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### **Nancy says**

I was somewhat concerned after reading several of the review that I may not enjoy the book. However, I found the book easy to read, entertaining, and hard to put down. The author did input some things about the LDS Church but I didn't think she overdid it at all. The story was a little predictable but it was interesting to see how it all came together.

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### **Natasha says**

Okay, here goes. It was hard for me to get going in the beginning, but the end was a bit better.

The mormon subculture is included without being too trite or forced, but had to roll my eyes on a few pages.

My problems: the main characters are how old? They couldn't be more than twenty-five, but they act and talk like 40-year-olds. Plus, there was a parade of characters with contrived reasons to show up at convenient times in the book. And everything is way too tidy, convenient and fairy-tale ending.

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### **Kylie says**

This is the 4th book I've read in this series (I read one out of order), and I've read several others by Green. Here's the thing.... she seems to be recycling characters. What I mean by that is that other than physical appearance, her heroines seem to be a lot alike. This book was probably my least favorite so far. The romance was a bit too cheesy and way too fast. Also, I don't really need to know that the heroine showered twice in a day.

I still like the books alright. They're entertaining, "fluff" reads for the most part. Perhaps I should take a break from them for a bit though.

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### **Sue says**

I really enjoyed it, the romance, the characters... a good, quick read. But it reminded me of a Scooby Doo episode, where they have their mystery and then catch the guy, and then he confesses everything, and says: "If it weren't for you nosy brats, I could have gotten away with it too".

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### **Gail says**

This was a great story - it had 2 different secrets/mysteries going on at the same time and a love story too. I was able to solve the last mystery and knew how the love story was going to go but the one big mystery was

a real shock. I really like how the author interweaves the LDS people in the lives of all those around them and all their experiences together make for great friendships. This is a nice, easy read and purely entertainment.

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### **Bryn Clegg says**

I LOVE the first book in the series, "hearts in hiding." This one was harder for me; I loved how the Haggerty ladies made an appearance, but everything else was difficult for me. I saw the answer to the mystery a mile and a half off, and the romance was too quick. There were too many moments when the main character reminisced about the past. It was an entertaining light read though.

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### **Linda Hart says**

My 2nd book by Betsy Brannon Green and I will read more because they are just plain fun with the right combination of suspense and romance. The Southern Haggerty ladies are delightful, especially Miss Eugenia and the audio narrator is wonderful. Although a bit predictable, it was fun to see it all unravel and there were a few surprises. This book appeals to LDS audience especially, but I think the non LDS reader would enjoy it & be enriched. Again, this book reminded me of Miss Marple and also a little of Agatha Christie. Fun, fast paced, with extra kudos from me to the author for a squeaky clean read.

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### **Brooklyn D says**

The basic plot summary is Mary Grace is running a hotel called the Arms in a small town named Bethany Beach. Then her old friend John Wright come to stay at the Arms while reporting on an old murder in the town that happened 25 years ago. As they get closer to solving the murder they start to figure out some hidden secrets. They find that the dock below the Arms is being used by a smuggling ring. Different events lead to Mary Grace almost getting shot in the head by her friend, Heath Pointer. Turns out he was part of the smuggling ring. Then Mary Grace decides to sell the Arms. Everything goes back to normal.

The main character, Mary Grace starts out in the book being quiet, kind, and stubborn. She has loads of work to do and she doesn't want any help. Throughout the book she becomes bolder, doing the kind of things you would never expect her to do. She becomes much less stubborn. She lets her friends help her do things she can't possibly do alone. She stays kind for the remainder of the book.

I gave this book a 3-star rating because a big part of the book was kind of dull. It seemed to drag on and I had a hard time reading it because of that. A big part of the book is just them going to meetings with towns people to get more information. Then they would go back to the hotel and eat dinner, then go for a walk on the beach, and then repeat the next day. It got better as the book progressed. I liked this book but it wasn't my favorite.

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### **Megan Swanson says**

It's predictable, but cute. Usually I only give fives to books that I continue to think about for a couple days. I suppose I've been a little busy trying to read all of the other Haggerty books to be able to think about most of

them. It was very well written, but when taking into consideration the title, it's fairly obvious(at least it was to me,) who was guilty. The only problem is, and I don't know if this will be solved in a later book, but there are two men who are constantly talking near the hotel and only one is caught. Nothing is mentioned of the other again. I know it's not in the next Haggerty book, but I think I have three and a half more to go... we'll see if that guy is taken care of.

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### **Katie Nelson says**

Fun book but not quite as good as the first two in this series

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### **Brenda says**

This is my 2nd of Betsy's books and I loved it! It even had the old ladies of Haggerty in it! Great characters, lots of twists and turns, and a little romance to keep you interested. Very cute (an appearance by the Visiting Teachers to lend a hand) and a little predictable, but safe for your heart. Can't wait to read more of her fun work!

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### **Lisa says**

This third entry in the Haggerty series is better than the second (*Until Proven Guilty*) and still not as good as the first (*Hearts in Hiding*). *Above Suspicion* is not set in Haggerty, although characters from Haggerty appear in the story. The plot unfolds well (albeit with the--to me unnecessary--"heroine in life-threatening peril" scene at the end, which somehow seems to be a requirement for the romance/suspense genre but almost always adds an air of unreality to the climax) and I liked the characters. On to the fourth in the series, *Silenced*.

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### **Susan says**

The Haggerty ladies are on vacation at the Bethany Arms hotel. Miss Eugenia even cons Kate and Mark Iverson to join them. Mary Grace inherited the Arms from its previous owner and feels an obligation to keep it running despite her two misfit employees and pressure from her attorney/friend to sell. John Wright, a reporter, comes to Bethany Beach on assignment to investigate unsolved murders, and Bethany Beach has a 25-year-old unsolved murder. John is also a man Mary Grace met before his mission, and before she joined the church. Romance is rekindled and major secrets are revealed.

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### **Sandy says**

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A fun read! Lots of twists and turns.

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### **Jana at ThatArtsyReaderGirl.com says**

I think there was a little too much cheesy LDS stuff in this one. I mean, I'm an active member of the church and love it, but I don't like books that shove religion at you in a non-realistic way or an over-dramatic way just to teach something. I was also getting tired of the exact same thing happening over again:

She woke up, she took a shower, she got dressed, she went down to breakfast, she got changed into work clothes, she cleaned the rooms and delivered fresh towels, she talked to this person, she talked to this person, she went here, she got changed for dinner, she ate dinner, she tried to clean up but was told not to, she went to the beach, she went to sleep. This happened a lot. There was no variation in Mary Grace's life unless someone was trying to cause trouble.

Mary Grace was proposed to before she even told the guy she loved him and vice versa. And then he kept bugging her about it. It wasn't realistic.

Plus... cheesy depictions of an active LDS person's life. I just wasn't a fan.

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