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## **Grilled and Seasoned With Murder Details**

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## From Reader Review Grilled and Seasoned With Murder for online ebook

### RO G'ma says

Fun Loving, Fast Paced Cozy Mystery

Grilled and Seasoned With Murder is the first book in J R Pearson's A Josie Rizzo Cozy Mystery series and is a delightful read. Ms. Pearson is a "new-to-me" author and I love her witty writing style that flows smoothly. This book a quick easy read and the mystery well plotted. I'm looking forward to reading the other books in this series.

Josie Rizzo is an independent young woman who has recently moved away from hometown to Greenville with her little Welch Corgi, Petey. She is starting a new chapter in her life as a food blogger (called Good Eaten For the Curvy Soul), is starting a new job at The Box Bistro that her friend, Brad, helped her get, and hope to eventually get a job with a local food magazine. Josie and Brad go to Triple B's for a meal and conversation and she sees Tony Santino, an old friend she hasn't seen in ten years, ever since his father went to prison for murdering his mother. A beaten and murdered body is discovered outside the bistro, Tony quickly becomes Detective Evans' prime suspect because he had given the stranger a ride to town that evening, and he asks Josie to help clear his name. The next day, she learns that Tony is her new boss. Josie believes he is innocent and, much her family's dismay, starts asking questions to help him clear his name.

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### Gail says

This was my first Josie Rizzo mystery but it won't be my last. A fun loving, fast paced cozy mystery. The characters are all amazing and all work so well together. I just love Petey Josie's Corgi. Josie gets involved helping an old friend of hers who is accused of murder. Just loved the surprise ending. Looking forward to see what Josie gets involved with next. Love the title and the cover of the book too!

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### Peggy R says

This is the first in the Josie Rizzo Mystery Series and I will be back for more. This is a quick and very enjoyable read. The story is well written and has a good pace that keeps the reader turning the page until a climactic ending. I liked that Josie, our protagonist, didn't stumble over a body but rather was recruited to help an old friend prove his innocence when he is named the prime suspect in a murder due to circumstances. The characters in this story are wonderful. Josie is independent, determined and often frustrated by her over protective mother and siblings. She is the girl next door and someone that you could see as one of your friends. Tony has experienced tragedy in his past, but is coming to terms with his new job and reconnecting with Josie, whom he knew when they were children. The secondary cast of characters, which includes Brad, Josie's best friend, and her parents, siblings, aunt and cousins are great. They are over protective and interfering, but in the best way possible for a family. They are fun and add to the enjoyment of the overall story. And lets not forget Petey, Josie's "puffy" dog. His antics will make you smile.

The mystery is a little different than other cozy mysteries in that the identity of the killer is known about 3/4 of the way through the book. However, this does not detract from the enjoyment of the story. Rather, the

author uses the rest of the book to tie up how the killer is caught which leads to a climatic ending. There is also an interesting twist at the end of the story that I was not suspecting. This ending plus my overall enjoyment will keep my reading the other two books in the series to see what happens to Josie and the rest of the gang.

I was gifted a copy of this book by the author in exchange for an honest review. This did not influence my opinion and the thoughts expressed are my own.

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### **Penny Marks says**

What a fun new cozy. It was fast paced excitement from beginning to end. Loved the main character Josie Rizzo. She is an independent young woman that has just moved away from home to Greenville. She has started a new chapter in her life as a food blogger. It's called Good Eaten For the Curvy Soul and a new job at The Box Bistro where her friend Brad got her a job. Brad is a part time actor until a full time gig comes around.

Josie is happy to have her own apartment with her Welch Corgi Petey. Although she is on her own she still has family close like her cousins and Aunt. When she and Brad go out to Triple B's she ends up seeing a blast from her past, Tony Santino. She hadn't seen him for over 10 years after his dad was sent to prison for killing his mom. Suddenly a woman runs through the front door screaming that there is a dead woman out back. Everything goes into slow motion until Detective Evans shows up and guess who becomes the prime suspect??? You guessed it Tony. Then out of nowhere Tony locks eyes with Josie who didn't even realize he had noticed her.

