find him dead in her dumpster. Fast forward to the present and with the Cafe and her life back on track (even romance), could history begin to repeat itself? Is it possible that someone close to her may not be who they seem? With an election on the horizon, between two "friends" in a small town, secrets are bound to come out. Could it be that someone is out to stop the competition or does it go deeper than that? How far is this someone willing to go to keep the past in past? Leave it to Gia and the gang to dive in and find out what's happening. Can they find out before one of their own gets buried too deep in this?

Read the book to find out.

K.A. Davis says

A COLD BREW KILLING by Lena Gregory is the third book in the All-Day Breakfast Café mystery series but the first I've had the chance to read. While it can be read as a stand-alone, there is some backstory regarding a couple of the characters that I wished I had known. Despite that, I found the characters to be engaging and I especially loved the sweet interaction the protagonist, Gia Morelli, has with a couple of elderly people in her town. I also greatly enjoyed the heartwarming rescue dog adoption scene the author included along with the theme that family doesn't always have to mean blood relations. There are bits of humor sprinkled throughout, like Gia's description of her boyfriend, Detective Hunter Quinn, aka "Tall,

dark, and snippy”.

The murder revolves around the mayoral election for the town. It also includes a long ago crime that the author intertwines with the victim, which I found intriguing. There were plenty of suspects and secrets for Gia to weed through and kept me guessing and turning pages. The pace, for the most part, was good although I felt like the reveal was a bit rushed. Overall, this is a good cozy mystery and an entertaining read.

I was provided an advance copy from Netgalley with the hopes I would review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Patty says

A Cold Brew Killing by Lena Gregory is the 3rd book in the All-Day Breakfast Cafe Mystery series, and a great start. Gia Morelli moves from New York to a small town in Florida to start over and get away from her ex. Gia is now the owner of the All-Day Breakfast Cafe, settling in and making friends. Gia's friend Trevor runs into her cafe, all upset there was a body in his freezer. Trevor owns the ice cream shop in town. When Trevor becomes the prime suspect, Gia is determined to find the real killer. I found this book to be a quick read, with well developed plot and characters. There are a lot of twists and turns that kept me reading. Looking forward to reading the next book in the series. If you love cozy mysteries, I recommend this book/series.

I was given a copy of this book for a fair and honest review.

Peggy R says

Cold Brew Killing is the third book and continues what has been an enjoyable series for me. The author has crafted a quaint small town Florida setting, and populated it with relatable and interesting characters. I really enjoy the friendship between Gia and Savannah. Gia has shown growth since the very first book and she is opening up a bit more to people. In this book, we get to see more of Cybil and I hope that she become a regular, frequent secondary characters. I think she is a wonderful influence on Gia in terms of providing wisdom and guidance. The secondary cast of characters are wonderful and provide Gia the self-made family that she has been missing. There are some romances among the characters but they don't distract from the story. The mystery involves two murders among a group of high school friends from the town so the pool of suspects is not vast. However, as the story unfolds there are plenty of secrets and twists that will keep the reader guessing about the identity of the real killer. My only criticism would be that I felt the ending was a bit rushed with this book.

I voluntarily read an advanced reader copy provided to me by the publisher through Netgalley.

Carrie says

A Cold Brew Killing by Lena Gregory is the third book in the cozy All-Day Breakfast Café Mystery series.

Each book in the series centers around it's own murder mystery so they could be read and enjoyed as a standalone. However, there is some continuing character development from book to book that may be missed if not starting from the beginning of the series.

The All-Day Breakfast Café Mystery series features Gia Morelli who is a New Yorker at heart but has moved to Florida and opened up her own breakfast cafe after a divorce. Set in a small town many of the locals are returning characters to the books along with a bit of a romantic interest and Gia's puppy Thor and all have been fun to get to know.

In A Cold Brew Killing Gia is busy working on her new cold brew menu in her cafe when her friend and fellow shop owner Trevor stumbles into the diner mumbling about a dead body in his freezer. When the police point the finger at Trevor as a murder suspect Gia can't help but again begin to investigate to prove her friend's innocence.

From the colorful cast of characters with the small town vibe this is a series that I've continued to enjoy coming back to book after book. Gia's about as far from detective as she can be but she knows how to work the small town gossip mill and get her answers. The only thing I'd somewhat complain about is the author tends to focus a bit too much on the diner work, cooking, waiting tables, plating up dishes of delicious breakfast. It doesn't need to be overly detailed repeatedly but I'm willing to overlook this to enjoy the rest of the mystery.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

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