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Murder, curses, and cupcakes... it's just your average day in Sweetland Cove.

Ava Fortune is a paranormal baker by day, a witch investigator by night. She is on the hunt again as a new wave of paranormal murders sweeps across Heavenly Haven.

This time, it's not just Sweetland Cove that's in trouble but also the neighboring town... **Mistmoor Point.**

Mistmoor Point has a supernatural enemy that will stop at nothing to complete their mission, even if that means killing anyone who gets in their way.

Yes, anyone... this means witches, wizards, and humans are all in danger. Elections are just around the corner in Mistmoor Point, and things seem to be going smoothly until an assassin is discovered.

He's taking out the candidates one by one. This time... only Ava can get to the bottom of the case. Using her powers as a witch as well as a baker, Ava must figure out who hired the assassin before it's too late.

No one is safe on the island of witches...

Can Ava catch the bad guy before all the candidates end up dead and without getting herself arrested? It's a situation that only Ava Fortune could herself into, but who can get her out?

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Chris Meads says

This is a great cozy read about witches and warlocks that live on the island Heavenly Haven--there are two towns, Mistmoor Point and Sweetland Cove.

Both are having elections and when the candidates are being snuffed out one by one, Ava Fortune tries to find out who is doing the killing (or at least trying to) and why? There seems to be an assassin at large or are there more than one, and they seem to have disguises of the people they are wanting to kill. Can Ava find out before she herself gets hurt or killed? Can the baker in her and the investigator inside help her find out who is doing the dastardly deeds?

A great story and very engaging. A good read.

Vivian (Vivi) McCormack says

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This was an ok mystery at the most, then i found out after reading it wasnr book one it was book five, that was not the way i liked to read them, I found the storyline hard to stay focused and had to keep reading and rereading the story to stay focused. Maybe reading the first ones before this one would have given me insight to know and like or hate the characters. Sorry, this one wasnt my so cool book

Bev says

Mistmoor Point's mayor election was postponed. Now it is almost time for it to actually happen, and the candidates are getting attacked. At the site of the first attack, they find a list....with candidates name and a dollar amount for each one. A hit list!!!! Who would do such a thing? Tensions rise in Mistmoor Point and Sweetland Cove, the two little towns on the tiny little island. Then a body is found.....it looks like Sheriff Knoxx!!! That is when they discover an assassin. Then things go from bad to worse between the two towns. Can Ava, Colt and Sheriff Knoxx - the real one figure out what is going on? Read the book to find out.

Rosemary says

I am voluntarily leaving my review for a free copy that I received. I really enjoy this series. The plots get more interesting with each book. I love the strong character of Ava. This girl jumps right in when there is a mystery to be solved or a murderer to be found. In this one there is a twist,a hired hit man who sends out dead bodies that are exact lookalikes of the intended victims as their warning. Very good story.

Anne says

Batter and Spells, the newest Sweetland Witch Series by Zoe Arden, is the best yet. She has established the characters and the setting and no longer needs to rely as strongly on witchcraft and so is able to delve more deeply onto a compelling story. After the death (murder) of Mistmoor Point's Mayor Singer, there obviously has to be an election. His widow, Tazzie, among others is running for the position. Mayor Thomas of Sweetland seems to think he should be the mayor of entire island. He is alone in that opinion. Suddenly, being a mayoral candidate seems deleterious to one's health, not to mention, life. Moreover, it seems that someone is willing to pay, evidenced by the discovery of a hit list with dollar amounts listed beside each name. Tazzie loses the election to her opponent, Thaddeus Black, who turns up dead at his victory celebration. The last person to see him had been...Tazzie Singer.

Everyone gets involved: Colt Hudson, Sheriff Zane Knoxx, Sheriff Lincoln Maxwell, Ava Fortune, Deputy Otis and his sidekick, Tadpole (a skunk), Ava Fortune. Things start getting really odd when Otis reports to Sheriff Knoxx that a dead body has been found. When this sheriff asks to whom it belongs, Otis replies, "You." Things escalate from there. Colt is doubly stressed dealing with, not only the murders but also the fact his father is about to be sentenced for his part in the vampire problems from the previous book. Weddings are called off, elections are held, with surprising results, Ava's father has a girlfriend, a new bakery opens in Sweetland, and on and on...a delight not to be missed.

Read this series. It is fun. Plus you need to read it all to get to this book, which is stunning in the author's growth and depth. It is not to be missed. Zoe Arden is coming of age.

I received a copy of this book at no charge in exchange for a fair and honest review.

William Myles says

I like reading about witches or maybe just people who can do 'strange' things, so this story got my attention right away. We find that even small town politics can be deadly! The people who disguised themselves as others was a very important part of the story and I really got into it. The next time I have some available coin, I will more than likely read more! Keep 'em coming! I like a story that has all the emotions involved. Where there's joy and sadness, courage and fear and most of all, curiosity! What more could you ask for?

Carol says

Assassins in disguises of town person are roaming around the island of Heavenly Haven.

What is happening?? Why are they going after the mayoral candidates....jumping some....killing others?? Then a hit list of candidates with the price on each ones head is found. Trouble is brewing on the island.

This island is divided into two sections: Mistmoor Point and Sweetland Cove.

The mythology of the island comes from a

1200 year old love legend that produces the two factions of the island due to broken marriage and hearts with sides being taken.

