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DOUBLE THE LOVE, DOUBLE THE DEATH

Susan Henshaw and her husband, Jeb, are the proud grandparents of beautiful twins, and their daughter and son-in-law are temporarily moving into the Henshaws' Connecticut home with their tiny bundles of joy. Added to the mix are two giant bullmastiffs and a nanny. Though a bit overwhelmed, Susan and Jeb are delighted to be a part of the chaos.

But a neighbor, Nadine Baines, soon starts to rain on their parade. She recognizes the nanny as a suspect in several recent shady deaths at a nursing home. The day after this troubling revelation, Nadine is found in her kitchen with a knife protruding from her chest. Is the nanny the culprit? Are Susan's grandchildren at risk? With murder so close to home and another possibly following, Susan must investigate—and she uncovers a tangled conspiracy beyond her wildest imagination.

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From Reader Review Death in Duplicate for online ebook

Kathy England says

Not a bad little mystery. Susan Henshaw is the new grandmother of twins. Her daughter and son-in-law, twin three week old babies, and the babies' nurse move into the house when her son-in-law graduates and gets his first job. Meanwhile, the next door neighbor is murdered, and Susan, an amateur sleuth, starts investigating.

Beth Gosser says

I love this series just ffound another book at a used book store

Andréa says

While the mystery was intriguing, I found the protagonist to be irritating. Most of all, though, I was annoyed that the author purposely kept the readers in the dark, making it difficult to figure things out before the conclusion, by including conversations and notes in which the readers were only told of someone's reaction to said conversations or notes, but not what information was actually contained in them.

Drebbles says

Susan and Jed Henshaw are thrilled to become grandparents for the first time when their daughter Chrissy gives birth to twins. Susan is even more thrilled when Chrissy, her husband Stephen, and the twins move in with them until they find a place to live. Twins are a lot of work and Chrissy and Stephen hire a baby nurse, Shannon Tapley, to help out. Things are a bit hectic but everything is going okay until Susan's next door neighbor, Nadine Barnes, recognizes Shannon and tells Susan that Shannon was a suspect in several deaths at a nearby nursing home. Susan is still dealing with that revelation when Nadine is discovered murdered in her own kitchen. Really worried now, but not sure how much to tell the police, Susan, with some help from her friend, Kathleen Gordon, begins to investigate not only Nadine's death, but also the events at the nursing home. When a second murder occurs, Susan begins to think she should pull back and let the police do the work. But the killer may already believe that Susan has gotten a little too close to the truth and may try to stop her.

I've read many of Valerie Wolzien's Susan Henshaw mysteries and "Death in Duplicate" is one of the best in the series. Susan is a good strong character, willing to do what it takes to protect her family. While she's not in this book as much as she is in other books in the series, ex-policewoman, Kathleen Gordon, adds a lot to the scenes she is in. As in all the other Susan Henshaw mysteries, Susan's husband Jed is a bit bland as is her daughter Chrissy (this is truly Susan's book and series). Shannon is the standout among the supporting characters, wanting to protect her cousin Mike who is the chief suspect, yet afraid he really is the killer. A couple of the nursing home residents, Sally and Tally, add a lot to the book. Wolzien seems to be well aware of her readers thoughts - just when I was wondering why Susan knew so much more than the police, Wolzien lets readers know that police chief Brett Fortescue is well aware that Susan is withholding information.

There's a nice sense of humor throughout the book (I loved Stephen's parents Rhythm and Blues) and some of the humor is tongue in cheek like when many people recognize Susan as a bit of a celebrity because she's had her picture in the paper from solving other cases. The mystery is well plotted and while there aren't a lot of suspects, I thought I knew who the murderer was, but I was pleasantly surprised to find out that I was completely wrong.

"Death in Duplicate" is a great cozy mystery.

Gail says

I want to cry.....valerie has stopped this series here. I will so miss Susan Henshaw!

ChrisGA says

The last of the Susan Henshaw series finishes with a good mystery. Susan's daughter, husband, twin newborn babies, a baby nurse (who might be a serial killer) and two BIG rotweillers move in at the same time her next door neighbor is murdered. Susan gets involved to clear the baby nurse and the mystery is nice and complicated. The chaos created by the babies and the dogs add to the fun. I will miss Susan and family.

LeAnne says

A cute cozy mystery. I have now read two of this series.
