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The acclaimed, deep-fried Florida series continues

When Mace stumbles upon the dead body of Camilla Law at the dump, the Bible-loving town is scandalized, but not because there's a killer on the loose. Camilla, the young prudish librarian, was found in a leather getup that screams sex fetish--good gravy! While Mace secretly investigates her brother-in-law, who's running around with another lady, she uncovers salacious information about a circle of bondage fanatics that makes Mama blush pinker than her favorite wine.

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Annette says

Mace is the middle daughter in an interesting family.

Mama, has been married many times. Her present husband Sal, is a man who loves her and her daughters.

Maddie, the oldest, a strict school principal is married to insurance agent, Kenny.

Marty, the baby of the family, is married and the peace maker in the family. If there is a bump on the road, she is the one who smooths things for all.

Mace is engaged to a hunky homicide detective, Carlos. She works as a park ranger in the local park and in the past has helped solve some mysteries in town.

Mace and Mama are at the dump trying to find Mama's big diamond ring. It got lost in a bunch of paper towels. What they find is the body of a young woman, dressed in black leather, a studded dog collar and fish nets.

From there the story gets strange.

This is a funny book along with being a good mystery.

Maddie believes her loving husband Kenny is cheating, and Mace is drafted to find out if that could be true. While trying to check in to Kenny's adventures, Mace finds out way too much information about some of her neighbors.

This is a well written story. It is easy to follow the plot and keep track of the different paths we take. This is part of a series, but this is also a good stand alone book. I have not read the other books, but will do so now.

I like the small town atmosphere. It is true to the fact that everyone knows everyone else and the private lives of most people are not very private. The mystery grows as more and more layers are exposed. The reader finds that some characters are not exactly who they appear and even more importantly they are not always nice people.

If you like a cozy mystery this will be a book you enjoy. And if you like well developed characters who are well rounded, this will be a book you enjoy.

I recommend this book to anyone who wants to laugh and solve a mystery all in one fun book.

Disclaimer: This book was a prize in a contest. All that was asked is that I give an honest review. All thoughts and opinions are solely mine.

? Grammy ? says

This is a mystery drama with humor mixed in, which is what drew me to this series. Mama and her girls

spend more time together than most families in America. Their love and continued devotion to one another is admirable. Lots of twisty drama involving Mace's family. The familiarity of the characters made it a mostly pleasant read. The humor I cherished in the past installments of the series, were fewer and farther between. Unfortunately, like some other writers, this series was suddenly introduced to bouts of profanity which did nothing to enhance story lines. Profanity does not make something 'funny or more acceptable'. It has quite the opposite effect. After looking forward to this book coming out, the inclusion of these offendable choices of communication did disappoint me. Mama's almost intimate knowledge of the sexual deviant behavior demonstrated by the swingers didn't match her walk in Christianity, which diluted the credibility of the story. If these types of story lines continue with the unnecessary profanity, it would be enough to deter my interest in any future installments of this series unless they revert back to the humor packed, profanity free mysteries we grew to love and look forward to. I may be in the minority with my opinion, but I've offered it none the less.

Kat Chan says

I don't know how this book has such a high score! The characters seem to be an amalgamation of stereotypes with little creativity. The descriptions are painful to read. Especially of the fiance. Talk about over the top. Further, the necessary information is not smoothly conveyed to the reader, but heavily forced. Why is the protagonist explaining her job to her fiance? Surely, he has figured out a basic summary of what she does by now. Could not finish.

Amber Adamchuk says

3.5 Stars.... This is my favorite of the series. Mace and her mom in the dump looking for a lost wedding ring.... find a body... no one else but these two could that happen to. Mace tries to stay out of it... She tries to let her man do his job but her family doesn't allow for that - so the mess she gets into is funny, and then sad when it does cause issues in her's and Carlos's relationship!- You'll have to read to see what happens or doesn't happen.

Stacy says

I enjoyed this latest installment in the Mace Bauer series. I didn't enjoy all of the corruption in the golf club and the fact that Kenny cheated, but I am glad Mace and Carlos are working things out and that Sal is still proving to be a keeper.

Linda Baker says

I picked a galley copy up at BEA this year and found it another funny and charming entry in the Mace Bauer series. Set in the fictional small community of Hammarshree, it's a view of "old Florida" that tourists never see. Mama and grown daughters get in lots of trouble solving murders to hilarious effect. All the books are quick , fun reads.

Paula says

Well, I binge-read the whole series. Now I have to wait for the author to write more.

Phillis says

Mama and Mace are looking for her ring in the local garbage dump. Seems Mama threw it away by mistake. They find the ring, small town, not a whole lotta trash, and they also find a body of one of the librarians. She's dressed in a short black skirt, leather bustier, and fishnet stockings. Mace tries her best to stay out of finding out how she was killed and by whom. Mace's fiancée is the sheriff and she's promised him she's not going to get involved as she did on previous murders. But it doesn't take Mace long to get involved. Suspicion starts to fall on her brother-in-law and someone is shooting at her. What's a girl to do...

