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Murder on Haint Branch is a mystery novel set in Western North Carolina. Infidelity, moonshining, a crooked lawman, and a self-serving preacher are the building blocks for the story. From the moment the sheriff tells Eula Sanders that her son, Charlie, has been shot, until the last few pages where we find out why Charlie died, the reader is given a glimpse into the way life really was for the Appalachian People in the early forties.

Murder on Haint Branch Details

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Tyler Cook says

By far one of the best books I have ever read! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed this book. It is such a quick read. All the characters are relatable, even if they are in the 1940s. And the way Eva writes the controversial issues of the mountains is just incredible. Worth reading again and sharing with your friends!

Vykki says

This book took me back to my southern roots. I love the book and the characters were touching and the story was believable. I recommend this book to all mysteries reader. One of the best mysteries I have read in a while. Thank you and keep on writing. I won this book on Goodreads. Thank you

Sandy Salgado says

Fantastic Read

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so excited that I found this author.
I laughed, I cried and enjoyed every page.
Did not want the story to end.
Love this author.

Roderick Baxter says

When you're all growed up.

I gotta say I enjoyed this Hillbilly murder mystery a whole dang lot. This yarn is as much about a yungun growing up and coming of age and of self discovery as it is a murder mystery. The 13 year old Ollie needs to solve a few problems. First of which is who killed her uncle Charlie. Then there is the need to "fix her Granny" stop her from her non stop rocking. While doing this she needs to find out who her Mom is. All while going through a difficult puberty.

As I said, I did enjoy this story, though I did expect Bo Radley to come out from behind the elm tree at any moment.

Carla says

I loved the character of Ollie, matter-of-fact young girl on a quest for the truth in 1940's NC. The use of dialect brings the characters to life. This is a story of love, loss, and growing up. I highly recommend this one.

Linda Marie Marsh says

LOVED IT.

I need to say no more, but..i will! Ollie is a young girl living with her grandparents in rural N.C., extended family and friends close by. Seen through her eyes,life is black and white, so why are grown-ups so evasive and complicated? She is at that brink of childhood and young 'teenagehood', wavering between wanting to believe in Santa and learning that boys 'want to get at between her legs'.

Her beloved Uncle Charlie is murdered and life is never again the same. It's the truth she wants, the truth that she is out to discover, and it's the truth that begins the bubbling up of all the well-kept family secrets.

This book is SO well-written, the authors descriptions of Haint Branch bring the book to life, the vernacular that is used, the simplicity of life all spring from the pages.

Read it. Fall in love with Ollie. And wonder when it is that we all lost that, honest, open, view of life.

Hopefully there is a sequel! I WANT MORE please.

Sharon says

This was just okay. I enjoyed it somewhat because it was set in Franklin. It highlights "mountain" ways and life.

Morgan James says

McCall tells this mountain tale of murder,love gone wrong, and secrets told and untold, through the eyes of Ollie, a orphaned child left twelve years ago in a suitcase on her grandparent's porch. Haint is a great read and Ollie's voice is one I'll hear in my head for a long time.

marvin shults says

Murder by love

It started out kind of strange and hard to follow but I kept at it . Being an ex teacher the speech was annoying but I guess people still speak that way in the hills. It was a good story about the trials and temptations of family members living so close together and being somewhat shut off from society they forget the rules.
