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Betsy says

I Scream, You Scream was a pleasant surprise. I did not think I would enjoy this one as much as I did. Love the characters and the locale of an ice cream shop. I will definitely be reading more of Watson's A Mystery A La Mode series. 4 stars

Nate says

Smooth, Rich and Decadent! These are the three words I would use to describe the first in this series by Wendy Lyn Watson. Tally Jones is like a warm hug, she is so passionate about her business, family and friends and even when in a pickle her Ex Husband who left her for a much much younger woman. Truly you feel for each character. While I did not agree with Wayne, the ex husband, in his choices I still loved hearing about him and felt bad for him when I wanted to and hated him when I was supposed to. It is a truly fantastic series and Wendy shows off her fantastic chops at writing a cozy mystery. Wendy lives in Texas and her niche Texas knowledge she puts on the page. The part about wearing black mums to the homecoming. A colleague had spoken about these mums and when it showed up on the page I shouted out YES! Plus the name of the store when read slowly is VERY Texas but I did not get it till the end and when I read it I was like well, well that is brilliant!

Synopsis: Tallulah Jones's whole world is melting. Her ice cream parlor, Remember the A-la-mode, is struggling, and she's stooped to catering a party for her sleezeball ex-husband Wayne and his arm candy girlfriend Brittany.

Worst of all? Her dreamy high school sweetheart shows up on her front porch, swirling up feelings Tally doesn't have time to deal with.

Things go from ugly to plain old awful when Brittany turns up dead and all eyes turn to Tally as the murderer.

With the help of her hell-raising cousin Bree, her precocious niece Alice, and her long-lost-super-confusing love Finn, Tally has to dip into the heart of Dalliance, Texas's most scandalous secrets to catch a murderer...before someone puts Tally and her dreams on ice for good.

Note: I received and ARC from the publisher and NetGalley and chose to write an honest review

Jennifer McMurrain says

I did like this book, but I kept looking at my GoodReads page to see if I had read it before. There was something oddly familiar about it. I still don't know what that was, maybe I started it and then got busy with life ... I don't know. But I continued to read and even though I figured out pretty quickly who the murderer was, I still enjoyed the humor and the story as a whole. I will be reading the next book in the series.

Mary Brown says

I Scream, You Scream
A Mystery a La Mode, Book #1
Wendy Lyn Watson
5 Stars

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Review:

Sometimes when you read a book, something clicks and you really enjoy it. I do not know why that happens, only that it does, I am happy to say that is what happened when I read this book. There is nothing that I would change about this book, that is how much i liked it.

The characters are well developed, well rounded and three dimensional. I thought Tally was spunky, smart and funny. I thought that Bree, he cousin, was a hoot and I enjoyed reading about their relationship and interactions. I always enjoy storylines revolving about the one that got away, and Finn is the boyfriend that Tally has regrets about. I felt a little sad for Tally when she had to be Wayne's (her ex-husband) friend instead of his wife.

The writing style flows smoothly and the book is an easy read. The author is very talented in her descriptive writing and I felt like I was right there, watching all of the action taking place and eavesdropping in on conversations.

I thought the mystery was well plotted and moved along at an even pace. There were enough clues to sift through and suspects to consider. It was not an easy mystery to solve and I was not entirely sure until the reveal at the end.

I would highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well plotted cozy mystery. I am excitedly looking forward to the next book in this series.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book provided by the publisher, Henery Press, and NetGalley, which I greatly appreciate.

Book Him Danno says

I Scream, You Scream is a cute fun mystery that anyone can enjoy from first to last page. Readers will fall in love with Tallulah "Tally" Jones as she figures who, what, why, when and how.

Thank you to netgalley and the publisher for the advance copy of Wendy Watson I Scream You Scream

Sabine says

4.45 yummy stars

This book has been on my to-read list for a while and now that it is to be re-released and available on Netgalley I requested it. I don't know why I waited this long! It is a super fun read with a lot of humour. I got hooked right from the beginning.

I enjoyed all the characters no matter if they were nice or not. I felt right at home - not that I live anywhere near the southern states but it felt just comfy.

The murderer was a bit easy to spot even though at some point I wavered a bit with my suspicions. Nevertheless I had a great time reading the mystery and I am looking forward to reading the other books in this series.

I requested this book on Netgalley and would like to thank Henry Press and the author for providing me with a copy.

Mark Baker says

Tally Jones is trying to get her new ice cream shop off the ground, but business has been slow. It's so slow, she's agreed to cater the dessert for Wayne, her ex-husband, at the picnic his company puts on each fall. The morning after the picnic, Wayne's new girlfriend is found dead in bed. When gossip and the police begin to look at Tally, she knows she has to find the truth. Can she clear her name?

I felt right at home with these characters within just a few chapters. Tally is wonderful, and the rest of the cast of regulars are just as much fun. The suspects were strong as well. Unfortunately, the mystery wasn't quite as strong, especially in the first half. Still, it did pick up in the second half and provide some good surprises before we reached the logical climax. Add in enough talk about ice cream to make me drool and you've got a perfect book to enjoy during the summer.

Read my full review at Carstairs Considers.

Jenn says

I enjoyed this cozy mystery. Surprisingly I did guess whodunit but I really had no idea why. When I found out the why, I wasn't disappointed. It did make sense. I'll have to see if there is more in this series as I'd like to see if Tally and Finn hit it off, or if someone does her around to offing Wayne.

