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Leaving a traumatic police career behind, Clyde Fortune has returned to her seemingly quiet hometown of Crystal Haven, Michigan. In spite of the psychic powers of its residents, there's no telling what trouble is brewing in this burg...

The highlight of this year's fall festival in Crystal Haven is a bonfire with a witch's cauldron resting over it. Clyde's best friend, Diana, leads a ritual to divine the future, but it seems no one foresees that one of their own will drop dead—or that Diana will be a prime suspect.

Clyde already has her hands full with her eccentric family, runaway nephew, and burgeoning secret romance with a hunky homicide detective. But after another coven member is attacked, Clyde suspects there's a witch hunt afoot and focuses her psychic and sleuthing skills to clear her friend's name and catch a killer.

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Jillyn says

Well, I'll start this by saying that I did not read *Pall in the Family*, the first book in the series.

I didn't think that this would be an issue, but it was. There were a lot of callbacks to things and references and scenes and personality traits that I was expected to know, and I did not. The first part of the book was messy to get through as I sorted through this.

I didn't care much for the characters. I understand that they're supposed to be eccentric/quirky, but it got into annoyingly campy territory. To the point that I didn't have much investment in the characters and the tribulations that they were going through. I was just sort of over it.

I also expected it to be more "Halloween-y" based on the title and the cover, which was a bit of a let down.

But there were some good things about this book. I really liked the setting, for example. Crystal Haven seems like a charming little weird place that I would love to visit.

It was a pretty standard cozy mystery. Some twists, some turns. Some were more predictable than others. It's a quick read.

I think if you read the first one, you'll enjoy this one more. But, I did not. Based off of my lukewarm experience with this one, I won't be reading the first one, or the subsequent ones. If you've read book one, or if you're a big cozy mystery fan, I hope you enjoy it.

Melodie says

I like this series and almost all of the characters. The setting is interesting, a small Michigan town that's full of psychics. When a local falls out dead at a Wiccan ceremony, Clyde looks to help her best friend and the friend's brother when the brother is arrested for the man's murder. A good tale, but Clyde SERIOUSLY needs to get over her angst over her own psychic abilities. RECOMMEND!

Kate says

3.5 stars, I could have done with some more Halloween theming based on the cover (the book starts on Oct. 31 and the day is quickly over), but I still liked the mystery and the different twists the book took. I wish we

would have also seen more of Aunt Vi's or Seth's psychic ability with animals but maybe in the next installment. That one appears to be Christmas themed so I hope it's nice and festive :)

Book of Secrets says

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WITCH FOR is the second book in the Family Fortune Mystery series, starring former cop and reluctant psychic Clytemnestra "Clyde" Fortune solving mysteries and struggling to accept her special "gift." It's fall festival time in the mystical town of Crystal Haven, Michigan. During a Wiccan ritual lead by Clyde's friend Diana, something goes terribly wrong and one of the participants dies, and the police suspect foul play. To turn their attention away from Diana, Clyde sets out to find other suspects, and she's surprised to learn that several people had a reason for wanting the victim dead.

I haven't read the first book in the series, but I was able to jump into this one with no problem. I did have question or two about the town's and residents' back stories, but that didn't take away from my enjoyment. Crystal Haven is a curious place I loved visiting, especially with the crisp fall setting and paranormal activity going on. The murder mystery was intriguing with a few different angles Clyde had to consider, and I didn't know until the end how things would go. I also enjoyed the side story of Clyde's troubled nephew, Seth, and the reclusive witch who may be able to help Clyde with her visions.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WITCH FOR is an entertaining cozy mystery with just the right about of humor, paranormal woo-woo, and romance to shake things up. Enjoyable! (P.S. I want that house on the book's cover!)

Disclosure: I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Donna says

This is a great series. I love Clyde's eccentric family. They keep you on your toes. They are having a fall festival in Crystal Haven and Clyde's friend Diana is doing a ritual at a bonfire when one of the coven participants dies from a peanut allergy when his epi pen doesn't work. Of course the police suspect Diana or her brother Dylan. Not only does Clyde have to figure out who the killer is but her teenage nephew runs away from home and wants to stay with her. When another coven member is attacked Clyde is concerned there will be more. On top of all this her grandmother is trying to get Clyde to use her psychic powers but Clyde doesn't want to and fights it even when she gets visions. Great setting in a small town with a town full of interesting characters. Great read, a little romance, never a dull moment and always a surprise ending. Highly recommend this series.

Beverly says

Some of you may know that in addition to participating in several of the Great Escape's Virtual Book Tours, I'm also participating in Lori's Just for Fun Reading Challenge. I really wish I could add this book for my June just for fun read. And I would, except that since I made a commitment to read this book and provide a review, I don't think it qualifies for a just for fun read. However, it is one of the most fun reads I've read this summer.

It is the second book in the series, but even though I've not read the first book, I didn't have any trouble following along. After meeting the citizens of Crystal Haven I do plan to go back and read book one: A Pall in the Family.

Be Careful What You Witch For is a mild paced mystery with likable characters. While I wasn't on the edge of my seat for the book (and you know sometimes it's nice to just be able to savor a story without feeling like you are rushing toward a cliff), I was engaged for the entire book. In fact, while reading the book in bed one night it somehow got buried under the covers after I turned off the light and I spent an entire day panicking because I couldn't find the book. I was halfway through and I really wanted to know how it ended.

I particularly like Clyde. She seems well grounded and is certainly a character I would like to get to know better. Her nephew, Seth who is running from his own troubles, is another likable character. He's pretty grounded for a teenager - especially for one who can talk to dogs. Though not perfect, he's a good kid and I think he and Clyde make a good team. Of course there is a romance and Clyde does have a quirky family with special talents - these all mix together to make an interesting community that will keep the reader coming back. I know I will. And, I already know a number of people who will enjoy this book.

