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A Claire Gulliver Mystery

The first book in the Claire Gulliver Mystery series, Tea is for Terror, finds Claire co-sponsoring a tour of England with her friend and travel book author, Lucy Springer. Lucy's latest book, An Armchair Traveler's Adventure, and the tour, are aimed at wannabe travelers who haven't yet ventured out of the United States. The "untour," as they call it, follows the book's agenda, testing the itinerary while verifying the data contained in the manuscript for the final edit.

Before the trip even begins, it becomes apparent that someone has a hidden agenda. A freak accident renders Lucy unable to travel, and Claire reluctantly agrees to lead the "untour." She is relying on the professional tour guide who will meet them in London.

The reader joins this "untour" as it wends through the countryside of England and Wales. But they are plagued with strange events, accidents, and a "misadventure." Oddly enough, despite all the problems encountered, the remaining members are thrilled with the trip and eager to travel again now that they've completed their virgin journey. But the "untour" isn't over yet.

Lucy never said it could be like this!

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Shirley says

What a marvelous book. I was brought into this story and kept. Nice twists and turns. I loved the descriptions of the tour locations. Not traveling anytime soon but would like to read more by this author. Starting Washington Weirdos next.

Vicki says

Claire Gulliver is a former librarian who now owns a boutique book store in San Francisco. Tempted by her convenient last name and her interest in travel, she decides to specialize in books related to travel. Against the odds, she works hard and is finally operating in the black and building relationships with travel writers and other travel enthusiasts.

The trip she is planning is based on the soon-to-be published travel book by Lucy Springer. Lucy, an experienced traveler and travel writer, is guiding the trip and has set the itinerary. The tour guests are signed up and paid up and departure is imminent. That's when things start falling apart.

A last minute would-be traveler calls and begs to be included. Claire remembers that one gentleman in the group had wanted a roommate to cut expenses, so a quick call to him means that there is room for the newcomer. No sooner is that settled than she gets word that Lucy has had a freak accident at home. Her broken leg will preclude her from traveling.

However, her assistant Rosa is planning to go to verify some of the data for the book, and Lucy assures Claire that she, Claire, has the people skills and is up to guiding the tour, though she has never been to England before. Besides, there will be an English tour guide assigned to the group as soon as they land, so Claire decides she can surely handle it.

But one day in to the tour, the English tour guide is called away on family business and is replaced with a man that Claire gets off to a bad start with, though the tour group seems to like him fine. There is another accident, and then another...can this possibly be coincidental? There seems to be some extraordinary interest being paid to this group, and Claire is so ready for it to be over, But that's when the ominous vibes become a frightening reality, and Claire's wits and skills are tested to the limits.

Julia says

This was an easy read. An enjoyable way to pass the time.

What I liked: The main character, Claire, is a former librarian, and owns a book store. I always enjoy reading about people who like books as much as I do. She is a novice traveler, in Europe for the first time. She is seeing everything fresh and that gives it an appealing perspective.

What I didn't like: The first half of the book moves slowly. It is more about character development than

moving the action forward. Occasional chapters were inserted that told a bit from the bad guys point of view, or from the intelligence agencies view. These were a little confusing and broke up the flow of the story.

Mascanolon says

I am always looking for new cozy mysteries. I found this on Amazon as an ereader and very much enjoyed it. Claire is a 40ish travel bookstore owner who has never traveled very much....until she has to lead a tour in England. In this first outing Wigglesworth does a great job of establishing a likable heroine with a set of secondary characters, her widowed Mom, a local author and a CIA agent she meets along the way which will set up nicely the next books in the series with many possibilities.

Corinne Severn says

I love a good mystery! This was pretty good, but I'm lukewarm about reading another in the series. I think there are enough other books on my "to read" shelf that I won't rush to read another in the Claire Gulliver set.

