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Tucked into the mountains and valleys of northern New Mexico are little enclaves of history and tradition and secrets. Charlie and her office assistant Sally visit one of these towns, Valle Escondido, where they drop in on Sally's friend Laura Armijo. During the visit, Laura receives the shocking news that her friend, Cynthia Martinez, has suffered a miscarriage and died. Privately, Laura wonders if Cynthia's abusive husband Richard caused the miscarriage. Charlie agrees to ask a few questions and see what she can find out.

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Cara's Craftastic Creations says

3.5

Arthur says

I read the first four books in this series (bought it as a set). All four were very similar in terms of strengths and weaknesses. All are fairly well written. All are a bit slow-paced. The characters are developed progressively, but after I while, I stopped caring. These are a reasonable fast reads, the mystery develops slowly, and the characters are mildly interesting, but there is nothing special to keep me coming back for more.

Susie Shaw says

I'm reading these way too fast

Jeri says

This is fourth in the series and a solid, enjoyable mystery. Charlie is a likable character and I enjoyed her relationships with her brother, friends, dog, and particularly her quandary over what to do about her feelings for Drake. The conclusion is a shocker, and the book kept me guessing almost until the end.

Valerie says

Smooth, easy reading. Enjoyable character. Good story. Enjoy every one of her books so far.

Kathie D says

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Betty says

Thanks to my library for my copy of this romantic cozy mystery of Charlie Carpenter's adventures. Charlie

and Sally drive to Valle Escondido, New Mexico to visit friends of Sally. Upon arrival, they learned of the death of a woman who has died during a miscarriage. As a death during a miscarriage is unusual and it peaked Charlie's attention. Drake and Charlie returned Escondido to spend a relaxing time together. They investigate the death and someone is worried. Charlie is looking into the situation before more women die. I will be reading more of this series.

Kathleen Hagen says

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Okay, I said I wouldn't read another of these books, but I already had it downloaded so I went ahead. But I won't be buying any more of these. In this one Charlie Parker goes with her secretary, Sally, on a day off to her secretary's home town, a very small town. They stop to see a friend of Sally's, and she is pregnant, as is Sally. While they are visiting, Sally's friend, Laura, gets a call that a good friend of hers, a co-worker at the bank, had a miscarriage and bled to death. Laura indicates that she has had two miscarriages in the past and is worried she'll miscarry again. Also there is some suspicion that the woman who died was a victim of spousal abuse, so maybe her husband had something to do with the miscarriage. Sally brags about Charlie's prowess at investigation, and Charlie is off and running. She does her usual snooping and taking of notes that should go to the police. Almost by happenstance, she comes upon a statistic that the county in which this small town is located has the highest number of miscarriages each year of any county in new Mexico, and most of the miscarriages are from Latina women. She digs into everything she can and gets herself into a heap of trouble again, but eventually reaches a solution. To enjoy these books at all, you have to totally exclude judgment from your reasoning. We often don't know how Charlie reaches conclusions. We don't get enough information to come to those conclusions ourselves along with Charlie. But for people who like cozies where credibility is totally disregarded, they're a good escape.

Sharon Kane says

Good story - many inaccuracies in the tale. Behavior of main character do not make sense and implausible. I keep hearing a background of chatter during the reading - as if recording done in a train station

Susan says

3.7 stars. A very enjoyable read.

Connie says

I am the author of this book. In this outing Charlie and her friend Sally take a trip to Sally's hometown in northern New Mexico, to discover that several women have recently died in the small town. Initially, the reason seems innocuous enough but Charlie soon discovers something much darker under the surface.

Andrea says

Found this one rather disjointed.
