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Kat O'Hara returns home penniless, heartbroken and without a job. When the magical Landers sisters hire her to run their new Enchanted Cafe little do they suspect that a gruesome murder is about to take place in the small town of Kissing Bridge Mountain. Things bubble over at the big chili cook-off when a crockpot goes missing and a body is found.

Death by Crockpot Details

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Valorie Hunter says

Great book!!!!

10 stars!!!!

I just read this new author, boy what happens at a chili cook off.

People need to learn how to treat people, they never know what comes back around to them. Bragging about what you have can get you in so much trouble by the wrong kind people jealous of your good life.

Kat O'Hara and her aunt Ethel are a great detective duo getting Carol out of a jam being framed for murder.

You got to read this book. I didn't sleep much, had to find out what happened next.

You won't be disappointed!!!!!!

Judy says

I admit that it's the cover of a book that gets my attention. Well, I'm happy the cover of this book caught my eye. I love the Landers Sisters, Carol and Ethel. I want to be their friend. What can I say about Kat, she cracked me up at the very beginning of the story and she just keeps rolling with the punches. The characters in this story were certainly an interesting bunch and were fun to try to figure out. There were a couple of good lessons in this story also. I hadn't read any of Linda West's books, but I will definitely read more now. It's always fun to find a new to you author and you really enjoy.

Deedra says

Audible: Kat comes home from an embarrassing situation. She is working for the Landers sisters in their bakery and soon to be cafe. Chaos and murder comes to town and it takes Kat to figure it all out. A fun, cozy mystery. I liked it a lot! Jennifer Jill Araya was a fine narrator. I was given this book by the narrator, author or publisher free for an honest review.

Deanna says

I originally wasn't thrilled with it, but I eventually found this book cute. This was the first book of a new series and I felt I was dropped off in the middle of a story line I wasn't familiar with, like I had missed a first book or something. The story needed some better editing and did not flow well. I found myself going back in the book to figure out who was who and what was going on.

Perhaps it was just me but I didn't care for the main character of Kat, it seems all she does is drink beer, talk about drinking beer, adding alcohol to something, or how lousy her ex was without us finding out a glimmer of a back story. Although it may not be clear from the cover or title it was supposed to have some magical touch to the sisters, but there was only one section at the end that even came close to that.

I like to connect to the characters and I couldn't do that with these. I did like the spunky sisters, Carol and Ethel Landers and I think I would have liked them a lot. I liked the small town feel of the story and the

details of the town and people.

I have to admit, I did not quite expect the ending, that was a pleasure. It seemed so wrapped up as to who the murderer was, but slight twist.

This was a nice, light, quick read.

Stephen says

After the part of introducing all the characters, story started to move along. Not giving anything away, the killer isn't the one who you think it is. The story is engaging and the character lovable. All in all A great little read. Looked for the next one but couldn't find it. Great reading everyone!

Kim says

Great cozy mystery

I chose 5 stars because, it is funny , has a good pace, some twist and turns, and a little magic. I would recommend this book to anyone who like humor and a mystery.

Wendy says

2.5 but not 3.

Kat comes back to her small town and works with the Landers sisters in their bakery/café. Kat drinks a lot, seems proud of it, and sneaks cigarettes whenever she can. There were several snippets in the book that were drawn out too long - doing wheelies in her truck in the parking lot - that didn't add anything except to show her attitude or to introduce a character (that may or may not appear again). I liked the Landers sisters and the well-developed sense of being in the small town, but it was too cutesy for me in places. The murder wasn't even the main focus of the book.

Katrina Roets says

I came across this book sitting on my Kindle and was in the mood for a cozy mystery, ala Murder She Wrote, so I dove right in...

The Good:

I really enjoyed most of the characters in this book. The Landers sisters especially made me smile and I would love to see more books with them and their family as the focus. I loved the small town feel to the book. It felt like someplace that I might live. Heck, if you're around my site enough, you'll know that I love recipes and crock pots.

