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Passions-and tempers-run high at a big-time bear show. And when a Cheery Cherub Bear designer is accused of stealing an idea-and later dies-Brad and Ashleigh Lyon's suspicions take wing.

## **The False-Hearted Teddy Details**

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### Barbara ★ says

This is a really cute series about a couple who own Lyons, Tigers and Bears, where they create teddy bears. Bradley Lyons is an ex-homicide cop from San Francisco and his wife Ashleigh is the real artisan. They show their bears at trade shows and undoubtedly get involved in a murder while they are there. Like I said, a cute series with a simple cozy mystery to solve in each book. A thoroughly enjoyable quick, light read. Highly recommend.

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### CD says

Do you feel lucky punk?

Another good time on the teddy bear show circuit. Unless you get killed over your stuffed animals.

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### Sue Ross says

This is the second in the Teddy Bear series. It's as good as the rest in the series and such a shame that there are only five in the series. I could read them forever

This time Brad and Ash head to Baltimore for a teddy bear show. When they get there, one of the exhibitors is murdered and Brad is mistakenly arrested for the murder.

What he does to get himself out of trouble won't be believed, but there are a few laugh out loud moments in the book.

Mr Lamb's humor in his books is dry but quite enjoyable and the characters he creates blend in well with the over all theme of the story.

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### Jeff says

Murder and mayhem at a teddy bear show? Who'd've thunk it? Retired homicide detective Brad and his wife Ashleigh investigate the very nasty death of a prominent teddy bear maker.

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### Mark Baker says

Brad and Ashleigh head to a teddy bear show. But everything isn't cheery when a designer about to sign a

big contract turns up dead. Once again, the book was lots of fun with great characters and interesting story. I love this series.

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### **Stacy Bender says**

I love all of Lamb's books - this one is no different.  
This one touches on how people can turn good things bad.

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### **Ashley says**

Berkeley has a whole line for cozy, craft-related mysteries. This one, about making teddy bears (who knew?), is very good--it would have been five stars if the editor had educated the author about copyright (but why would a publisher do something silly like that? Sorry, lost my head for a moment). The author was a homicide cop in a former life, and his expertise shows; the books are first-person, but the hero isn't obnoxiously perfect, either. I'm now looking for everything else John J. Lamb has written, and expect to enjoy them all just as much.

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### **Linda C says**

Lamb is an actual retired homicide detective, so his portrayal of the main character rings true. He and his wife are also collectors of teddy bears, so those details also are well developed. However, the couple in his series also make the teddy bears and participate in the shows. Brad Lyon has completed his first bear, Dirty Beary (a Dirty Harry bear complete with gun & holster) and displays it along with his wife's collection (themed around desserts). Before the show even begins Brad interrupts a near violent spousal abuse argument. When the wife suddenly dies, Brad is drawn into the investigation. Three people at the show are prime suspects. This was a fast paced cozy with some great puns thrown in. I will be looking for the rest of this series.

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### **Jessica says**

I really am liking this author's books. The stories are different, the main characters are totally lovable, and the author's dry wit (mixed in with the main characters cheesy one-liners) is fun. This is the second in the series that I've read, and I can't wait to start the next one.

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### **Sfdreams says**

Book 2 in the series.

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**Linda says**

These are just fun books, who knew being a teddy bear artisan could be so dangerous! This book was a bit different from the first since the Lyon's were away from home at a teddy bear show but I enjoyed it. Good mystery and Brad is a fun character and I love his smart mouth.

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**Mary says****Another joyful romp!**

I have truly enjoyed the first two books in this series. The author incorporates my love of bears, mysteries, and the areas of Virginia & Maryland that I am most familiar with along with a dry sense of humor. It isn't rocket science or high art. It's just a warm, wonderful way to spend a few hours. On to the next in the series!

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**Karen-Leigh says**

The first time I read this series I immediately began researching the world of teddy bear making. I went on to spend 280.00 on a handmade bear. I adore that bear but at the same time felt I needed my head read for spending that kind of money on an ornamental toy/dust collector at my age. Still, each time I read the series I want to go looking at the bears being made by artisans around the world. I got my bear from Pat Hughes of Blackberry Bears in France and she has a photo/slide collection of her bears on Youtube that is absolutely fascinating to watch. I wish there was an update on the life and bearing making of John J. Lamb.

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**Dancing Flamingo says**

This is the 2nd time I've read this book. I first read it about 3-4 yrs ago and I have to say I still like it.

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**Joan says**

I volunteered to read this since the author is coming to the library, and it's a mystery, which I love. It was ok, easy to figure out "who done it." I also didn't care for his overabundance of one-liners and smart remarks, it was overkill (so to speak). It's average rating on Goodreads is over 4, so I'm not sure what I was missing. This isn't the first books in the series, but those were checked out. I think the earlier ones have more to do w/the Shenandoah Valley, this one takes place in Baltimore (at a Teddy Bear convention of course). Anyway, I doubt I read the others, but they are cute.

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