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Ever since she moved to Sweet Briar, South Carolina, Yankee librarian Tori Sinclair has been the talk of the tiny town. But she's been so busy at work, winning over the sewing circle, and trying to forget her cheating ex that she hasn't even had time to baste together a pillow, let alone mind local gossip. Then she finds the hometown sweetheart dead at her back door...

Everyone believes the police investigator, who's just fixin' to link Tori to the murder in a love triangle gone bad. To clear her name, Tori will have to rely on her new sewing sisters and stitch together the truth—or be darned.

Sew Deadly Details

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Betty says

A delightful fun read with some romance and a couple minor mysteries. Victoria Sinclair moved to Sweet Briar South Carolina to take the head librarian position. She bought a house there. Tori, as she prefers to be known, is invited to join a sewing circle. She has much to learn about living in the south. At the library, she meets the third-grade teacher and his students. One a shy girl named Lulu becomes a friend. Things she needs keep disappearing and make it difficult to function. The light over her door is one of them. A leading belle of the town has decided the third-grade teacher will be her husband. When she is found dead behind the library Tori is the only suspect. Will Tori find answers before she arrested? I enjoyed the book and plan on reading the rest of the series. I recommend the book.

Minanoir says

Victoria "Tori" Sinclair is a very sweet and bright young woman, who after breaking off her engagement wanted to reclaim her life. Tori decided that she needed a change and leaving Chicago for the tiny town of Sweet Briar, South Carolina was it. Tori just did not know how big of a change she was about to get! Tori has her work cut out for her not only as the town's new librarian but trying to fit into the Southern way of life as well. And some of the townspeople aren't making it any easier for her. To most folks in the small town of Sweet Briar, Tori Sinclair was in a nutshell two words: a Yankee and an outsider both they did not take to kindly too! It didn't matter to them that she was a great librarian or that she could improve their library, because she replaced one of their own, Dixie Dunn, who in their eyes was the only librarian the town needed.

Just when Tori seems to be making some friends and joining the town's sewing circle, her life becomes a tangled mess. Important papers and other things come up missing at the library and her front porch light bulbs disappear as fast as she replaces them. Then Tori finds herself smack-dab in the middle of a love triangle and the murder of the town's sweetheart, Tiffany Ann Gilbert.

Now, with most of the town and the police investigator believing her guilty of murder, Tori knows she must find the true killer to save herself. Will Tori, with the help of her sewing circle ladies be able to unravel this murder mystery in time? Or will the killer find a way to sew her sleuthing up for good?

Elizabeth Lynn Casey has hit a homerun her first time at bat, with "Sew Deadly", the first book in her (Southern Sewing Circle series)! "Sew Deadly" is a marvelous mystery that takes the reader to small town existence in South Carolina where life there is anything but boring. Small town gossip, rivalries, love triangles, and even murder take on a whole new meaning in this tiny "Peyton Place"! But even with all its faults, there is a lot of good in Sweet Briar too, Southern charm and grace is in abundance as well!

You will find yourself enthralled in this breathtaking book the second you pick it up! You will be yearning to learn more about the people of Sweet Briar and Tori herself as you go along this mystery ride with them!

I am looking forward to joining Tori, the sewing circle and the town of Sweet Briar when Elizabeth Lynn Casey takes us on another mysterious adventure in "Death Threads" the second book in the (Southern Sewing Circle series) which will be released March 2, 2010!

Reviewer, Janean Sparks For Night Owl Romance

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Elizabeth Meadows says

This was a perfect cozy read for me. I love libraries and sewing, plus the main character was someone I could empathize with. The mystery was well thought out and I didn't figure out anything until it was revealed. Great book!

Ali says

I think a lot of cozy mystery fans will enjoy this book. I am a cozy mystery fan who neither loved nor hated the book. I found the book just a tad too sweet, a tad too quaint, a tad too cutesy, a tad too too everything - Little House on the Prairie meets a Hallmark movie with a tiny murder thrown in for spice.

Dawn says

The last few books I have read all started out with me not sure if I would like them, and this one was the same way. I am glad to say this book (and the rest) I thoroughly enjoyed. I like the library aspect of the book and the sew circle concept is quite new to me and I quite like it. Cannot wait to read the rest of the books in this series.

♥ Nora ♥ says

After seeing a video in the YouTube for -LizziefayeLovesBooks I bought this book ... when I read it I discovered that it is more than a great book ... I enjoyed reading it ... I am definitely going to read the second book in the series ... I would highly recommend it for anyone loves cozy mystery books...

Becky says

This was an excellent book! The ending was totally a surprise and I loved how I felt while reading it. Tori is a great main character. She's smart and quick on her feet. Even has a little romance. You don't even need to like sewing to enjoy this book.

Nissanmama says

I wanted to like this book. I really did. I've lived in the south and I know these women Casey has characterized who sew and bake and gossip. Unfortunately that's where the substance died. As far as mysteries go, it ranks up there with Scooby Doo. I had it figured out from the first mention of the killer and spent the rest of the pages bored while the main character, Tori Sinclair, stressed and fretted her way from

page to page. With only 50 pages left until the end, I had to put the book down for fear of dozing off.

