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In this 7th delightful culinary mystery from Joanne Pence, dilettante chef Angie Amalfi gets entangled with a group of UFO-chasers and government conspiracy nuts, while trying to get her new business off the ground.

Always thinking of new and better business ideas, culinary queen Angie Amalfi is sure she's got a winner with "Fantasy Dinners," one-of-a-kind thematic feasts specifically created to suit a client's unique tastes. Unfortunately no one's biting except the Prometheus Group, a crackpot cadre of UFO-chasers and conspiracy geeks. Still, even a wacko customer's better than none, and designing an otherworldly repast should keep Angie busy while her overworked policeman beau Paavo investigates a series of bizarre murders.

But the more time she spends dealing with these alien abduction enthusiasts, the more Angie believes that maybe there is some kind of conspiracy afoot and that the Prometheans and Paavo's cases are somehow connected—which is inspiring just the kind of unhealthy curiosity that could end up launching Angie out of this world...for good!

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Yi says

Thoroughly engaging, my favorite Angie Amalfi mystery so far. Not that I don't like others, mind. This time, Joanne Pence has outdone herself. An absolute page-turner, I simply could not put the book down. Angie, our sassy amateur sleuth, has managed to get herself right in the thick of UFOs, alien abductions and mutilation murders. UFO fanatics are rampant due to Y2K, and our Angie, with her new business, got involved with one of the groups and grotesque murders. Probably most intriguing of all the Angie Amalfi series and it certainly would keep every reader on the edge. Applause for Angie and Paavo!

Marty says

This book was a disappointment. Published in 1999, it was themed to be “in” with all the fuss over the millennium and Y2K. It also was a bit more gruesome than the other two books of this series I have read. Basically it revolves around the idea that there was a UFO landing at Roswell, NM, that the government was keeping secret. There at the super-secret Area 51 in the desert, a group of people got involved in the idea that there were extra-terrestrials among us. This group, called Prometheus was now centered in San Francisco, but had split into two warring groups. --- Angie, now trying to start a business creating “Fantasy Dinners” where she would create a dinner according to whatever theme you wanted. Her first (only) client was a wealthy supporter of Prometheus and wanted a dinner to introduce a book author who wrote about UFOs. So.... Angie had to quickly learn about UFOs and found herself right in the middle of a murder case.

Maybe this was interesting in 1999, but in 2016 it seemed trite and old-fashioned. Almost no one recognizes the relevance of Roswell anymore ... although there are still people who believe that something happened there in May of 1947.

Felicia says

So I started reading it and realized I had read this before - oh well, it was the right amount of entertainment that I was looking for. I like that the series is set in San Francisco.

Linda says

This was not my favorite book in the series. There was way too much ufology in it for my taste (me being a skeptic like Paavo and Angie) and it just seemed kind of weird. I did enjoy getting to hang out with all the characters again.

Deb Sharp says

A fun book to read.

Nancy H says

Another good entry in the Angie Amalfi mystery series.

Pat says

Not my cup of tea.

Covers are cool, strange story.

Cozy character development with gruesome crimes.

Don't recommend.

Polly says

Light reading but interesting.

Margaret says

This is the 2nd book in this series that I've read and they're ok. I did like the alien twist in the story line since a lot of things in the plot were not believable anyway but overall fun and easy reading!
