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The Pope is coming to breakfast, and Madeline Bean's got frittatas on the skillet. What a coup for gourmet caterer Mad Bean and her company, the event-planning wizards, chosen to mastermind L.A.'s official welcoming extravaganza. Pulling off the early morning meal for His Holiness, and two thousand high profile bigwigs, sounds like great fun for the unflappable Ms. Bean.

But things quickly go from serene to sinister when a young priest turns up dead in the bed of an uninhibited Hollywood star, and a yellowed page of Latin scrawl, found tucked in an old book of mouthwatering Church recipes, reveals a mysterious Jesuit Brother's shocking past. Even the course of Madeline's ragged love life gets a jolt as charming Xavier Jones, the man who left her at the alter ten years ago, reappears and still won't explain why he bugged out. With the Pope arriving any day, it's up to Madeline to sort out this unholy mess of burnt brioche, tantalizing treasure, pesky naked starlets, and homicidal caterers-or a party that should go down in history could be history before it even begins.

## **Immaculate Reception Details**

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## From Reader Review Immaculate Reception for online ebook

### Natalie says

I happened to come across another Maddie Bean story and enjoyed it, so I thought I would try another. I am glad I did because I really enjoy the way these stories are written. They are fun and full of "mystery".

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### Sween McDervish says

Madeline Bean, the caterer who also solves mysteries. Very LA. This was a quick read with a lot of comic moments though the tone varies dramatically as Bean improbably takes the time to investigate an ancient secret while also planning a breakfast for the visiting Pope. Having not read the first novel, some key characters, such as Bean's catering partner Wesley and LAPD Det. Honnett, are left with very thin characterization here as Ms. Farmer focuses instead on Bean's relationship with Brother Xavier, a fiance who left her to become a Jesuit, and is now back in LA doing groundwork for the Pope's visit. While it suffers a bit from that mystery novel cliché, final chapter massive exposition, still an enjoyable read.

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### Mark Baker says

The pope is coming to LA, and Madeline is catering the welcome breakfast. But while prepping, she finds a letter that seems to confess to a murder, and it sets her off on a mystery with ties to the past. Still my favorite in the series with a fast paced, twisty plot and such wonderful characters.

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### Nancy Savonick says

Just discovered this series, and it's very exciting. An endearingly-quirky group of characters makes for entertaining reading.

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### Kristen says

In Jerrilyn Farmer's Immaculate Reception, the second installment in the Madeline Bean culinary cozy series, things get heated and a bit controversial with past historical topics. Months after the debacle from the previous incident, Madeline and her two associates started a new catering company together. When they received an invitation to cater the pope's arrival in Los Angeles, things get a bit dicey, when she discovered a hidden confession from a Jesuit priest in a folder of recipes for making bread. She became intrigued and asked her ex-fiancé's help, when they talked about the discovery and started investigating into the matter. While preparations are in full swing, during the viewing of a sitcom, a friend of Brother Xavier's had gotten murdered. While the cops believed a gang banger did it, she thought so otherwise. And then she's been harassed after speaking to the monsignor about the letter, and a day later, he turned up died. Later on, she unearthed something in his English journals and dug around by asking Victor Zoda, who had a hidden past.

During the pontiff's visit, things turn awry, when Xavier gets handcuffed to a crate, and Zoda escapes the clutches of the cops, when Maddie corners him and fends for himself to find out why he had done it in the end.

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### **Suzanne says**

[ I even loved the Papal visit at the very end as Maddie and Xavier are kissing. The discovery of the long lost Amber Room was maybe a tad of a stretch, but it was a nice fantasy to think that this legendary treasu

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### **Muriel says**

This is the second in the Mad Bean series which is just fluffy fun.

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### **Cybele says**

Another funny, clever book.

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### **Nancy H says**

This is a good mystery set in the Hollywood scene but involving an old WWII scandal involving a pope and murder.

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### **Ubalstechka says**

The second of the Madeline Bean Catering mysteries. Fun, and perhaps better than the first one. This one involves the Pope, an ex-lover who is now a Jesuit priest and the Nazis.

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### **February Four says**

Phew, talk about ambition. The Pope! Plot twists I cannot address because of spoilers! Nice. On to the next one!

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### **Dharia Scarab says**

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

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1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It had earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

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### **MB says**

Looking for a new cozy mystery series, and this isn't it. Too many unbelievable actions by the characters. Too many missed clues that were too obvious to the reader, but the sleuth didn't catch. Found the Hollywood characters to be over-the-top stereotypical. Just not my style.

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### **Mandy Huot says**

I enjoyed this book. It was quite tasty, honestly! HAHA. But seriously, it was really well written and I enjoyed it.

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### **Debbie Maskus says**

Jerrilyn Farmer writes a gentle mystery set in California. The amateur detectives are the owners of a catering service. Madeline Bean and her partner Wesley blunder along until the mystery is solved, and still have time to socialize and to work. In this episode, the Pope will briefly visit Los Angeles, and Madeline and Wesley are the caterers for a breakfast for the Pope. An ex-boyfriend, who is now a Jesuit, throws an unwanted complication for Madeline. Farmer gives a glimpse of the life style of the rich and famous. A whimsical way to spend an afternoon.

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