Next thing she knows Tony is at her front door asking for help. And her dog Petey has jumped into his lap like they are buddies. Josie is confused one why is Tony here and where is her real dog that doesn't like anyone? Should she trust him??? She decides to trust him and begins to help him clear his name much to the dismay of her family. They have eyes and ears everywhere! Things begin to get crazy from here on out. From hit and run to breaking and entering you will be on your toes.

What has she gotten herself into and will she be able to get out before its too late???

This cozy will have you holding onto your chair with adventure and suspense. You will not be disappointed. Can't wait for book two.

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### **Brices Mice Christian Book Reviews says**

This was a fun cozy mystery which involved a food blogger and her dog. Josie was trying to be more independent of her family and just wanted to be noticed by a popular food magazine -- she never expected to renew an old friendship and try to help solve a murder while falling for the number one murder suspect. The book was well-written and was a quick, easy read, but even though I knew it was a 'food' book, I grew tired of the many food descriptions and the blog excerpts. The mystery itself was very good, and I would have liked to have seen more twists and turns. Even though I felt like I was skimming over the food references, I enjoyed the mystery so much that the author left me wanting to read the next book to see what happens.

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### **gretchen says**

There was something different about this cozy mystery!

J.R. PEARSON debuted with her first novel and I was impressed. Everyone knows I'm a sucker for the love story in a cozy and I really appreciated how she went about this part of the story.. It wasn't the sleuth falls for the detective that I am used to!

I did feel that were quite a lot of characters introduced in this book so I'm hoping they continue on in the rest of the books so that I can learn more about who everyone is!

Josie was fun! She was well developed and quirky and I really enjoyed all of the food combinations she ate and wrote about!

I thought fat Petey and his new BFF were entertaining, animals are so much fun in a cozy!

Although she played a small part, I simply loved Greta, in all of her gurgling glory!!

I found myself snickering more than once at the wit throughout this book!

Around 90% I was sitting on the edge of my seat!! At the finish line...I was surprised it took this turn yet very intrigued!!

Bravo Pearson! Congrats on your new novel and I look forward to book 2!

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## **Lisa Morin says**

### **Fun new series**

I bought the 3 book series when I saw it posted online. Josie, the main character is wonderful, I liked her sense of humor. As the first in the series, it left a great cliff hanger at the end. I can't wait to read the next one.

The mystery portion of the book was really good and the touch of romance was a nice addition.

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## **Lynn Demsky says**

A cute cozy with an amateur helping to solve a murder – getting reacquainted with an old school chum – blogging and cooking for a living! A nice short read!

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## **Mary Brown says**

Grilled And Seasoned With Murder  
A Josie Rizzo Cozy Mystery, Book #1  
J R Pearson  
5 Stars

### Synopsis:

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Review:

Josie just wants to make it on her own, away from her big overprotective family. That is why she has moved to Greenville, with her dog, Petey. She wants to continue to work on her food blog and hopes to someday be noticed by the popular food magazine, Forks and Knives. Until that happens, she will be content to continue her blog, work at In The Box, the bistro that she works at, and hang out with friends and Petey. She does not plan to be reintroduced to a childhood friend that she has not seen in ten years. And she definitely does not expect to be attracted to him. But she is and when she spends more time with him, the more that attraction grows. When he is wrongly accused of a crime, she agrees to help him prove his innocence, much to the dismay of her family and friends. Will they be able to find the killer before someone else gets murdered?

The characters are well rounded and well developed. Josie has a large family and I enjoyed meeting them. I hope that they will be featured in more books in the series, I thought they added a lot to the story. Petey was adorable and I smiled each time I read about his antics. In fact, I laughed out loud when he makes a doggy statement in the bathroom about how he felt about moving. There was plenty of humor dispersed throughout the book.

