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Welcome to Desert Palms, a cozy Arizona tourist town set up against the mountains.

Deanna Devlin is a thirty-two year old reporter who dreams of tackling hard-nosed stories, but is stuck writing puff pieces for the local paper.

When a murder strikes Desert Palms, Deanna suddenly gets her chance to cover some hard-hitting news.

Unfortunately, one of Deanna's good friends is wrongly suspected as the killer by the local police detective.

To prove her friend's innocence, Deanna has no choice but to take matters into her own hands and find the real killer herself.

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Shawneequa Sims says

Gratifying Story

This is a fast paced story with well defined characters. The amount of time it took for the murderer to be discovered may be a bit farfetched , but that's understandable - it's a short book. Overall, it is a good book to read to pass the time on a dreary day.

marcia mccooy says

Terrible

I did not finish reading this book. It has to be some of the most amateurish writing I've ever read. I wrote myself a note with authors name so I don't get any of her books in the future. I have to wonder how many times the name of the main character, Deanna, appears!

Barbara Hooee says

I thought this was a "fluff" piece of writing. The main character doesn't want to do fluff reporting but I guess the author didn't mind. This is a quickly read book but very simplistic in the telling. I did not enjoy it.

Rosemary K says

Deanna Devlin finds herself investigating a murder. The victim certainly had a talent for making enemies. Everyone including his family hated him. When Deanna's best friend becomes the main suspect, she knows that she has to find the killer. Can she do it? I enjoyed this fast paced, humorous cozy. The characters were likeable. There are plenty of suspects and motives. This well told mystery kept me guessing until the very end. I liked the desert setting and the humorous dialogue. This was a very enjoyable read. I'm looking forward to seeing more books by Bridget Bowman.

Janice Bates says

Devilish things in the desert!

When the obnoxious Zach Ziegler is murder there are so many possible suspects. Deanna is certain that her friend is innocent, but the handsome detective is not buying it. So Deanna takes it upon herself to solve the crime. Very well written cozy mystery.

Pam says

Prescription to Die For is book one of the Deanna Devlin, Desert Detective Cozy Mystery series by Bridget Bowman. It is a very easy book to read and it keeps you entertained. It took me about an hour to read it.

Deanna Devlin is a “puff” reporter at the newspaper in Desert Palms. She wants to write harder and more interesting and exciting stories; but her editor keeps her on “puff” articles because she is good at it and because there isn’t enough news to keep two reporters busy. However, Deanna hasn’t given up. Instead, she heads to Andrea Wilson’s home for Andrea and Bruce Ziegler’s engagement party.

For an engagement party, the atmosphere was tense instead of happy. It could be because there was a major feud between the two families and instead of having two different engagement parties, the couple decided on one. They hoped to iron out all the kinks between their families before the wedding itself. So far, it doesn’t look very good.

As soon as Zach Ziegler, Bruce’s father, walks in, he and Bruce start arguing. Bruce was still angry over the divorce; but also did not like Candy Ziegler, his Father’s trophy wife. They argued with Candy getting involved and then instead of talking to Deanna, Candy walked out to smoke. Deanna went to talk to Andrea. Andrea was with her mother Rebecca who was a pharmacist. She and Zach had been in the running for the General Manager’s position when it came open. Rebecca won. Instead of getting over it, Zach quit and opened his own pharmacy just 20 feet from Rebecca’s. He then began undercutting her prices to run her out of business. However, she promised Andrea she would try to be civil and not start something tonight.

Meanwhile, Zach started a fight with his ex-wife Emily. He dumped her after 27 years of marriage to marry what she termed a “tramp”. After being beaten in divorce court and having to go back to work, she was bitter and it overcame her at the party. She started in on Candy. Instead of backing her up, Candy found that Zach just got embroiled in an argument with Emily. When Candy makes her wishes for him to back her up, he shouts at her causing her to slap him and leave the party.

Instead of following Candy to appease her, Zach looked for his next opponent which happened to be Rebecca. She managed to keep her cool for a while and then retaliated. Andrea came to her mother’s defense and when Zach turned on Andrea, Bruce came to her defense. Now attacking Bruce and Andrea, Zach accused Bruce of dating Andrea only to get back at his Father. Bruce finally threw Zach out.

Andrea decided the party had come to an end so had everyone leave. While walking to her car, Deanna saw Zach and a ponytailed man arguing and then Zach hit him knocking him to the ground. Before anything else could occur, both men left. After all the excitement and fighting, Deanna headed for The One Scoop for her chocolate fix and a gossip session with her friend, Sabrina Baldwin. It turned out to be the best thing Deanna did that night.

