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This book is second in a brand-new series of murder mysteries. "Miss Marple" for the younger reader! When ageing starlet Baby Sugarcandy is found dead at the bottom of the stairs in her Hollywood mansion, it is assumed she tripped. However, an autopsy reveals she was dead before she fell...When a number of strange deaths follow, Poppy Fields decides to investigate.

Dead Funny Details

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Hesham N. Ali says

Funny and dark, but some stuff doesn't add up for a kid who's solving a crime mystery.

Monish P says

This book was amazing!! It had suspense and it was very thrilling. Though the book was very short, it was packed with full - on entertainment! I give it a 4/5 stars! Better read this if you love Mystery/Murder stories!

Rogerio says

This second book is more improbable and the story takes place in America. Poppy goes with her mom, who is to design a garden for a rich artist.

Although in the course of the book it becomes again obvious who the killer is, the story is entertaining.

Nabiha Naeem says

This book is extremely full of enjoyable suspense , poppy feilds was dying to go to america but when she reached there in one house people get themselves killed in weird ways then she and graham dicided to investigate the murderer was so very unexpected ... dont forget to check this out ...

Bookgirl15 says

This book was really exiting, I love murder mysteries! I couldn't stop reading it.

Poppy Fields, Graham and Poppies mum are invited to America to see a rich famous lady called baby sugarcandy but they notice that something is terribly wrong... As they just got settled in the bodies started dropping and Poppy was forced to investigate.

Chiara says

I rate it 4 because in a way it creeps me out. But it is fun to read.

Liam Thompson says

I thought that when I picked up "Dead Funny" by Tanya Landman that I was going to read a book about murder that was slightly amusing - I was right. I found the main character, Poppy Fields, very interesting. At the beginning of the novel (it is written from her point of view), she states that she is a master at not being seen and she says how she likes to observe humans - I didn't find this characteristic of hers very interesting at all however later on in the story when people start dropping like flies I found it very interesting how she used her gift of observation to examine people more closely and see things normal people wouldn't. "Dead Funny" is definitely written for children because the humour was a little weird to me but a sort of funny at the same time. If you like the sound of a lighter, more kid-friendly take on a mystery novel then this book is exactly what you need. Baby Sugar Candy's mansion was my favourite setting in the whole book (although I didn't have much choice since majority of the book was set there) because it was very well described and it was also the place where most the action and discoveries took place. To summarise, I am glad that the cover caught my eye in the first place and I will probably end up picking up number three in the series off the shelf at some point.

Angelise says

DESCRIPTION: A book about some children who solve murders.

AGE GROUP: 9-13

RATING OUT OF TEN: 10/10

Hilary says

Brilliant book for kids. 8 year old loved it - will be reading more

Ruby Cox says

I chose to read Dead Funny because my friend said she had read this book and would recommend it to anyone who loves a good mystery. This book is about a girl named Poppy Fields and her friend Graham on the hunt to find out who the murderer is. Poppy's mum gets asked to redesign a retired singer's garden named Sugar, but when they arrive they find Sugar dead on the floor. The police say it was an accident, but later on Sugar's daughter was found laying dead in the swimming pool but with a string of sausages wrapped around her neck. Poppy and Graham find something out, but can't tell the police because they had to break the law to find it out. So Poppy and Graham go out to see if they were right, but were kidnapped and realising it was all a trap. Poppy soon finds a way out and saves her friend and catches the murderer.

The person I admire the most from this book is Poppy Fields, because she is brave and would do anything to save her friends. She is smart and kind to whom is kind back.

There were no quotes from this book.

Leona says

never read want to read

Rhondda Powling says

This book is second in this series of murder mysteries written for younger readers. Poppy Fields is a "Miss Marple" character who seems to find herself at the centre of murder investigations wherever she goes. Poppy's mum is asked to complete a garden for an ageing starlet called Baby Sugarcandy. Originally English, the woman now lives in California. Poppy and her friend Graham are invited to come along too but right from the time they land in Los Angeles, they feel that they are being watched. They will all stay in the guest house at the mansion but arriving at their destination they find Baby Sugarcandy dead at the bottom of the stairs. It is assumed she tripped but Poppy insists that the police check further and her suspicions are proved correct when the autopsy reveals she was dead before she fell. More deaths follow and Poppy and Graham are in the thick of it again.

The book is a quick read, short and suspenseful. It captures the imagination and moves along at a good pace with a satisfying ending.

Lavanya says

good also funny also but enjoyed a lot

Ciara says

i thought it was a good book in the way that it kept interested the whole way through the.i always kept reading because i really wanted to find out who the murderer is?????????????at the start i thought it wasde daughter but then she died so i dint know and then i kept an interest in the book

Paul E. Morph says

This second book in the Poppy Fields series of murder mysteries for younger readers didn't grab me as much as the first ('Monday's Are Murder'). I think this may have been because the set-up seemed more than a little preposterous and that most of the new American characters were slightly irritating (with the exception of Lieutenant Weinburger; I quite liked him).

The book wasn't all bad though. I really liked the fact that the author avoided the 'child protagonist was right

all along if only the stupid adults would listen to her' trope and the story never drags, moving along at a fair old pace.

I would recommend this book to children between eight and thirteen, provided they're not the sort to be disturbed by some reasonably graphic murders (graphic for a children's book anyway; we're not talking Clive Barker level graphic or anything).

Despite only giving this book three stars, I'd still read the next book in the series. I just hope Poppy's back in her native U.K. In the next one. She didn't fit in too well in the Hollywood hills, in my opinion. What do I know, though? I do realise I'm about thirty years too old to be part of the book's target audience! :-)

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