The writing style flows smoothly and the book is a quick easy read. The mystery was well plotted but I felt like it was solved rather abruptly. I would have liked for there to be a few twists and turns before the killer was identified and caught. But, with that being said, there is a very big twist to end the book and that one shocked me.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well crafted cozy mystery. But be forewarned, you will become hungry while reading this book because there are many references to delicious food.

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### **Linda says**

Short story. Major editing problems, but it was a light and entertaining read for an hour or so. On to book two!

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### **Doward Wilson says**

Short and sassy describes Josie Rizzo and her plump little dog, Petey. She is a food blogger hoping to eventually get a job with a local food magazine. In the meantime, she has moved 30 miles away from her immediate family into her own apartment and taken a new job at a local deli with her friend Brad. When her old neighbor, Tony Santino, whom she hasn't seen in 10 years turns out to be her new boss, things heat up between them. Tony's father went to prison for murdering his mother. When a woman is found beaten and murdered Tony becomes a suspect. Josie gets involved and ends up being run off the road, but that doesn't

stop her. The writing is sharp and crisp and keeps you moving. The characters and background are developed enough to get your attention, while leaving room to learn more about them in future books. The pace was fast, but the story held together well. Some transitions between scenes was a little abrupt but didn't detract from the story. For a quick adventure this is a fun read. I am looking forward to the next book!

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### **Star says**

I loved this book! It's delizioso! This is the first book in a fun new series! Josie Rizzo is a funny girl I would love to hang out with and tag along with on all her culinary adventures around town. It sounds so fun to eat at different restaurants and write a food blog. I really liked the mysterious twist at the end. I am excited to see where that leads in book 2 of the series, which I must start straight away! Do not miss out! If you love culinary cozies, you must read this book!

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### **Suzanne says**

#### **Really A 3 3/4 Star**

This is a pleasant surprise to the basic culinary and single girl cozys I usually seem to read. A 20 something gal who is a blogger and trying to get noticed by a big time food magazine moves to break away from an over protective family, who I truly hope we see more of in future books, takes a job and meets an old friend. I don't want to say more because I hate when people review and tell whole plot. The storyline is easy to follow, the humor perfect and Josie, the main character never ran around like a fool or put romance before life. Wish characters had a little more depth but hopefully that will come in following books my biggest complaint, not long enough. I wanted to keep reading about Josie, Petey Jennie, and everyone else the rest of the day.

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### **Patrizia says**

Diciamo 3 stelle e 1/2.

La storia è buona, ottima l'idea di inserire i testi del blog della protagonista, ma ci sono due difetti: troppo corto (lo so, è un mio problema, ma non amo i racconti) e in alcuni punti la narrazione non mi ha convinto (sì, lo so pure questo: sono un'autodidatta per l'inglese e non dovrei permettermi di criticare la scrittura... dico solo che in alcuni punti mi sembrava un modo di scrivere troppo scolastico, di sicuro diverso dai libri che sono abituata a leggere). Però continuerò a leggere il seguito perché sono incuriosita dalla possibile storia d'amore della protagonista. Saranno una lettura veloce per quando vorrò rilassarmi leggendo qualcosa di breve.

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### **Cheryl Landmark says**

Quick and fun, but needed the services of a good editor. Some of the missing words and changes in tense were a bit distracting.

It was refreshing that the main character, Josie, did not fall madly in love/lust with the local policeman investigating the murder as is the case in a lot of these cozy mysteries. Instead, we had the slow, sweet beginnings of a possible romance between her and a childhood friend whom she hadn't seen in several years. I also liked the idea of Josie being a food blogger instead of coming into possession of a bookstore or coffee shop as is also the case in a lot of these types of books. Not that I don't enjoy reading about bookstores or coffee shops, but those concepts do seem to be getting a bit repetitive in this genre.

Of course, Petey the Poofy Corgi had to be my favourite character!

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