I picked it up again, clinging to the hope that the romance set up between Tori and the local school teacher would provide some interest, but it didn't even spawn a legitimate kiss before the last page. Jane Austen did better than that 200 year ago with Victorian mores. Also, the big ending, the solving of the mystery, the big reveal? Wasn't. Only mentioned in past tense. At least with Scooby we got a big unveiling of the killer, some kind of climatic scene. I suppose with so many books to read and so little time, I should be glad that I've saved myself the effort with the rest of the series.

Meg Gustafson says

This one keeps you guessing!

This book is a super fun quick read! Quirky characters, small southern town, lots of suspects and a main character to cheer on and fall in love with! I can usually figure out whodunit, but this one! I was completely taken by surprise! Therefore, Five Stars! ?

Patty says

This is an excellent debut book. Torie (Victoria) takes a job as a head librarian at a small town in S.C. where she finds out that she is replacing a long-standing head librarian, who just happens to hate her guts for this turn of events. Torie starts making friends, mostly with the people in a sewing circle but also through her work and a budding romance is also on the horizon.

When a local sweetheart is found dead (by Torie) behind a dumpster outside the library life starts getting more complicated. Torie starts doubting if she will ever fit into the very close-knit community. While trying to deal with the major issue of murder Torie is also dealing with a series of small issues like disappearing light bulbs, boxes of books that appear overnight and other strange things seem to "go missing" on a daily basis.

I had an inkling of the murderer but the motive was totally a surprise and there were enough twists and turns to make me doubt my guess. All in all a good book, very good for a first in a series.

Brooke Showalter (Brooke Blogs) says

I have had this book on my shelf for quite some time but forgot about it. Then, a friend in a cozy mystery group on Facebook suggested reading through this series as a group, and I was excited to get this one off my shelf.

Tori Sinclair is the new librarian in Sweet Briar, South Carolina. She finds herself as the prime suspect in the murder of one of the town sweethearts. The only way out of it is to figure it out herself.

I loved the small-town setting of Sweet Briar. I'm from a small town and could easily relate to the gossip and everyone knowing everything about everybody else. I do not know anything about sewing, but liked that

aspect of the story. This was a fun cozy mystery and Tori really grew on me as a character I liked. I enjoyed the mystery, even though it was one I figured out ahead of the reveal. I'm excited to read the next book in this series.

Angela Holland says

What I did like: I like how the this took place in a small town. I also like how the main character is a librarian and a lot of the book took place there. One other thing I like is how there was mention of Laura Ingalls Wilder a lot in this book, she has always been one of my all time favorite authors.

Overall Impression: I liked this mystery of the town sweetheart murdered and how they tried to pin it on the new person in town. Many small towns are not very welcome to outsiders moving into their town - I speak this from experience as being a new person moving to a small town. One thing I did notice though was in the end the author chose a different way of catching the killer than most cozies I have read. In most cozies the person accused or trying to solve the crime confronts and catches the killer whereas in this book the accused figured out who did it, went to the authorities and that is pretty much the last you heard about it other than a fly by conversation about the feelings of someone close to the murderer. I am not sure I like this. I kind of like the excitement of the person solving the crime being caught by the killer and then being rescued. I almost thought this book had more of a library feel to it than a sewing circle feel as there was not a lot about the sewing circle, but the people from the circle were main characters in this book. I know this sounds like I am bashing the book, but I am not I truly liked this book and read it in a few days. I liked how Tori and Milo seemed to connect without even trying. Lulu was one of my favorite people in this book and it was fun to watch her transform from a shy little girl to someone who is excited about reading. Margaret Louise was a hoot - she told it like it was and became a true friend to Tori. I love how Leona and Margaret gave Tori tips on living in the South. I felt bad for Tori and some of the things she had to go thru and basically alone since she was new to town. In the end all works out and the town is happy again. I am giving this book 4 stars.

Kelly Knapp says

Tori leaves a ruined love life in Chicago and accepts a position as head librarian in the quaint southern town of Sweet Briar. She is not prepared for the stares and interest of the local residents.

Shortly after arriving, Tori is invited to participate in the town's sewing circle. Then she finds out that her job was at the expense of the previous librarian and half of the sewing circle is friend with the previous librarian. She also learns a great deal about residents of the town including the local beauty queen, who just happens to be in love with the man that is showing interest in Tori.

While cleaning out the extra spaces of the library, Tori takes a load of books to the dumpster and trips over the body of that beauty Queen. There hasn't been a murder in over a hundred years, so to the Sheriff, it makes sense to look at the newest resident, Tori. She can't believe anyone thinks she could kill someone, but it becomes clear that she had better figure out who the real killer is before she sent up river for a crime she didn't commit.

Casey has created a number of vivid characters as part of the sewing circle. The characters are well rounded and deep. The plot is thorough and well planned. And Tori's ideas for the library are up to date and her ability to get the town's people involved is terrific.

I look forward to reading others in the series.

Melissa says

I really enjoyed this cozy set in a sweet Southern Community. The people are nice (for the most part).. As Tori gets familiar with her new librarian job, and making new friends.,she finds herself in the middle of a murder investigation.
And some of the people that dont know her (or want to get to know her) think that she is the killer!

Linda says

I really liked this book and before I even finished, I ordered 3 more books in the series. It's hard to believe that "Sew Deadly" is the author's debut novel. It's well written, has interesting characters and the fact that I worked in a library for many years and have sewn since I was a kid makes it all that more appealing. She really did a good job first time out and I'm looking forward to reading the next one. Definitely recommend for lovers of cozy mysteries.