If you'd like to learn more about Dawn Eastman and her books check out her website [here](#).

Kristen says

This second book in the series fell a bit flat for me. Much of the charm and fun of the first book seemed to be missing in this one.

The first book's murder investigation felt light-hearted, and there was a lot more of the kooky family shenanigans that kept the mood fun and entertaining. This time around the feel was much more dark throughout the story, and while that isn't necessarily a bad thing in a book, when you are expecting the quirky fun feel, and you don't get it, that becomes a bit of a let-down.

This was much more about the murder and investigating it. Even the aspects of Clyde's family that were included were a bit more "drama-esque" than light-hearted.

This was okay, but not as much fun as the first book. I might read others in this series, but only if I ran out of other cozy mysteries to read first.

Diane ~Firefly~ says

[Glad to see Clyde is finally working on her "gift" instead of just trying to ignore it. (hide spoiler)]

Linda says

From the lovely setting of Crystal Haven, Michigan, where the town is filled with psychics and fortune tellers....it's Fall Fun Festival season! Clyde Fortune's 'gift' is predicting future calamity's by dreams. Her best

friend, Diana's, magic brings on bad dreams for Clyde. While Diana is holding a Wiccan ceremony, a coven leader dies. Suspicion is cast on Diana and her brother, Dylan, who is arrested for murder. Mac, Clyde's homicide detective boyfriend, hates to arrest Dylan, but all evidence seems to point toward him. Seth, Clyde's only nephew, unexpectedly shows up with his dog, Tuffy, to stay with Clyde and her bullmastiff, Baxter. Seth says he's not happy living in New York with his mother, Grace, Clyde's older sister. Young Seth has his own 'gift'.

Will the help of elderly, Neila Whittle, lead Clyde to embrace her dreams and visions, rather than fear them?

Who are the mysterious people raising Clyde's suspicions as to their motives/agendas?

The startling revelations Clyde, Mac, and her family and friends uncover, lead to a climatic, unexpected ending, and a humdinger of a cliffhanger!!

I received a copy of this book from the Author/Publisher. I voluntarily wrote an honest review.

*** Jennifer says**

A very strong follow up to the first book. I can do without the MC's angst over her gifts; I don't think the author is doing the character justice. I definitely enjoyed the read though I look forward to the third book.

Full review: <http://jenn.booklikes.com/post/934019...>

Debbie says

This is a fun series...full of action and set between Halloween and Thanksgiving, so it's a perfect read for this time of year. Looking forward to finding the next in the series.

Alice Liu says

3.5 stars - I loved A Pall in the Family, but I felt Be Careful What You Witch for lacked the dramatic tension of its predecessor. There is just no sense of danger throughout most of this book. The few suspects were set up in fairly obvious "set-up" situations, so the misdirection didn't really work for me. Plus, much of Clyde's suspicions were based on how they looked, which seemed a bit prejudicial. Rather than amateur sleuthing, there was a lot of sleuthing in an amateurish way, and mystical talents were constantly discussed, but not used. While Clyde has visions, they really don't help in solving the murder, they just merely coincide with the climax. Overall the characters needed to have their strengths and weaknesses more fully blended into the plot. That being said, I still really like the main characters and I especially appreciated how Eastman brings multi-generational involvement to the table, and so, I will be back for the next book.

Melissa ♥ Melissa's Eclectic Bookshelf says

The Good:

~I love the small town setting of Crystal Haven...Eastman makes us feel as if we live there and know all the residents.

~Clyde and her entire family are such an amazing bunch. From Aunt Violet to Seth...this book would not be the same without the multiple generations all working together.

~Witches...need I say more. OK I'll say a little more...I love the paranormal aspects of this series and the fact that all of the family members have such different talents.

~Even the pets lend a hand..love Baxter and Tuffy:)

~The friends and supporting cast (Diana, Thom, Alex, etc) all add so much to the story without taking anything away from the Fortune's.

~A sweet slowly, maybe too slowly at times, re-developing love between Clyde and Mac gives us a taste of romance without overpowering the plotline.

The Not So Good:

~I wish that there were a bit more of the paranormal elements and I wish that they were a bit more closely connected to the resolution of the mystery. Sometimes it feels as if they are just thrown in there but aren't really integral to the story.

Final Thoughts:

Dawn Eastman has created a wonderful setting and a great cast of characters that I can't wait to spend time with again. Looking forward to book 3 in the series.

Lisa Morin says

I really like this quirky series. I have seen both positive and negative feedback about this series. In my honest opinion, I enjoy far fetched stories with colorful characters and unbelievable actions. That is why I read fiction in the first place. I want to disappear into a world of make believe, where the characters are funny and bizarre, and who set out on wild and crazy adventures. I want to laugh and be amazed, I want to picture myself doing exactly what they are doing, I want to experience it all. Dawn Eastman does that for me. She has created such a fantastic world in the mystical world of Crystal Haven and each of her characters bring their own flair to the story. Vi & Rose balance each other out so well and Frank adds a touch of old world charm to the story. Even the animals make me laugh, as I picture Tuffy jumping up and down in excitement and Baxter drooling all over Clyde.

In this book, Diana is in charge of the Fall Festival and when someone close to her is murdered, Clyde stops at nothing to search for the truth. She has her ever present amateur sleuths by her side and with nephew Seth back in Crystal Haven, you can be sure it will be an adventure to remember. I hope to see so much more in the outstanding series.
