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Monona Quinn thought moving from Chicago to rural Wisconsin would be the change of pace she was looking for. But when the popular owner of the local diner is murdered, she realizes she may not find what she was looking for.

## **Murder Over Easy Details**

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## Jenn says

Gym reading (aka free or super cheap Kindle books). I like cozy mysteries. Generally there's a female "hero" who bumbles around and makes stupid decisions and there's a cast of kooky small town characters. This felt like it was supposed to be a cozy. It took place in a small town. But there weren't really any kooky characters. No one was really that interesting. The characters all felt stilted and one dimensional. The mystery was rather boring and lacked many real twists and turns. At one point, I decided to just give up, feeling like I was only a little ways into this one, but my Kindle said I was already at 60%, so I kept on. It WAS a quick (or short) read.

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## Eileen Patterson says

### SPOILER ALERT

I enjoyed the mystery here and it would be a fun little cozy mystery if the characters didn't keep equating "gay" to "forcing teenage boys to have sex." The word "gay" is not synonymous with the word "predator" no matter what some people will tell you, there are plenty of gay people who don't abuse kids and teenagers, and this annoying aspect soured the whole book for me.

The mystery itself is fun. Not a big fan of the main character's husband, as he tends to treat her like a little kid, but otherwise, I enjoyed watching her pieces together the clues and figure out what happened. The attitude toward the deceased, though, that kept sticking in my craw whenever I tried to enjoy the book. It's all over the place. On one hand, everyone in the town seems to love him, he's been a foxture in the community for years, on the other hand, it's hinted that no one in the town would accept him if it came to light that he were gay, and then they kept throwing in that he abused teenage boys on the wrestling team and I kept wanting to scream "THAT MAKES HIM AN ABUSER NOT ALL GAY PEOPLE ARE ABUSERS STOP SAYING THAT." I wish I could give this book a higher rating, but I just can't.

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## Gillian says

So far it's mediocre writing. I was expecting a cozy mystery, and did not expect the erotic scene in the middle of chapter two. I'll have to re-read some of the reviews I saw before "purchasing" this free book for my Nook to see if anyone else commented on this. That took the phrase "cozy mystery" to a whole different level.

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## Angie says

I liked the title and the cover ...the story was just okay . Sigh .

There seemed to be a huge number of characters in the beginning , which is sometimes difficult for me to keep track of . The story soon became a quick & easy read , but also a little shallow with way too many side

stories going on . Not bad ...just okay.

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### **Marcia Lechleitner says**

Fast read and full of mystery.

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### **Leigh Mitchell says**

[ the deceased is murdered because he turns out to be gay and also abuses teenage boys (hide spoiler)]

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### **Melissainau says**

This was a freebie from the Kindle store. The pacing felt off, the sex scenes inappropriate in what seemed to be billed as a cosy mystery, and the details of the protagonists' lives never made me care about them. Also, the insistence that the protagonist was such a great guy seemed misplaced, to put it mildly. I often get through two cosies in an evening but this took me about a month to get through Not recommended, even for free.

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### **Mom says**

Charlie was liked by everyone in town. He was into everything going on. But he was killed. Who would do that to him. They tried to make it look like he had fallen down the basement steps.

I like how Mo would not believe the murder had been solved.

Coach Hopkins was the one that knew Charlie had put the moves on one of "his boys". Now he had repeated the same thing on yet another kid. The coach did not like how Mo had figured it out he had killed Charlie.

She had found the splattering seeds around in the sub basement. She knew who did it.

It was good that Doug came by to check on Mo on the night he had baseball practice.

What an ending.

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### **Nancy Bennett says**

For about the first 2/3rds of this book I only thought it was so-so and almost decided to not complete it, but something turned around for me at the end and I ended up liking it enough for a 3-star. There wasn't anything \*specific\*, it just wasn't doing it for me. I'm glad I decided to keep going.

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### **Kamas Kirian says**

A short little novel, more like a novella really, about the murder of a beloved diner owner and civic volunteer

in a small Wisconsin town. Overall, I'm not a fan. It wasn't all that compelling reading. There were too many little things that just kinda nagged at me. Like: a whole, whole lot of the book was told as dialogue, and with the way it was formatted (both parties sentences in the same paragraph) it became annoying to read. Some of the storyline was so clearly foreshadowed that it could just as well have been printed in safety orange with a sign 'here be a clue'. None of the characters was all that well developed, more like quirky traits identified. I don't think I'll be reading any more works from this author, even if they are offered for free. It's just not worth my time.

The ebook was formatted OK, but there were several spelling errors and the paragraph structure was somewhat jumbled.

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### **Laura says**

I enjoyed this story and will read more in the series. there is, however, something amateurish about the storytelling's. the plot moves, the characters are developed but somehow it seems like an early attempt. as I said though, I will look for future books...it was a good story.

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### **Lorraine says**

I enjoyed this cozy mystery and had to laugh when the main characters would compare themselves to Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys.

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### **Elizabeth says**

This was a very quick read about a diner owner in the Madison, WI area who is found dead at the bottom of the stairs in his diner. The local weekly newspaper reporter gets a glimpse into the diner and notices that his white aprons are hung neatly along the staircase. If a man tripped and started falling down the stairs he'd probably grab at something, namely those aprons. Therefore she decides he was murdered, and the police aren't sharing info. There is very little depth to this book but it was a good escape during a rain storm.

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### **Michelle Boyea says**

My only critique is that some of the dialogue was hard to read due to the way the conversations were written going on the same line, rather than separate lines per character

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### **Dany says**

A diner owner in a small Wisconsin town dies and Mo Quinn, the editor of one the local newspaper does not think this was just an accident and is determined to find the killer.

I did not like this book. I couldn't find anything interesting about any of the characters presented. This hadn't happened to me in a long time, but I honestly didn't care about any of the characters, not a single one of them.

I found the mystery to be boring, there were too many random situations that added nothing to the plot and the sex scenes (in a cozy mystery!) felt completely out of place. However, what I disliked the most is something that constitutes a spoiler, so click below only if you don't mind spoilers:

(view spoiler)

So, in short, for me this was a one star book and I will not continue with the series.

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