The bakery's three fur babies:

Snowy the cat (Ava's familiar), Tootsie the cat (Trixie's familiar) and Rocky the wolfhound (Eleanor's familiar) along with deputy's pet skunk Tadpole make this story fun.

There is a new bakery in town...Will it close down Ava's Aunts bakery? Who is this new baker? Does she really bake her own products?

Creative plot with creative, vivid, interesting, intriguing and some scary characters.

The suspense, danger, mystery combine together for an enjoyable read.

Will Ava and her cohorts be able to solve these puzzling happenings? Will Eleanor and the sheriff finally tie the knot?

This is some humor and some romance added.

This book is part of the Sweetland Witch cozy series. It can be read as a stand alone.

I volunteered to read this Advanced Readers Copy. Thanks to the author for the opportunity. My opinion is my own.

Sarah says

With assassins running around heavenly haven disguised as town residents and attacking the people running in the mayoral election, Ava must employ her detective skills to find out the reasons behind it all before it's too late. Someone has put a hit on all of the candidates but who stands to gain the most from it? And will there be a mayor for each town or one for all of heavenly haven? The usual mystery and excitement we have come to love from Zoe Arden is still prevalent in this book and you won't want to put it down.

Judy says

Politicians – never a dull moment when there is an election in Mistmoor or Sweetland Cove! It's an on again off again merry go round! Be prepared to try to keep up. Throw a new bakery into the mix, and some new people in town and you find yourself with some interesting situations. Oh, and let's not forget about the upcoming wedding. These characters continue to entertain me, surprise me, and make me feel like I'm right there with them.

Margaret Appel says

Running for Mayor Can Be Hazardous to Your Health

Batter and Spells continues following Ava Fortune, her family, and the town of Sweetland Cove as an assassin attempts to knock off those running for Mayor. When a body washes up on the beach that looks like Sheriff Knoxx, Ava's Aunt Eleanor has a meltdown, as their wedding is just weeks away. Ava's boyfriend Cole is preoccupied, worrying about his father Russell, a vampire, who is on trial. And just when the election is finally over, the newly elected mayor is found murdered. Adding to the craziness, The Alchemic Stone, a magical gem shop whose previous owner was murdered, is bought and opened as a competing bakery. Can Ava's family's bakery The Mystic Cupcake survive the competition? Will the assassin be caught? Who killed the new Mayor? The Sweetland Witch series is best read from the beginning as the characters evolve, but is well worth the read.

Krystyna says

Politics + ambition could be the death of you

A really terrific read. The polls for the new mayor are coming up. Why are the candidates being put on a hit list? Too add to this a new bakery has opened that is taking all her business. Will she be able to clear one up and fight the other without being jailed. Someone seems to have her down as the fall guy. Your suspicions will fall on one and then another suspect in this twisty plot. A awesome read

Lin says

Politics can be murder, even at the mayor level. Our characters are back to voting on a replacement mayor for the deceased Mayor Singer. His wife is still interim and plans on running. Tazzie Singer's main opponent is Thaddeus Black and a little less formidable is Grayson Redfern and Amanda Hollyberry. Grayson is the brother of Ava Rose Fortune's best friend. The night of the elections all heck breaks loose. A major fight; Singer vs. Black, for the whole town to see. Then comes a murder, rumors of election tampering, assassins, hit lists and folks in disguises of our main characters. Ava, her boyfriend Colt Hudson, Sheriff Knoxx, Otis and all the familiars are on a mission to bring an end to the chaos before more are murdered. All before the wedding of Ava's aunt Eleanor to Sheriff Knoxx. Will this team succeed? Read this wonderful installment to find out!

Andrea Stoeckel says

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"Why not? I've pretended a whole lot of stuff in my lifetime. You know what I've learned? 'Pretend' is a nice word for lying."

The mayoral race is on...or is it? Just who is in charge? It looks like anyone who has declared candidacy for the job is in line for assassination. Who is doing this? And better, why? As the family tries to plan for Eleanor and Zane's wedding, and the mayoral race keeps have to be redone, will everything go as planned, or someone change the recipe?

Ava Fortune and the rest of her family and friends have returned with a mix of good, evil, right, wrong and a touch of wackiness we have come to expect from this series. Although at times this story seems to go in slow motion, it really is a good addition to Zoe Arden's growing Shelf of work. Highly recommended.

Jill says

Whose death is it really?

What happens when you think someone you love is dead but you really know they are not? What happens when there are murder attempts but you are not sure who is behind it and why?

You will need to read to find out what is going on and how Ava gets mixed up in all of it. Plus there is a new bakery in town and when you find out who is behind it, you will think you have the murder but do you really?

Take chance and find out the sneers to these questions and find out how Ava, family and friends are doing.

Suzanne Giorgione says

I always love returning to Heavenly Haven and seeing all the colorful characters there! Zoe Arden has done such a wonderful job of creating such a creative place full of lively islanders that keeps my attention from cover to cover. Ava Fortune is back and as always finds herself in the middle of another mystery even though she's supposed to stay out of things. Lots more adventure and yummy baked goods to read about. Murder, mayhem, love, laughter, mystery, magic, spells, witches, vampires, hexes, and more. Will her Aunt marry the Sheriff? Will they find out who is trying to murder the mayoral candidates? You don't want to miss out on this next installment of Sweetland Witch!