The next day, Deanna was stunned to find she was a suspect in the murder of Zach Ziegler. Luckily her alibi had a witness and could be verified. That wasn’t the same for all the others who argued with Zach the night before, including her friend Andrea. Deanna finds herself having to solve the mystery with her sidekick, Grandma Gwen, to keep her friend from being charged with murder. There are enough suspects; but little concrete evidence. Can she solve it without antagonizing the handsome Detective Tyler Goodman?

Jennifer Malenius says

Good, quick read

Characters are likeable. There are dogs and lots of ice cream so what's not to like?! Mystery is not too easy to solve. Enough romance to please the reader without being sappy.

Shelley says

Ok, I am done with this box set of mysteries. I tried. I really tried. I told myself that they would get better and would not continue to be cookie cutter stories with only names changed. I told myself that the conversations would vary from book to book and would not sound like they were cut and pasted from a previous book. I was wrong. I hang my head and admit defeat.....sigh.

I actually held out hope for this book. Different author than the first few I read in the box set. The pace was different, kind of. The conversation was a little better. Then the same phrases began to appear. People would "tee off" on other people. The police gathered all the suspects together at the crime scene to interview them all at once. And the deepest question the police detective could manage was "Where were you last night between...?" Then the brilliant news reporter begins to harass and chase each suspect down and browbeat them to try and get a confession. By the end of the day, she has solved the case. Wow. Who knew it was so easy and all it took was a few personal questions, accusations and annoyances? I know, I know, I know....it is not supposed to be deep. It is a cozy. It is like reading *Murder She Wrote* or *Matlock*. And that is fine. I am good with that. But at least vary the conversations and scenarios. All the men who get killed are cheating on their wives and have a bevy of mistresses. I know that is a great motive for killing someone but I just need a little more variety.

Sandee says

Fairly typical cozy mystery. I did not like the heroine as much because sometimes she seems a bit of a bully but the relationships are interesting and the book kept me entertained.

Amary Chapman says

Interesting tale and it moved right along. The book showed interesting interaction between the main characters and the murder suspect was not clear right away, although the murderer was a definite suspect. I would have given it a 5 if it was fleshed out a bit more. It is worth a read. I hope there will be a #2 ...but a little more detail, as I liked the read. I received an arc copy for an honest review.

John Presler says

Deanna Devlin is a small-town newspaper reporter in Desert Palms. She is tired of writing about the local dog show and similar stories, but her boss won't let her take on anything more challenging.

While attending an engagement party for her best friend, Andrea Wilson, the groom's father, Zach Ziegler, shows up and causes a scene. Zach is the type of person who only thinks of himself and appears to be mad at the world. Zach owns a rival pharmacy and is the main competitor for Andrea's mother, Rebecca Wilson. During his brief appearance at the party, Zach managed to confront Rebecca, his ex-wife, Emily, his son, Bruce, and his current wife, Candy. Following the disaster at the engagement party, Andrea asks everybody to leave, including her fiance.

When Zach is found dead in the parking lot of the local mall, there are plenty of suspects. Deanna sees this as

an opportunity to report a major story, but the detective on the case, Detective Goodman, wants her to stay clear and let the police do their job. Naturally, Deanna ignores the advice and conducts her own investigation.

Who killed Zach? Will Andrea and Bruce get back together? Can Deanna solve the mystery and get her story?

It has its slow places, as is common in the first book of a series. The characters are interesting and believable.

I received a free copy of this book from the author and elected to provide this review.

Michael Bierbaum says

I tried. I Really tried to read this book. I simply couldn't. Here's why, the premise is that the sleuth is an experienced reporter with an advanced degree in journalism. Well, the grammar and awkward sentence structure was that of a sincere but unskilled middle school student and I just couldn't get past it. Nope, if you're going to claim a degree of education and writing skill in your protagonist then you as the author must have skills above that, or at least better editors and proofreaders. Otherwise you just look silly.

Georgiann Hennelly says

Deanna Devlin is thirty two and a reporter in Desert Palms Arizona a cozy Tourist town. She is stuck writing puff pieces at the local paper. When a Murder happens Deanna finally gets her chance to report on some Hard hitting news. Unfortunately one of her Friends is wrongly suspected as the murderer by the local Police Detective. Deanna has no choice but to investigate and prove her friend innocent by finding the real killer. I love this book i hope there will be more books to this series.

Veronica says

Keep Trying

I think the author published this book too soon. Although the story line has promise, I kept waiting to get out my red pen and do some serious editing. Spelling and grammar are fine; however, the particular configuration and arrangement of the words and phrases sometimes had me rewriting a sentence or phrase to improve clarity of meaning. The story itself is a good one. Perhaps a less discerning reader will be more easily satisfied.

Paula says

I felt like I had read this same story format before. It was still a good cozy mystery. Several suspects. Did not know who until very close to the end.

I received this book free for honest review.
