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From a *New York Times* & *USA Today* bestselling author...enter the world of Sloane Monroe in *Black Diamond Death*...

"In a panic I gasped for air, but there wasn't any. I tried to cry out, but I was alone. And in my hysteria it hit me: I had felt a similar feeling before - like my body was giving out on me, and I knew what it meant. I was dying."

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A Skier Crashes

On the slopes of Park City, Utah's newest ski resort a woman is found dead. At first glance, it has all the makings of an accident. But what if wasn't? What if she was murdered?

A Second Body Is Found

Just as Private Investigator Sloane Monroe feels she's close to solving the case, a second dead body is found. With the killer aware that Sloane will stop at nothing to find him, her life is in danger, her every move being tracked. Will Sloane uncover the truth before he strikes again?

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From Reader Review Black Diamond Death for online ebook

Cindy Smith says

This book was suggested to me by a friend. It is not a genre I would normally pick up. That being said, I was pulled into the story very quickly. When a champion skier dies skiing into a tree, her sister Ashley is certain it was no accident. She hires Sloane, a private detective, to prove her sister's death was murder and her ex-fiance was the perp. Sloane's investigation had so many twists and turns, I never saw the end coming! Very well written and well edited! Very glad I bought the box set <3

G.W. Jefferies says

Wonderful read!

Avid Series Reader says

Black Diamond Death by Cheryl Bradshaw is book one of the Sloane Monroe series set in modern-day Park City Utah. I was attracted by the Park City setting, my love of skiing, and because "black diamond" is the trail marker for expert ski slopes. Unfortunately, after the prologue the book has nothing whatsoever to do with skiing. It doesn't even need to be set in Park City, only somewhere with snow on the ground, so the author can illustrate how quirky her protagonist is (she wears flip-flops in the snow).

Sloane Monroe investigates a skier death because the skier's sister insists it was no accident. The ski resort certainly does not want publicity, and the police don't want a case, so Sloane faces opposition in her quest for information. She discovers a violent ex-fiancé, and the crime seems fairly obvious. However she has no proof. So she continues investigating and discovers other crimes plus a more likely suspect. The mystery is believable and the case progresses at a reasonable pace.

Sloane's boyfriend Nick is a policeman. I enjoyed the description of a cute trick Nick taught Sloane's dog, Lord Berkeley:

"Nick cocked his thumb and trigger finger and aimed straight at him. 'Pow!' Lord Berkeley fell to the ground. He tilted his head to the side and closed his eyes and gave up the ghost. He remained still for a few dramatic moments until Nick gave him the okay signal and then sprung back to life to claim his treat, a pint-sized bone of beef."

The book desperately needs editing. Awkward sentences stop the story flow completely. Words are used incorrectly. If grammar and style do not matter to you as a reader, skip the rest of this review and go ahead and try the book.

"Sepia tone photographs adorned the walls of the Daily Mining Company circa 1890 and Historic Main Street before the fire scintillated in 1897 and destroyed over 200 business and homes." The author is probably trying to tell us:

1. the walls of the ski resort were adorned with sepia photographs
2. the photographs depicted the Daily Mining Company and Historic Main Street , circa 1890
3. a fire in 1897 destroyed over 200 businesses and homes

I never did figure out what the author meant by this: “In the corner of the room a fire beguiled me to absorb its warmth. I removed my gloves and stuck both hands inside.” Where did the protagonist stick her hands?

“I allowed time for my fingers to thaw and then fell in line at the front desk.” I found this sentence really odd. I can relate to having cold hands entering a ski lodge, but I can’t imagine standing still to wait for my fingers to warm up –before– getting in line to wait (again) for service at the front desk. It would make more sense to say her fingers gradually thawed while she waited in line at the front desk.

“I pushed though the entrance door and was met with a forceful tug that launched me forward and brought me up close and personal to a familiar face on the opposite end.” Does this mean someone she knew grabbed her as she came out the door?

“The morning sun shone its rays through the trees and melted away pieces of fallen snow that had rested on its branches.” The sun doesn’t have branches.

“In the summer month’s water skiers, boaters, and fisherman filled the lake, but in winter it turned solid white and was ensconced with snow.” Multiple problems: Wrong use of the possessive, singular should be plural, wrong use of ensconce.