Melodie says

This is a first-rate 1st in series cozy mystery! Tallulah Jones has recently divorced her lying, cheating ex and has gone into business with her cousin making & selling their own ice cream creations. The store has a cutesy name, Remember the A-la-Mode (they're in Texas!), and they're trying to make a name for themselves. Tally's ex & his new bimbo hire her to handle the dessert at the ex's company's annual picnic. The bimbo turns up dead from anti-freeze poisoning and suspicion ends up falling on Tally. It's a good story that keeps moving, it's well written and the characters are well drawn. I must confess that one of the plot points involves the return of an old high school flame (the one that got away!), which is a story twist that will get me every time. If you're looking for something new, definitely give this book a shot!

Kate says

The cover of this book is very deceiving- it makes "I Scream, You Scream" look like a fluffy/silly/almost immature read, when in reality, it's anything but. I was surprised to find that this book was actually VERY good- well paced, hard to put down, intelligent and really well thought out. I liked all of the characters, the small town setting, and the interplay between Tally and her ex-husband- it was fun and sometimes a bit heartbreaking to see how Tally navigates the murky waters of transitioning from wife to friend. I would definitely recommend this book to others- it is so much more than the cover makes it seem!

Duffy Brown says

Loved I Scream...what a terrific read. So glad there are more to come in the series.

Flora says

The Plot: The story revolves around Tally Jones, her ice cream parlor, and her involvement in the murder of her ex-husband's latest romantic conquest. With the added romantic aspect with a handsome stranger from the past, it's safe to claim that this novel won't knock your socks off with its masterful storytelling.

The Setting: It takes place in a supposedly warm Southern town where everybody knows everybody, though I didn't think the author was effective at portraying small town charm.

The Characters: There is your heroine Tally Jones, her cousin that is like a sister Bree, Bree's daughter, the murder victim, the ex-husband Waynes, and a whole slew of slick Southern belles. I find the cast average at best. No one stood out, their personalities and voices indistinguishable and blurry. The ones that are supposed to be funny and witty did not impress me. I couldn't identify or sympathize with any of the characters and would not want to befriend them in real life. Aren't fiction supposed to be larger than life?

The Mystery: The actual murder mystery was well scripted and designed and the final showdown was fairly interesting and wrapped up all the loose ends nicely. I did not guess "whodunit" until the last 50 pages or so. Though I wish Tally could be smarter and more efficient in her crime solving. She is not your brainy sleuth

that's for sure. Was that intended by the author? I have no clue. I found it hard to respect her abilities as a detective. Sorry.

The Writing: Her writing is too descriptive for my liking. Do we really need to know what the carpet looks like in every establishment Tally visits? Since this novel was written in first person POV, more introspective dialogues concerning the people she met and evidence that she had observed would have been helpful in fleshing out Tally and her role as an amateur detective.

Pros:

- light, breezy, fast read
- great murder mystery
- pretty cover

Cons:

- not as funny as it should be
 - pacing is on the slow side
 - I still don't know who Tally is after reading this book
 - the romance was extremely poorly depicted, we are talking about zero chemistry, I did not feel any passion/sexual tension between them, they were like two bad actors going through the motions
 - too many cliches and bad metaphors
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Kathleen says

"I Scream, You Scream" earns 4/5 Scrumptious Sundaes...Murderously Fun!

How slow does business have to be for you to agree to cater desserts for your ex-husband's company picnic? Slow, very slow... And when the ex's girlfriend ends up dead, what defense can you offer the police? Well, that might be difficult, so maybe investigating for yourself is the answer. Tallulah "Tally" Jones owns the Remember the à-la-Mode ice cream shop (very clever Texas reference) known for her handmade treats, but due to some financial problems, she needs to accept a job to provide ice cream sundaes for her "bleep" husband. Demands for using a special "green," threats to find another caterer, and veiled digs about Tally as a less than "svelte" figure make this whole thing more a problem than a saving grace. However, Miss Fancy Britches ends up dead, and the evidence points toward Tally. The discoveries along the way might just mean jealousies, revenge, and karma are all served cold!

Wendy Lyn Watson has penned a delightful first in a series mystery with a steady pace and mouthwatering descriptions of ice cream, but like many first books, character introductions, connections, background, and setting descriptions took the lead. The mystery started out a bit slow, but it pick up adding a few clever motives and suspects and a satisfying ending. The characters seem tentative and ill prepared for investigating, but... Hello! They're amateurs! I am eager to see the personal growth and improved investigative skill as the series continues. Fun BFF, teenage niece, and the hint of romance has made a reappearance. A high school crush, has returned, and although he joins in with some of the investigation, more may be on the horizon. No recipes. I'd have loved a frozen treat or two, but overall it was enjoyable.

"Disclosure: I received an ARC. However, this review is voluntary with honest insights and comments."

Connie (Ava Catherine) says

I put off reading this book because the cover really put me off. I thought it was going to be a sticky sweet kind of chick lit and really boring book; however, it was an interesting fun read. The characters are fun and quirky.

Tally owns an ice cream shop and caters her ex-husband's party, and his Barbie doll girlfriend dies at the party. Tally, of course, is blamed with the murder, so she sets out to find the real culprit. Her cousin Bree and niece Alison help her investigate.

Patty says

I Scream, You Scream by Wendy Lyn Watson is the 1st book in A Mystery a La Mode series, and I can't wait to read the next book. Tallulah, Tally, Jones owns an ice cream parlor, Remember the Al-La-Mode, and she agrees to cater a work party for her ex husband Wayne and his young girlfriend, Brittany. Tally has gone from the boss' wife to a server, but she needs the money. When Brittany is found dead, Tally and Wayne become prime suspects, and Tally must find the truth. Not only is this book fun, it has a great mystery also. There are twists and turns around every corner. I found this book to be a quick read, with a well developed plot and characters. If you love fun cozy mysteries, I strongly recommend this book.

I received this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.