Victoria Allman says

Mama Gets Trashed is another winner from author Deborah Sharp. It's a fun read that will keep you guessing till the last page.

Like any good series, Sharp has taken a turn with number five in the Mace Bauer Mystery Series, focusing on the relationship of one of Mace's sisters and her husband. This opens up the world of Himmarshee with new characters and a look at a different side of life in the small central Florida town. But fans of the first books in the series need not panic. There is plenty of Mama splashed over the pages of Mama Gets Trashed. There is also the requisite hilarity on the page when Mama walks into a scene starting with the opening pages of Mama having become tipsy on too much pink wine and having lost her wedding ring in the garbage. Dragging Mace along to the town dump to search for it guarantees the reader will be entertained...and a body will show up. It wouldn't be a Deborah Sharp story without a body appearing on the first few pages leading me to wonder just what goes on in this town.

I have loved this series from the beginning. It highlights a slice of Florida few have seen or know exist. Sharp's succinct prose and well-researched details teach me something new about my adopted home with each book while still entertaining me. A reader could ask for nothing better than that.

Victoria Allman

Author of: SEAsoned: A Chef's Journey with Her Captain

Wendy Pitts says

A nice cozy mystery, I enjoyed the southern feel to the book. Detailed description of characters so you could feel like you knew them. Having said that, there was a small detail in the book that I had a lot of trouble with. In the book the mother is described as wondering around the local cafe visiting and eating off of people's plates. Admittedly this is a very small detail in one of the chapters but, it was very distracting to me because all I could think was "Who does that?". Other than that I enjoyed the book. I like how the author gave enough back-story throughout the novel so first timers to the series don't feel lost.

Cristie Tredeau says

Another excellent book in this series. I'm feeling a little sad that it's the last book. Someone please tell me there will be more!!!

*** Jennifer says**

I enjoyed this book, but I'm giving it three stars because I didn't enjoy it as much as I enjoyed the first three books.

The plot was excellent and the subject matter not too many cozies authors would tackle - this book is going to either skirt or cross right over that line for a lot of folks. The subject matter doesn't offend me at all, but I have a rather wider definition of cozy mystery than some. The major plot twist was one I guess at pretty early on, although I was never sure of the villain so the ending was both climatic and satisfying. I love all the old-Florida touches throughout the book.

What disappointed me about this book were the characters - Mama isn't funny anymore, she's just shallow and narcissistic; the author, imo, has lost sight of what made mama funny in the first few books. Mace's inability to get her head together as it concerns her relationship with Carlos is feeling overdone as well. She's a protagonist I can rally behind; she's smart, she's capable, she's independent. But her inability to apply her strengths in the rest of her life to her love life feels thin, contrived and tired. Time to grow up. Also, this whole Carlo-and-Mace-fight-then-just-carry-on-like-nothing-ever-happened....what the hell is that? I don't like having to be involved in hashing out my own relationship issues, so I certainly don't want to be dragged into someone else's, fictional or not, but I'm certain the author can write a scene in there somewhere to let the reader know that serious communication between these two is taking place - the talking kind, not the kind taking place in the back seat of cars in cow pastures - and problems are being addressed in a constructive, progressive manner. Otherwise, each book is going to start feeling like a broken record.

I'll be on the lookout for the next book, but I'm not going to be nearly as excited about it as I've been to this point.

Gerri Balter says

I really like this series. It's a combination of humor, serious subject matter, murder, and family dynamics. Deborah Sharp does a fantastic job combining all these elements into a good read. Although parts of it are lighthearted, she does deal with spousal unfaithfulness in a realistic fashion. I really like how the protagonist, Mace Bauer, has to juggle her job, solving a murder, her fears about being in a committed relationship, and dealing with her family.

Meg says

Inland Florida. "Cracker" country. Big trucks, big hair, big gators. This time around, Mace and her mama are

searching the dump for Mama's wedding ring (from husband #5) after it accidentally went into the trash. They find the ring - and the body of the local librarian - dressed in fishnet stockings, leather bustier and studded collar.

Neil Plakcy says

The protagonist of these books is supposedly Mace Bauer, middle daughter and park ranger, but the star is really Mama -- or at least she thinks she is. The series takes place in Himmarshee, an imagined town in rural Florida full of fun characters and places that hark back to the state's pre-Disney, pre-Castro past.

The plotting is clever, but what really stands out is the beautiful language that Sharp uses to evoke a sense of place. You get a real sense of what is being lost in Florida every day, along with a ripping good read.
