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Mary Alice has spared nothing for her only daughter's wedding—providing enough gourmet food and glittering elegance to make Sister think seriously about finding herself a rich fourth husband to pay for it all. Practical Patricia Anne has put away her aunt-of-the-bride blue chiffon and settled back into domesticity when fun-loving Mary Alice informs her that they have a post-wedding date with a genealogist from the groom's side of the family. But lunch is an abbreviated affair when their guest interrupts a fascinating talk on the hazards of finding dirty linens in ancestral boudoirs and scurries off with the local judge. And the sisters are only just finishing their departed luncheon companion's cheesecake when the police arrive.

Their recent guest has taken a plunge from the ninth floor of the courthouse building—an apparent suicide. But given the scandals the nosy genealogist was capable of uncovering, Mouse and Sister are betting that some proud Southern family is making sure their shameful secrets stay buried...along with anyone who tries to dig them up.

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Cheryl Cooper says

The sisters are at it again. Getting involved in another murder that is "none of their business". I love the banter between the two sisters as it is so true to life. Reminds me of me and my sister. I really like this lighthearted, funny, easy to read series and plan on reading the rest of them.

Sandi says

I listened to this book on audio from library. It's the first time I've read anything by this author. The story, itself, was really quirky but fun. The narrator on this particular book seemed to get a little carried away with voices that were quite exaggerated. I found that somewhat annoying. Next time, I believe I'll read the other books in the series and enjoy them much more

Kevin M says

Another winner.

You can't go wrong with a Southern Sisters novel. Witty writing, well developed plot and very delightful characters who are true to life and will make you love them. Don't confuse this with a cozy mystery. This is Fannie Flagg meets Sue Grafton.

Diane Perry says

So Funny! This is just pure fluff and fun! The perfect escape on a bad day! I love the Sisters!

Susan Webb says

I am in love with these sisters! I hate that Mrs. George passed away and the series ended. They are so good and the family just draws you in.

Melody says

I love this fluff and all the references to Birmingham. She got a little sloppy with her facts and while it might not bother someone who doesn't know or care about Birmingham, it made me take away a star. Still plan to read them all. We love listening to the audiobooks on trips.

Trisha says

I thought this was pretty cute. I like cozy mysteries so this one was perfect. Audio book narrator was wonderful too!

Elizabeth Castro says

I am a newer resident of Alabama, and a friend thought this book series would make a good Christmas gift for me. Right my friend was.

Anne George gifts the reader with very specific settings, introduces landmarks, and gives you a sense of community.

I drive by the places she writes about everyday. I meet people just like the sisters. I feel a truth to the writing even though I was only expecting "chick lit."

And for all the sisterly banter in the story, by the middle of the book, I'd made up my mind that the ending would be neatly wrapped up and predictable., and sickening sweet. Not even close. Anne George made a believer out of me with the surprise twists, turns, and ending of "Murder Runs in the Family."

Connie N. says

#3 in the Southern Sisters cozy mystery series

I don't know why I put off reading this for so long. It was cute, and I like the characters. Patricia Anne is the younger sister, petite and intelligent, a retired English teacher, and part of a close and loving family. Her sister Mary Louise is tall, boisterous, irreverent, and fun. They both become embroiled in murder mysteries through no fault of their own, it seems. It's just that they're both very involved in activities and with people so that they make connections that sometimes turn dangerous. In this case they meet Meg Bryan (at Mary Louise's daughter's wedding), they like her, and they have lunch with her, just before she jumps out of a window to her death. As they learn more about her and her job as a genealogist, they discover some shenanigans that could have far-reaching complications. I had to laugh at Patricia Anne's desire to correct people's grammar since that's a pet peeve of mine too, although I try to refrain from speaking out. And I loved that Patricia Anne and her husband Fred are still so in love after 40 years of marriage. Their whole family is close, and it's nice to see the relationships between them all.

Dawn says

Another good book from Anne George. I really do like this series of books. I will be sad when I read the last book.

Pam says

#3 in the Southern Sisters series. Meg, a genealogist fakes her own death, to cover-up the subsequent murder of her former husband Judge Bobby Haskins & frames fellow family-tree professional Gerogiana Peach. Love the Southern Sisters.

Ann Boytim says

Sisters Mary Alice and Patricia Anne may be sisters but are very unalike - one has been married many times and pleasantly plump and Patricia Anne is married to Fred and bird like. Mary Alice's daughter is getting married and is having a very splashy wedding. A cousin who studies genealogy is attending the wedding and the sisters meet her for lunch. This cousin suffers an unfortunate accident or commits suicide by falling of a building. The sisters once again get involved in a mystery when a Judge is murdered.

Jan says

Patricia Ann (Mouse) and Mary Alice (Sister) meet Meg, a genealogist, at the wedding of Mary Alice's daughter. Later they meet her for lunch which is interupted by another friend of Meg's. Meg steps away to investigate some genealogical mystery and ends up taking a nose dive from the 10th floor of the Birmingham courthouse. Was is suicide or did Meg have a little help?

These Southern Sisters Mysteries are so much fun. The characters are really taking shape by this installment. The mystery is almost beside the point. Just sit back and enjoy.

Michelle says

This is the third book in the series. The book opens with the wedding of Mary Alice's daughter. After the wedding, Mary Alice invites Patricia Anne to have lunch with a woman on the groom's side of the family who is a genealogist. When Meg leaves to meet with a judge who happens by their table, the girls think nothing of it, until they see the police arrive and find out that their lunch companion has taken a dive from the 9th floor of a nearby building. Things get even more perplexing when the judge tries to take the woman's briefcase. Unable to resist a mystery, the sisters dig in to find out what secrets that Meg might have found that led to her death. They start with the genealogy program that Meg created and snoop into her business associates. Patricia Anne is surprised to find one of her former students working there and asks her for help in their search. Through some unusual twists and turns, the sisters work to root out a killer and find a surprising conclusion.

Linda says

I enjoyed this story. Some very surprising twists at the end. The genealogical aspect of the story was interesting - who knew it was a "dog-eat-dog" business.

