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When genealogist Torie O'Shea gets an invitation from her favorite aunt, Sissy, to come and spend some time with her in Minnesota she jumps at the chance. She piles her husband and her father-in-law into the car, leaving her two daughters in the care of her mother back home in Missouri, and hits the road, looking forward to some relaxation and some family bonding. Once they arrive, Torie finds out that her aunt's invitation was not so innocent: Sissy has uncovered a 150-year-old diary in the attic of her home and is dying to find out who wrote it and where it came from.

Certain she won't be able to find anything, Torie reluctantly dives in. She is immediately riveted by the author's story; a young Swedish woman living with her family in 1850s rural Minnesota, she had fallen in love with a man she couldn't have. When the diary ends abruptly with hints of brutal violence, Torie becomes enmeshed in a deadly mystery passed down through generations-and still festering today.

Fans and newcomers to Rett MacPherson's cozy genealogy mysteries will delight in the inventive story and engaging characters that have come to characterize this wonderful series.

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Gail Richmond says

Torie O'Shea, busy wife/mother/history buff and genealogist, gets an abrupt invitation to visit her favorite aunt in Olin, Minnesota. Regardless of the 12-hour drive from New Kassel, MO, Torie, husband Rudy, and step-father Colin Brooke travel north for a week of fishing in the land of ten thousand lakes for the guys and a week of helping Aunt Sissy for Torie.

Saddled with the task of reading an old diary and searching for what happened to the author and her family, Torie becomes involved peripherally in a murder investigation with roots in past family jealousies over a hundred years old and murders that were never solved at that time. All of the puzzles are right up Torie's alley as amateur sleuth.

Entertaining and unusual in topic, this slim volume would have benefitted from closer editing to remove typographical errors, and proofreading so that all names were consistently spelled and the town's names that are mentioned were not confused.

(Cedar Rapids is used once instead of Cedar Springs which was the small town name used consistently up to that point.)

Rating: 3.5

Patty says

Torie, Rudy and Colin are visiting Torie's Aunt Sissy and Uncle Joe in Olin, Minnesota. Sissy has found a novel/diary from a young woman who lived in the house in the 1870's. Sissy wants to know how the story ended and wants Torie to use her genealogy skills to find answers.

As usual Torie and Colin are at loggerheads, Sissy is exasperating and Rudy and Joe try to stay out of the way. There is a lot of Minnesota history as well as family history in this book, all of it interesting and all tied together.

Eventually Torie solves the mystery for Sissy, and helps the local sheriff solve a murder.

I do love this series and this book is a marvelous addition to the series.

Lisa says

I enjoyed this book quite a bit. I've never really been that much into mysteries but this series peaked my interest. I will definitely go out and see if I can find any others. I would definitely recommend it.

Eire says

I have mixed feelings some negative , and some positive.

When I saw the cover I thought I would enjoy it immensely. However, when I read the first chapter I was at first disappointed. The reason why was because the way the characters talked sounded silly, and I do not really care for that in books. When the mystery began it became intriguing. My thoughts were that: the mystery was well thought out. I had two qualms though: Despite this I was able to see who the culprit was a mile away. I also felt that although there was some emphasis on the wolves there should have been more

Sheila says

Fun read, this time set in Minnesota.

Mary says

Really enjoyed this book! I somehow missed this book so I ended up reading it out of sequence but no worries. I think it works as a stand alone. Good mysteries with plenty of surprises and giggles. I love Torie's humor and her interactions with her father-in-law are frequently hilarious. Lots of background on how a genealogist does research which I found interesting and informative. I'm planning to pick up another Torie O'Shea novel soon. Recommended.

Katie Hilton says

This Torie O'Shea adventure is a little far-fetched. Torie travels to Minnesota to visit her aunt and learns about a murder that occurred in her aunt's home 150 years ago. She investigates and solves that case and another that occurs while she's in town.

Diane Heath says

This time Torie and Rudy go visit her aunt (Colin comes along too for the fishing). Colin gets arrested under suspicion of murder and so Torie has to help him prove his innocence. She had gone to visit her aunt to read an old diary found in her aunt's attic. The diary reveals long held secrets that resulted in multiple murders in 1859 as well as the murder which resulted in Colin's arrest.

Kellene says

I try not to read most series out of order, but this one caught my eye at the library and I snatched it up, knowing nothing of the series. I was hooked from the beginning of the story. Historical research and genealogy are interests of mine, so I thoroughly enjoyed that part of the book. The tragic story of the diary's

author broke my heart. The current mystery in the book was almost a side note for me, but did remind me how much the past affects the present.

Loved the book, and will be reading the ones that preceded it... and followed.

Kay Wright says

New author, new skill of genealogy, kind of fun, mystery lame, likelihood of answering questions about 150 year old murder about 0. But not terrible.book, may look for another in series. I did like the husband character, seemed real.

Lorna McCluskey says

This is the first book by Rett MacPherson I have read, though I understand there have been a number already published in the series. What a delightful blend of genealogical sleuthing to solve real mysteries! Family research does require much research and they come together well in this mystery. For anyone who enjoys family history and mysteries, this is an excellent choice!

dandrea d patterson says

Spook goood

I love book and genealogy and crime solving in one. True keeps finding dead bodies. I love it! Great book

Grey853 says

I love this Torie O'Shea series. I've never been into genealogy or history in general, but they way MacPherson writes about it, with such passion, well, it actually sounds like fun. Plus, I love how Torie's so sarcastic and witty about life and people in general.

These aren't serious books, just a fun read.

Ellen says

Torie #7

Kay says

Sadly this is the last MacPherson book I have to read. Now I will sit back and hope she writes another soon!!!

My grandson has to write his favorite thing that happened in his books he has to read in the Summer. My favorite part of this book is when Torie remarks to a woman that her glorious ancestor may not be as upstanding as she thinks and the lady decks her in the Historical Society knocking her to the floor with a black eye to show for it! We genealogists do take our heritage seriously!!