The Bad:

The author has a serious love of adjectives and describing things, even when they don't need to be described. For example, there's a UPS driver that she describes and he's nothing more than a blip in the book as he drops off 5 boxes full of crock pots. The author also makes some odd formatting choices, such as putting a recipe smack dab in the middle of the book and then having an entire recipe section in the back. There are editing and formatting errors galore, as well, which really threw me away from the story. The main character talks about being in France and how she was drunk most of the time she was there...and then I'm not sure one chapter went by when she wasn't drinking and she seemed almost proud of the fact that she was somewhat of a lush. She also mentions twice that she's a writer. The first time, I honestly thought it was a typo and the author meant waiter. The second time wasn't until chapter 33 and at no point in the book does this information have any relevance.

The Summary:

I know I seem like I'm being pretty harsh here, but I guess I just have expectations when it comes to things that could be fixed, should have been caught, but haven't. There's no excuse for something like the font size changing randomly for a few pages and then changing back and then changing again. As for the story itself, it could use some work. When the author contradicts her own story, there's a problem and that's something that an editor should catch. If a casual reader caught it, a good editor should have as well. I really wanted to like this book. I loved most of the characters (the main character was a turn off for me), the setting, and even the premise of the story. I loved the references to things like Murder She Wrote and taking to ones bed. I may give this author another chance, but I'll go in with lower expectations.

Patricia H. Phelps says

Small town locals solve mysteries while cooking up prize-winning foods

Three elderly sisters with a magical cookbook work with their young friend/employee to solve the murder of the town's least liked wealthy man as well as the murder of his very young "wife". It is a delightful, funny romp with a touch of Charmed. The first book of a new cozy series. Highly recommended. Great job Ms. West.

Kitten Peters says

Great spinoff!

The Lancet sisters are in deep when one is arrested for murder. Kat is back and just my personal opinion that a little more could have been included in why her marriage was a sham. Great characters, real page turner.

Karen Butcher says

Cozy Mystery

Death by Crockpot was a lite refreshing fast read mystery, full of suspenseful twists & turn. It was a fun read.

Cmoore says

A totally fun, cozy little mystery... Full of cooking and good humor...

Jennifer Jill Araya performed a deftly, adroit job as she traipsed through the pages of the book... without stepping in the spilled chili or blood. Simply, a perfect bit of narration!

You're gonna want to grab the audio book and put your earbuds in, and your feet up... for a perfect afternoon getaway!

PS. My husband read this review, and now he wants to listen to Death by Crockpot, too!

I was given this free review copy audiobook at my request and have voluntarily left this review

Nola Arganbright says

Fun, interesting and intriguing

A strong, quick paced cozy. I really enjoyed this story about a magical family and friends cafe. The murder mystery had a strong plot and numerous suspects for the reader to concentrate on. There were lots of quirks with the main character and I secretly think Kat may drink just a little to much, but she was loveable and realistic.

There were numerous yummy recipes for the reader to enjoy making included. We had an adorable car and a hunky LEO included. It was a wonderful combination of friends and magical family members that made up the population of this quirky setting.

Pamela says

Kat O'Hare. returns Kissing Bridge to live with her dad and five cats. She goes to work for the Landers sister who are getting ready to open the Enchanted Cozy Cafe next to their bakery. Before they open there is a chilie cook off. Carol Landers ex is found sitting beside his body with her bright red crockpot in her hands. Her prize wing chilie all over his body. She is promptly arrested. It is up to Kat and Ethel to find the real killer.

The Lander sisters prove that 70's is just a number a number and can run circles around anyone younger.

Linda Westyou have a new fan.

Babs says

The cover drew me to the book itself. Kat O'Hara is back in town after she is deceived by her ex in Paris. She needs to get a job so she works for the Lander sisters in the bakery and their new Cafe they are opening.

At the chili cook-off they do win the blue ribbon like they wanted to but in the process Carol is accused of

murdering her ex fiancé. Can the bakery crew solve this murder?

Love the twists and turns you think it might be someone and bam not them. I never saw the ending coming. It was great. The characters were funny and interesting to get to know. I wonder If Jamie will make a move.