There were a couple things I felt were weaknesses. First, as other reviewer mentioned, there are short segments that are interspersed in the book that are from some other person's (or persons') perspective. These didn't really knit together for me until so close to the end that I just thought they didn't add to the mystery. Second, there is death in the book that is never fully resolved (was it murder or accident?). Third, near the end there is this big explanation of why Claire is considered highly by a police detective back home in the US. This almost sounds like back story from a prior book in the series, but this is supposedly the first in the series. So I was left wondering if there was a previous book that was never accepted by the publisher? Also, why are you getting back story in the last 2 chapters of a book. This just didn't seem to help the story.

Despite the problems, it was good enough for as a light read that I thought it was okay to rate with three stars. Not a book I would highly recommend to friends that enjoy mysteries.

Adele Clagett says

I'd like to give this 3 1/2 stars, but of course couldn't so I moved it up to 4. I enjoyed this book very much; it kept my interest and included a good climax. The story revolved around a travel group who took their first trip abroad - England. I have been to many of the places they visited so that was especially enjoyable to read about. This group runs into a few "issues" during their two week adventure. Claire, the main character, had to "keep it together" for all the travelers in the group and for herself. There is a sequel to this, "Washington Weirdos", which I just purchased for \$1.99 (Kindle).

Karen says

This book is about an "untour" group traveling to Europe.

Before the group even leaves the states a series of unexplained events start to happen and continue throughout the trip.

Left me guessing to the very end.

Kind of cute idea -- at the beginning of the book -- the group's itinerary pamphlet is included.

Jay-me (Janet) says

It was perhaps as well that the tour had to miss out the visit to Blackpool because of an unfortunate accident in Conwy, since the recommended highlights of the stay in Blackpool were (as detailed in the itinerary)

Beach swimming and sunning,

Explore the Boardwalk

Walking Tours of City Gardens,

Aquarium

Butterfly Farm

Dance Festival at Promenade Ballroom

Lillie says

People who enjoy travel and have an interest in England would enjoy the travel part of the story along with the mystery.

Jack says

Cozy mystery involving a group of American tourists in a very quaint Britain.

Emily says

Very good, quick read. A mystery set on a tour of England is definitely my "cup of tea." I will look for other books by Gayle Wigglesworth.

Pamela Barrett says

easy read, loved the beginning, interesting ending but it was missing something. I didn't connect with the characters enough to make me want to read the rest of the series. Read it on Kindle.

Terri says

Claire Gulliver heads an 'untour' to England & Wales where first time overseas travelers are encouraged to do their own thing at the stops along the way. She was supposed to be co-sponsoring it with her friend Lucy who is an experienced traveler, but Lucy had an unexpected accident right before the trip. Many problems and misadventures occur during the trip because sinister people have hidden plans.

I really enjoyed this book, partly because I loved the detailed descriptions of the places they visit. Also, I did like Claire and the concept very much. The mystery itself was a bit predictable but enjoyable all the same.

Tami Stackelhouse says

I thoroughly enjoyed Tea is for Terror. One of the main reasons is the fact that the tour that Claire and the crew go on visit many of the places I visited when I toured England in high school. It was a blast to remember my trip as they went on their trip. I could picture the graveyard outside Charlotte Bronte's room, as the author describes it, adding in the goat I saw munching on stray wildflowers.

I really enjoyed the characters as well. Claire was a great mix of bravery and past fear. I liked that she was complex that way - not some fearless Nancy Drew. I had the characters pretty well figured out - nothing much was a surprise at the end of the book, but I enjoyed the ride anyway.

The only thing I didn't enjoy as much was the gaps in the tour. Since I've been to England myself, I was reading the book for the story of the tour as much as for the story of the mystery. I was bummed when the story skipped over parts of the tour that didn't have any events related to the mystery. Then again, if those bits had been in there, I suppose other folks might have complained that they didn't have anything to do with the story. =)

Barbara says

(Kindle). Almost a 4. The first 60% of the book was actually rather dull....the real action is in the last 40% and I'd rate that portion of the book "four stars". I probably wouldn't have gotten far enough to find this out if a friend hadn't recommended this author.
