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Suzanne Z says

A wonderful book. I will be getting the whole set of 24 books and reading them all. It is very realistic and smooth.

April Suter says

A new series I will enjoy reading. The main character and I have something in common: we both love Miss Marple mysteries.

Mary has moved in with her sister and plans to open a mystery book store (her dream). But she encounters her own real-life mystery when someone breaks into the store and now a picture is missing. So now she has to find clues as to who is in the old photo and is her uncle involved?

305 pages

Jerry says

A fun little whodunit, with a great cast of characters.

Jacqueline says

Good - can't wait to read the others in the series. I find I really enjoy the cozy mysteries. In a way they remind me of Agatha Christie or Arthur Conan Doyle mysteries- good stories, good mysteries, no gore!

Gayle says

I really enjoyed this book. It is a light read, nothing too heavy, no murders, but still a good mystery. The writer does a good job of painting a picture of the bookshop where the crime is committed and the town itself. She added mystery to the characters as well and it kept me wondering what their secrets were.

This is part of a Guidepost book club and I'm looking forward to reading the next one.

Denise says

Mary has moved back to live with her sister and fulfill a life long dream of owning a bookshop. While she prepares for the opening someone breaks into the shop and takes a non-descript picture of Mary's Uncle and a mystery lady. The break-in is written off by local law as a town visitor's teens, but Mary can't let go of the feeling there is more. While her heaven-sent handyman, Kip, works hard fixing up the shop for opening Mary

works on a little family history to discover the desire of stealing a picture of times past, with a ending that leads to forgiveness and growth. Life isn't always what we see in the present, there are many stories to be told of each and every person in our life. Sometimes the past comes back to haunt us and choices must be made to deal with results from past actions. A soft tone of God's love and support fill this book and lead Mary down all the right paths in her life and detective work.

Wonderful lite mystery with reflections of God's love and how it works in our lives.

Abigail Sands says

I am thoroughly enjoying this series: currently reading #3 and already have 4 others in the series on hand. In the midst of the many stresses of life, I can pick up one of these books and disappear into the story. They are light, not heavy, which is what I need when life's chaos abounds, however, the stories are engaging, the mysteries are interesting and so far are different, not run of the mill. The various authors who are writing this series have so far done an excellent job of creating and weaving the various mysteries throughout the story lines. Every time I have thought I had figured out the answer, I was wrong. They keep me guessing until the end. Of course, I've never claimed to be a great mystery solver. A very enjoyable series.

Lindsey (Books for Christian Girls) says

About this book:

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Series: Book #1 in the “*Secrets of Mary's Bookshop*” series.

Spiritual Content- Scriptures are mentioned, read, remembered, quoted, & talks about; Prayers & thanking God; Church going, singing hymns, & a sermon; Most ‘H’s are capital when referring to God; Mentions of God; Mentions of prayers & praying; Mentions of faiths; Mentions of churches, church events, church going, a pastor & services; Mentions of hymns; Mentions of blessings & feeling blessed; A couple mentions of Sunday school; A couple mentions of stained glass windows with events from the Bible.

Negative Content- Minor cussing including: a ‘dumb’; A bit of sarcasm & eye rolling; All about a break-in and a stolen item; Mentions of husbands who left their families; Mentions of jail, criminal activities, & money laundering; Mentions of vandalism & vandals; Mentions of a fight & a black eye; Mentions of lies, lying & liars; A few mentions of an accident & injuries; A few mentions of pain; A few mentions of a bully & decking him; A couple mentions of a war; A couple mentions of divorces; A couple mentions of gossip; A couple mentions of cigar smoke; A mention of a fire;

*Note: A couple mentions of Boy Scouts.

Christine Pia says

Set in the fictional town of Ivy Bay, this novel is about Mary Fischer, a 62-year old who is trying to create a new chapter in her life after her husband's death by building the bookshop they had always dreamed of owning. However, the bookshop was broken into before it even opened for business. The odd thing was that nothing of value was taken, except for an old photograph of the front of the store taken in 1957. Being a lover of mystery and detective stories, Mary sought to find the intruder and while doing so, learns about the dark past of her family and the secrets of the town.

This book combines everything that I love in novels - a serene town, bookshops, libraries, cupcakes, mystery and the unfailing faith and forgiveness of people who believe in the Lord and those who choose to see the goodness in others.

Melissa says

I love the small town, small community feel this book gives us. The mystery in this book definitely keeps things interesting and the reader guessing. Kristin did an excellent job of feeding the reader little bits of information at a time. Just when I thought I might get bored something new happened.

Mary's faith is shown throughout the book. She actually was a great example of just praying when you need it, not having to set aside a certain time to do that.

This book might have moved a bit slower than I typically like but overall I really did enjoy this book.

Lorraine says

Widow Mary Fisher has moved to Ivy Bay, Massachusetts just off Cape Cod to live with her widowed sister, Betty and open a mystery book shop. As she is busy remodeling the store she purchased, a break in occurs but the only thing taken was an old picture of the front of the store with her uncle and an unknown woman. This sets her off on a journey to find the picture and the reason it was stolen.

This is the first book in the Secrets of Mary's Bookshop written by various Christian authors for Guideposts. This book especially appealed to me because I love all things books and mysteries are one of my favorite genres. I loved the relationship between Mary and her sister. The cozy feel of Ivy Bay was filled with a delightful cast of characters and the typical small town gossip. Digging into past family history also caught this genealogy addict's attention. A touch of romance between Mary and Henry her childhood friend during summers spent in Ivy Bay will be fun to watch grow. A wonderful start to what appears to be a good cozy mystery series.

Lori Jordan says

loved this book. Great start to a new series. Makes me want to own a bookshop- but without the crime and mystery that was involved.
