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Matches, Meet Your Maker

Newly divorced Marcie hates men. All men, she doesn't discriminate. So when she takes a job at her aunt's sketchy matchmaking club, she knows it's going to mean trouble. Love is a sham, after all. But she never thought she'd be solving a murder, especially not the murder of her aunt's horrible neighbor who calls women "hussies," thinks the matchmaking club is a brothel, and snoops where he shouldn't be snooping. The guy kind of had it coming.

But when her aunt becomes the main suspect and the police don't seem to care that things aren't matching up like they should, Marcie is forced to become the perfect match for the evil man's puzzling murder.

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Sherry McWilliams says

Loved this story. The characters are quirky and loveable. I really enjoy a mystery when it has moments of fun and laughter in them. Once you start reading, you want be able to put it down.

Sande Mcatee says

Must Love Murder was a free book that I added to my Nook. It started slow and i wasn't sure I cared much for the main character, Marcie. As the story line unfolded I found myself liking her more. With each chapter a new clue was revealed pulling you more into the book. It's a quick afternoon read. If you like cozy mysteries you won't be disappointed with this one.

Sandee says

A solid, well-written cozy. It took a lot of time for me to warm up to Marcie our main character but her growth through the book got me to the point that she was starting to appeal to me. I dislike weak, silly women and Marcie definitely starts out this way. The other characters are somewhat stereotypical with little back story or growth. Based on characters and relationships alone I wouldn't have finished this book. What I loved about this book was the mystery. It has been well thought out and the clues are appropriate while leading the reader the the conclusion. The closer I got to the end the greater my desire to keep reading. I will be looking for the next book in this series.

Bigbear Woolliscroft says

A matchmking business, that doubles as a crime investigators and that sort of finds a husband/date. It is at times funny, lighthearted, completely over the top at times. So it qualifies as a Cozy mystery, but it failed to really grap my attention - still better than no book, while waiting for your bus.

Jill says

Aunt Mabel hires Marcie to work at the San Diego Matchmaker's Club so she can support her three children, Laverne, Lilla, and Celia. One key tool of the trade is an Ouija board. Maybe it will it leave them to the killer of the pesky next-door neighbor before Aunt Mabel is arrested. Marcie must overcome the lack of child support, embezzlement, second wives, and lonely hearts. The plot is easy to follow.

Jan says

No erotica. No horror. Lots of fun.

Forty something with kids and recently divorced, Marcie has issues. Her odd aunt has a new business scheme and Marcie needs money, so they get together on this matchmaking club. First comes the murder of the nutcase next door, then the idea to solve the murder before dear auntie gets tossed in the clink, then a much needed makeover for Marcie. No spoilers here!

Don't miss this one!

Katej0929 says

Fun Mystery

Fun, quirky mystery that had me surprised at the end. Very likable main character that you will be rooting for!

Susan Barton says

Must Love Murder is a fun and funny cozy murder mystery. It was a little slap stick silly at times, but that was part of the charm of this book. I actually found myself giggling at some of the things the characters said and did.

The book is filled with likable characters and the plot moves along quickly. I would definitely read more in this series. Worth the read!

Mike Billington says

So, my laptops (both of them) weren't working worth a damn, some long-ignored health issues kept insisting that I do something about them, and booking a flight to the States on one of those "cheap" airline ticket Websites was more challenging than it should have been.

Did I freak out?

Throw a tantrum?

No.

Instead, I picked up "Must Love Murder" and started reading.

Etta Faires's delightful novel about a 40-something heroine with a jerk ex-husband and three kids who is trying to solve the murder of an especially unpleasant old man was just what the doctor ordered - or would have if he'd had any sense. Well-plotted, well-written, with interesting and believable characters; "Must Love Murder" is one giant step ahead of most cozy mysteries and comes complete with a nice little romance woven into the narrative.

Faires's heroine - Marcie - has all the attributes that I look for in a female protagonist. It's true that she's a little awkward when it comes to some social situations, but at her core she's smart, loyal, and able to confront the issues in her life without giving up and giving in. She's not adept at martial arts and she isn't possessed of super-sharp deductive skills but she is determined to solve the murder of her aunt's neighbor not because she

liked the man but because it's the right thing to do.

Faire has a nice narrative voice: Her story flows smoothly from page to page. She has included just the right amount of detail about what it's like to be a single mom raising three daughters on a limited budget so that, as readers, we get a good sense of who Marcie is and why she does what she does without forcing us to count every cup in her kitchen cabinets. I consider that a major plus.

The plot is not overly complicated - another plus in my opinion - but it does contain enough twists, turns, and red herrings to make it really interesting. I confess I did not figure out who the real killer was until Faire told me and, as someone who writes mystery novels myself, I can truthfully say that doesn't often happen.

This was the first Etta Faire book I've read but, based on how much I enjoyed this one - and how much it lifted my spirits during a particularly grueling few days - it certainly won't be the last.

Nicely done, Ms. Faire; nicely done, indeed.

Andrea-Rose Hutton says

Fabulous read

Charming, funny, witty, and totally enjoyable. The characters were real, well described and not fake, I loved it. Highly recommended.

Karen Blackburn says

Broke, divorced jobless, Marcie is offered a lifeline by an aunt who has started her own dating agency in her garage. She will take Marcie on as a trial run if she helps as receptionist and photographer. Needless to say there are already problems with the business courtesy of a neighbour with whom the aunt has already had a number of ambiguous words. Which of course causes the aunt to become a prime suspect when a body is found. Seeing her new job in jeopardy Marcie turns detective to find the real guilty party. Between hunting for a killer, raising 3 daughters, helping her aunt with the business, finding a new friend and outwitting an ex-husband who has so far managed to escape paying child support Marcie manages to solve the case while becoming involved in the 'prepper' scene and possibly outwitting mobsters. The book is an enjoyable read and is guaranteed to leave you with a smile on your face. Looking forward to reading the next one.

Kat Taylor says

Here we go

Being a divorcee is never easy, but after twenty years of marriage where do you start? For one lady it was matchmaking, then tracking down a murder. Things change from back story to another as our leading lady travels through the mystery of who murdered her aunt's crusty old neighbor. Enjoy this feisty mystery to find the truth. Kat

Kirsten says

I am always impressed when an e-book I've downloaded from free is good. And this one is. The characters have the quiriness I like in my cozy mysteries, yet they are also quite real. The people seem to have real world issues (for the most part).

A fun book to read when feeling down.

Kathleen says

I've said it before, I love cozy mysteries, this is no exception. Marcie recently divorced, no job,(her ex-boss was dating her ex-husband) and no child support was in desperate need of a job. He agreed to work with her eccentric aunt in her match making business; she was running out of her garage. When her aunt's curmudgeon neighbor is murdered and her aunt is a suspect Marcie decides to play "Nancy Drew". Between nosy neighbors, handsome stranger and the victim's daughter and ex-wife the book was very entertaining with a little surprise ending.

Donna Bates says

Starting Over

Marcie was a downtrodden divorce' after 20 years of marriage. After a makeover she was given a new life. Solving a murder and the confidence to start living.