“I mulled it over for a few minutes before I constituted a response.” Constituted?

I wonder what this slang phrase spoken by a waitress means? “Keep your alans on.”

More odd phrasing:

- “The check came and I stood, or tried to stand, and in the process I noticed my vision had changed since I first arrived.”
- “It took a moment, but somewhere in Nick’s head a light went on.”
- “My stomach twisted with disquietude and I watched through squinted eyes. Both outstretched hands launched their fingers in the air to protrude the ball forward and two seconds later, the Lakers were in control.”
- “He shook his head and picked his drink back up and ingurgitated all of it.”
- “The sun blazed down and its warmth coalesced on my skin.”

“The next morning I exercised my options and phoned a friend.” The story is not referring to stock options, just saying the protagonist phoned a friend. No one I know says “I exercised my options” before telling me what they did.

“I recognized the sound of Maddie chomping away on a piece of gum like a cow chewing its cud.” (mixed metaphors)

“I filled her in on the details and got her up to speed.” (redundant)

“I transferred the weight from one of my butt cheeks to the other. It didn’t help.” This paragraph is inserted into a description of a meeting with the ski resort owner. There is no previous mention of any condition that would possibly be alleviated by shifting weight in a chair. It’s a curious sentence, and pointless to include it in the story. The weird phrasing continues: “Marty’s eyes broadened. He leaned all the way back in his chair and hung there for a brief time before he moved his body forward again.” A more succinct and normal way to express this: “Marty reared back, eyes wide.”

Wonder if “crin” was the intended word, and if so, what does it mean? “Zoey peeled back the corner of a crin red curtain and watched us approach.”

Black Diamond Death was available free from Amazon in a Sloane Monroe trilogy: Black Diamond Death, Sinnerman, and I Have a Secret. I read Black Diamond Death all the way to the end because it meets the criteria for several reading challenges I'm in: e-book, first of a series, new author, colors, etc. Due to the lack of editing in Black Diamond Death, I do not plan to read more by the author.

Leslie says

2.5*

My thoughts: This was an okay mystery but not one in which there are clues for the reader. I felt that the personal life of the narrator took up too much of the story and Sloane came across more as opinionated than headstrong to me.

Lynda says

A popular realtor and an experienced skier, Charlotte Halliwell's fatal accident made no sense to her sister. Audrey's suspicion along with the hiring of P.I. Sloane Monroe unravelled a shocking revelation in Park City.

The fifty-six short chapters of "Black Diamond Death" detailed picturesque wintry scenes along with a quick introduction of the realistic cast. A feeling of normalcy flowed out of the characters whether it was wearing flip flops in the snow, a successful womanizer or an over-powering greed for the almighty dollar. Elements of caring relationships within the mystery added to my reading pleasure. Short-lived red herrings will not distract avid mystery readers; overall it was a good story.

Downloaded free kindle edition was the basis for my review.

Cindy Segal says

Two problems

Having read hundreds of mysteries, I knew that the main suspect probably wasn't the killer. I felt that very little was done to present or develop alternative suspects and that Sloan actually did very little to solve this case. In the last few chapters she looked at some files and had her answer. My bigger issue is that the only time I have stopped reading an author was when a murderer was not punished for the crime and the main character didn't do anything about it. I have two of the series which I got for free but will not be spending any money to read the rest of the series.

Denise says

'Black Diamond Death' was an interesting story. I would give this book a rating of 3 1/2 stars if I could give it. The story line was pretty good, I just didn't feel the dialogue. It seemed kinda forced. The characters were

pretty good. Sloane seems like she is almost too perfect. Top of the line car, endless supply of money, great body, etc. She did have a knack for going against the grain when it came to investigating her case, but she was actually good at detecting. I like the premise of this series, so I will probably read more. A good read over all.

RW Bennett says

Sloane Monroe, the private detective in Cheryl Bradshaw's series is a fully developed, complicated character. She hates the cold, but lives in a ski town. She craves love and affection (who doesn't?), but can't commit. The loss of her sister is a major motivator in her life.

