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It's easy for fellow citizens to get on your nerves in sleepy Southern towns like Bradley, North Carolina. Particularly when one of the citizens is something of a cheapskate. Amos Subers isn't one to tip waiters, pay back a loan, or behave generously with family. When it's discovered that penny-pinching Amos was actually quite wealthy, it hardly engenders goodwill in the small town ... in fact, he's heartily disliked. Octogenarian sleuth Myrtle Clover's housekeeper is certainly no fan of his: Amos owes Puddin money for cleaning his house.

It's not too surprising when Amos is later found, murdered, in his kitchen. Myrtle and her senior sidekick Miles resolve to track down the killer when Puddin becomes a prime suspect...and before the murderer strikes again.

Cleaning is Murder Details

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Allyson Dyar says

Not wanting to lose her erstwhile cleaning lady to a murder rap, Myrtle is forced into spending time proving that Puddin didn't off the tightwad who owed her money while Red is busy avoiding Elaine's newest hobby: healthy eating (just because it's healthy doesn't mean it's eatable).

If you'd ever wondered what Puddin was really like, this book is for you as we are treated to Puddin morning, noon and night. In between eating his mother out of house and home, of course Red tries to keep Myrtle from sticking her nose where it doesn't belong.

Of course, Wanda is around to declare, "yer in trouble."

If you've enjoyed the other books in the series, you'll love this one as well.

4.5 stars -- a delightful read!

Sandra says

Cleaning is Murder is the thirteenth installment in Myrtle Clover Mysteries but can be read as a standalone. Never a dull moment in Bradley, NC. Myrtle and Miles are killing time playing scrabble until another death shakes their tiny town. And this time main suspect is no other than Puddin. One of her clients ended up dead while he still owed her money for her services, and to make matters ever worse she was heard yelling at him only days before his death. Since Myrtle can't risk loosing her precious cleaning lady, she is trying her hardest to free Puddin of suspicion. Puddin being Puddin doesn't help very much, or at all. Also Elaine has a new hobby which is so bad that even Myrtle and Red are in cahoots.

Every new book about this little town and its darling residents is an absolute treat and I always feel like I am meeting good old friends again.

Myrtle and Miles are one of my favorite amateur sleuths of all times. I find Myrtle's attitude and behavior so refreshing and hilarious. She speaks her mind without any restrictions.

Deceptively easy writing with masterfully hidden clues and lots of humor make this an absolute treat. I enjoy these series so much I often wish I can become part of the quirky little town and meet its eccentric residents for real.

I devoured it in couple of hours because I simply couldn't put it down.

sandra fuller says

Good read

I enjoyed the latest adventures with Myrtle and Miles. We learned a little more about Puddin in this book and Wanda becomes a little more likeable. Good who done it.

Gwendolyn Brooks says

While I would not have thought it possible, I think this novel may be the best one yet in this series! Now that it's finished, I feel a little sad since I will need to wait nearly a year for the next installment to be published, *Edit to Death*, due in 2019.

One thing about this particular cozy mystery that surprised and delighted me, was the theme of "hidden depths or sides," when it came to some of series re-occurring characters. I don't want to give too much away and spoil it for others, but it was interesting to see Puddin', Erma Sherman and a few others in a new light. It added an interesting dimension to the series and Spann's body of work as a whole.

Like earlier titles, I love the banter between Myrtle and her son, Red, and her sidekick, Miles. Spann's insights into what life is like in a small, southern town are spot-on, and always make me chuckle as I read. Interesting plot twist at the end as well, so this book is definitely one not to miss!

Crystal says

This was a normal "cozy" mystery (if cleaning can be cozy). I thought it was a good book, but nothing outstanding. I did enjoy it and I would look at the others in the series, as this was my first one.

Colleen says

Another fun Myrtle Clover book.

It's nice to have something funny and cute to read every so often as a change of pace. Myrtle fits the bill!

Pat says

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I love the Myrtle Clover Cozy Mystery Series. I am always so excited when I see a new one. I have all of them so far. I haven't read any of the other series but plan to. I love Wanda, Miles, Myrtle, Erma and of course Puddin'. I wish all of them are on audible. I don't understand why some are and others aren't. Like this one, I could not find on audible.

Joy says

And, they're back! Miles and Myrtle have some laugh-out-loud banter in this one, and Puddin' and Wanda play leading roles, making the latest Myrtle Clover mystery a fun, satisfying read.
