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WARNING: This novella is a companion book to TROUBLE IN MUDBUG. You should not read this novella prior to completing Trouble in Mudbug. The novella contains major spoilers for the novel and would not make sense if read beforehand.

Do you love Helena Henry?

Did you wonder what she was thinking during Trouble in Mudbug, or what she was up to when she was off-page in the novel?

If so, then this novella is for you. All of Helena's thoughts and actions during Trouble in Mudbug, compiled in a diary for you to enjoy.

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Csitzlar says

Fantastic!

Having read the first three Mudbug books, when I saw this book, I had to read it. I was not disappointed! It was humorously engaging, and kind of touching in a not too mushy way. Knowing Helena's side of things makes the series really come into sharper focus. If you read Trouble in Mudbug, please treat yourself to this as well. How can you not? A town named "Mudbug"? A ghost with issues? Total enjoyment!

Kelly Young says

What fun! This is such an original idea, to tell the story from the ghost's point of view. It is well written, funny and fast paced. I truly hope that more of these are coming. They really fill in the blanks, even when I didn't realize there were blanks to fill.

Sarah says

The warning listed above is 100% accurate - if you have not read Trouble in Mudbug you will be clueless and lost. I am positive that some half-wit will do just that and post a negative review about The Helena Diaries being obtuse and hard to follow, because they did not read the instructions. (Probably the same population that necessitated the huge increase in warning labels on basic household items. We should really let Darwinism's theory be put to the test and cull the herd. But I digress.)

Now that I've had my little rant and consumed more coffee, I would label this as a Trouble in Mudbug companion because it provides a new perspective on the events of that book, as told by the recently deceased and still opinionated Helena Henry. Helena figures out pretty quickly that she is now dead, and probably murdered. But by who? Helena has a seriously thick skin, because it's very apparent that her death elicited no sympathy in her hometown, a fact she learns by hanging out in the local beauty parlor to get the gossip on her passing and the reading of her will. She is only momentarily bothered by the constant harsh assessments of her personality, and remains focused on finding out who killed her and who is now trying to kill Maryse. Fans of Helena will enjoy this little book, because it opens a window into her motivations and character. She really does respect and like Maryse, and has no illusions about her loser husband and loser son. With characteristic bitchy snark (is that redundant?), she explains her justification for her actions in life as she tries to adjust to her new status as a ghost. Helena is stubborn, willful, focused, and surprisingly compassionate - she just doesn't always let compassion guide her actions. Helena is old school.

I laughed out loud several times reading this book, and look forward to more glimpses into Helena's mind!

Sue Ross says

If you like the Mudbug series, you'll love knowing exactly what makes Helena tick!!!! This was such an easy read I read it all in one day. Didn't want to put it down and life didn't interfere this time. I hear rumors there will be more to her diary to come. Can't wait for the next entries :)

Karen Wright says

I loved this but wish it was longer. It is the story from the first Ghost In Law mystery told from Helena's point of view. It's hilarious the things that she seems to notice while at the same time, she's not too broken up about being murdered.

Elizabeth Lange says

Please heed the WARNING listed with this novella! You will not make heads or tails of it if you don't! The "The Helena Dairies" is the perfect compliment to Jana DeLeon's "Mudbug" series. It explains, Helena's view of what is going on in "Trouble in Mudbug". If you haven't read any of the series and enjoy an easy, chuckle to yourself and sometimes out loud laugh, read, pick it up today.

Dianne Sue says

Filling in the spaces of Jana's delightful series.

Summer has been an exceptionally fun reading time with Jana DeLeon adding humor by the bucketsfull. How did I ever survive without her in my library?

Veronica Traynor says

After several attempts, I finally sat down and read this book. Delightfully funny. I ended up reading the whole series.

Habibah says

Just okay

I enjoyed it but I thought we would see more of what happened with the ghost and less of what happened in the first book.

Lyn Jenkins says

Chapters don't count.

I'm thrilled I got to read this, seeing things from Helenas point of view was interesting. Reading it this late in the series had me hard pressed remembering what the living side were up to during the investigation. Another wonderful Mudbug story.

Raelene Cowley says

Super fun read

Now we know more about Helena!! The goofy, spirited lady who is funny and demanding! Such fun books to read!

Linda C says

This is the same story as Trouble in Mudbug but told from Helena's, the ghost's, viewpoint. I don't think this really added a lot that we didn't already know; perhaps a few insights. But I think the humor was better in the original.

Cherrie Wilkerson says

Nice Check of the Other Side of the Story

I really enjoyed the quick read from Helena's side of the story. This gave great insight into Helena's story. I cannot wait to find out who killed Helena.

Tabby says

Great!

Loved reading Helena's point of view from Trouble in Mudbug. I will be reading more Jana DeLeon books. Great author and she gives you characters you can't get enough of.

Shaly says

Gotta love Helena..

She really wasn't the mean bitch everyone made her out to be, I actually don't blame her for her cold attitude and behavior towards the Mudbug residents. When people only want to befriend you because they want something from you, its kind of hard to be a lovable person. She took her stoicism a little to far but its

understandable.

I still think she has a great sense of humor and enjoyed reading her personal thoughts and feelings...