When a skier crashes and dies, the police rule the death as an accident. A suspicious sister hires Sloane to investigate. Sloane discovers the death to be a murder and the game is on. Monroe is more bulldog than brilliant, and most of the clues come to her. That's ok. Bradshaw spins a good story with solid characters and pacing. If you enjoy a good cozy, give Bradshaw a try.

Toni Osborne says

Book #1, in the Sloane Monreo Mystery

This is a refreshing and original mystery that has a good balance between action and detective work. The theme of this novel surrounds the real estate business and most of the players are one way or the other involved in the business or are in law enforcement. The main character, Sloane Monroe, is a private investigator and we follow her through this simple but captivating case as she pokes her nose into other people's business...

I was captivated by this easy and fast moving saga where Sloane is hired to find who may have wanted Charlotte Halliwell dead. The investigators deemed her death accidental, one of the many accidents seen on the slopes of a ski resort. But Charlotte's sister says otherwise and wants Sloane to get to the bottom and find the killer.

This mystery kept me guessing till the end where the truth was uncovered. This story is not taxing. The language is simple yet well done and to the point. I enjoyed passing time reading how Sloane did her investigating. Nothing is what it seemed and with the twists that kept derailing her at every turn, determined Sloane kept going. She is one feisty P.I. that will get her man or woman..... and along the way will give us hours of entertainment.

Ms. Bradshaw spins a good story with good characterization. Enjoy.

Cynthia says

Wow

This is a great murder mystery. She's a P. I. dating a detective. Still hasn't gotten over her sisters death 2

years earlier. But her new client sister was just murdered and doesn't believe it an accident. Didn't know real estate equals murder.

Susan says

After reading the fourth book in this series, I bought a 'box set' containing the first six books, so I could read them in order. The first book introduces Sloane Monroe, a feisty P.I., who is hired by a woman to investigate the death of the woman's sister, a real estate agent. The police have decided it was a skiing accident, but her sister thinks otherwise and suspects the ex-husband. With the help of her friend Maddie, a medical examiner, she discovers that the cause of death was actually poison, and sets out to find the killer. Enough twists and turns to keep it interesting, with a possible love interest also introduced, this book was a VERY good read, and I'm looking forward to the next.

Sarah says

The story was good, a solid mystery with decent characters, but there were *so* many punctuation errors throughout the book that I knocked off a star. I had a hard time overlooking them. Correct use of apostrophes and question marks really isn't that difficult. I wanted to get out a red pen, but that wouldn't work so well on the Kindle. I was also annoyed by the main character's body snarking on other women. Comparing one to a small elephant, really?!

Robin Loves Reading says

In Black Diamond Death, Sloane Monroe #1, by Cheryl Bradshaw, Charlotte Halliwell dies on a ski slope. She was an exceptional skier, however, and her sister Audrey doesn't believe it was an accident. While it is obviously true that skiing accidents do happen, Audrey feels as if her sister was just too skilled. She hires Sloane Monroe, P.I., to investigate.

From the very beginning, Sloane agrees with Audrey. Now she begins the daunting task of exposing the killer. All the while, Sloane knocks heads with Detective Drake Cooper. He truly believes that it was an accident, and he doesn't want Sloane nosing around. It helps that Sloane is dating Detective Nick Calhoun, as he helps to smooth things over with Detective Cooper.

So Sloane barges forward, and searches out possible suspects. The most likely suspect is Charlotte's ex-boyfriend. He has a bad reputation with women, and Sloane is determined to pin the murder on him. But she is a consummate professional, and investigates other possible suspects, as well as all angles.

This story kept me guessing until the very end. Nothing was quite as it seemed, leading to a surprising conclusion. I am looking forward to reading all of the books in the series. As a matter of fact, I purchased the remaining books and I'm about to dive into Book 2.

Jan says

A skier dies on the slopes at Park City, Utah and a female PI gets involved. She kind of reminded me of Grace Hanadarko from the tv show Saving Grace. Well written story, with you feeling like you are in the cold enviroment. I loved the twists and turns to the story and was surprised as to who did it and the ending was a surprise twist too. Would love to read more stories with Sloane Monroe the female PI!

Shannie says

Wow! Had me guessing until the end! Love! Great start to a new series!
