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## Cold Turkey Details

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## **From Reader Review Cold Turkey for online ebook**

### **Amy Mahle says**

A quick light murderer mystery with a hint of romance. Throw in a few quirky characters and some humorous and you have a great read for a rainy afternoon. I thoroughly enjoyed the book. Will look for others in the series to tuck away for another day.

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### **Nora Leduc says**

This was an entertaining cozy. As you can guess by the title, it's just what you need for Thanksgiving.

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### **Marilyn says**

I enjoyed this little mystery with the quirky if not strange characters. Couldn't wait to find who done it.

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### **Betty says**

This is a suggestive romance (love scenes are not graphic) First in Events Unlimited series. When Annike McKinley returns to her Aunt Gerda's home for Thanksgiving she finds the body of Clifford Brody, C.P.A., bleeding all over her aunt's tax receipts. While Sheriff Owen Sarkisian and the crime team track mud through the house, the Service Club of Upper River Gulch Environs (the SCOURGES) sticks Annike with organizing the town's Thanksgiving weekend activities, which gives her the opportunity to investigate the murder on her own to clear the chief suspect—her beloved aunt. She's soon up to her neck in pancake breakfasts, pie-eating contests, community dinners—and a raffle prize that threatens to take over her life. After ordering Annike to stop interfering, Sarkisian is forced to beg the aid of her accounting skills to help unravel the case. She keeps a tight rein on her growing enjoyment of his company, though, for as the widow of a former sheriff of the county she is determined not to get romantically involved with another law officer. Then one of the suspects is found dead, stripped to his boxers and socks in a vat of apricot brandy. Before the murderer is captured, both Annike and Sarkisian narrowly avoid adding to the body count

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### **Jeanna says**

Quick easy read - it's based on quirky characters in a small town. I was pleasantly surprised by the free e-book! I found myself actually laughing out loud at times. Great for a weekend to escape into a book!

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## **Carolyn Van says**

A Cute Story

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## **Dawn ♥ romance says**

I was a quarter of the way into the story and wondered if it was a romance, not sure who the hero was going to be. I skimmed a couple chapters at the end and still couldn't tell. It seemed like a Nancy Drew book. I did not finish.

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## **Diane says**

i do enjoy my cozy murder mysteries, and this one was just the ticket! the heroine is a strong woman who finally gets fed up with her boss and job and quits, to come home to her aunt's house, finding a dead body in the study! the hero is the new sheriff--BTW, the heroine is the widow of the old sheriff--a rather laid back guy who does get the job done. free and enjoyable!

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## **Iamsherbear Too says**

It wasn't until I got more than half-way through the book that my interest finally took hold. I wasn't real interested in all the details regarding a pie eating contest and a raffle. It was well written, just wasn't too exciting.

When I did get interested, it held my interest until the end.

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## **Lucknegrace says**

A cozy mystery with lots of humor. As a mother who has suffered performance anxiety when responsible for preparing those huge Christmas meals, I did suffer right along with Annike as she has a 3-day festival thrust upon her. Solving a murder mystery is by far the least of her problems IMHO.

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## **Bridgett says**

I loved it! Although at times it was a bit rambling and long drawn.. the author tried so hard to paint a wonderful picture, that it slowed the story down a bit at times. Sometimes less is more..but I fell in love with the characters! I will definitely read the next one! Better too much good writing, then not enough! :)

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### **Susan says**

I loved this book. I love light mysteries (aka cozies), but I am picky about them. So many of them are just silly. This one was well written, with good plot twists and great characterization. I got this book as a free Kindle edition, but I bought all the other three books in the series after reading it. Can't wait to read them.

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### **Lisa Cox says**

My sister recommended this book, and I'm really glad she did. I got so entertained by the eccentric characters of the small town that I forgot to keep my mind on figuring out "who-dunnit". It is a light-hearted mystery, but that doesn't mean that it's a no-brainer. I usually figure out the culprit in the mysteries I read, and I did not come close on this one. The ending is also very unexpected and caused me to laugh out loud, literally, much to the annoyance of the rest of the household.

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### **Jennifer West says**

False

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### **Laura says**

I think the two stars is maybe a little harsher than I meant, but the fact is that this book was just okay, and it's not really worthy of three. I thought it was overall pretty silly and not that interesting. Not terrible, and a quick fluffy read, but that's about it.

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