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Kate says

3.5. This book had an attack of cute. It was my first read of the series-so it did read fine as a standalone. It was a decent mystery with some humor but all the various outfit descriptions the ghost changed into-not sure what that added AT ALL. It was a bit too goody goody for me. I think my Mom would have enjoyed it more. Maybe for fans of Murder She Wrote----a mystery without too much gore or swearing or debauchery.

Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

Author Carolyn Hart kills it with GHOST ON THE CASE.

Sometimes a series can become stale, and predictable. But in this eighth installment of the Bailey Ruth Ghost Mysteries, Hart proves she has what it takes to keep her series fresh, and readers coming back for more.

Bailey Ruth is sent to her old hometown to help find a woman's kidnapped sister. Who did it, and how did they know the woman, Susan, could get the money they demanded? Bailey Ruth plans to find out, but soon finds herself on the trail of a murderer.

GHOST ON THE CASE was the most intense, and nail biting Bailey Ruth yet. There were scenes where I held my breath as things went from bad to worse. There were so many pieces of this puzzle to put together, that I finally stopped trying to play sleuth myself, and just sat back and enjoyed while I let the story played out. Wow. Brava, Carolyn Hart.

Bailey Ruth fans, you're going to love GHOST ON THE CASE!

Michelle says

I really enjoy the Bailey Ruth series. Bailey Ruth is a hoot.

Ricki says

Bailey Ruth's detection skills are pushed to the limit in Carolyn Hart's 8th book in the series. She is called back to earth to help a woman whose sister has been kidnapped...Turns out to be a hoax...the kidnapping is actually to cover up the murder of one of Adelaide's wealthiest citizens! Only 7 people knew that Susan had the combination to the safe...which one of them is behind the fake kidnapping and murder> Trust Bailey Ruth to see through the lies and smiling faces to discover the truth!

Kristina says

Ghost on the Case by Carolyn Hart is the eighth book in A Bailey Ruth Ghost series. Bailey Ruth Raeburn, a heavenly emissary, is thrilled when she gets a message from her supervisor, Paul Wiggins to report to Heaven's Department of Good Intentions. Wiggins has a new assignment for Bailey Ruth. She gets to return to Adelaide, Oklahoma (her home town) to help Susan Gilbert. Susan receives a \$100,000 ransom demand for her sister, Sylvie. She is told to steal the money from her employer's safe and wait for their return call at midnight—she never gets a call. The next morning, Susan heads to work and discovers the place crawling with police. Susan's boss, Wilbur Fitch was found dead in his study and Susan is at the top of the suspect list. Bailey Ruth sets out to unearth who knew Susan could open the safe and why they wanted Wilbur dead. Can Bailey Ruth get Susan set back on the correct path?

Ghost on the Case was an entertaining novel. Bailey Ruth is a firecracker. I enjoy her fashion sense, wit, intelligence, and determination. While Ghost on the Case is the eighth book in the series, it can be read alone. All the background details on Bailey Ruth are provided in the book. I found Ghost on the Case to be nicely written and to have a good pace. I like how Bailey Ruth works with Sam Cobb, the police chief, to solve the case. There was just the right amount of humor in Ghost on the Case. My rating for Ghost on the Case is 4 out of 5 stars. The mystery had some great elements. I wish, though, it had been a little more challenging. There was repetition of details regarding the case that I wish the author had eliminated (we do not need reminded so often). I liked how Ms. Hart included my favorite childhood restaurant (The Spaghetti Warehouse) and several wonderful novels. I will be continuing with A Bailey Ruth Ghost series. If you are looking for a light and entertaining cozy mystery, pick up a copy of Ghost on the Case.

Kathleen says

If Bailey Ruth Raeburn, the protagonist in this mystery series, were alive today, she would be well over 100 years old. However, she and her husband, Bobby Mac, died tragically in a boating accident many years ago. These days, she is sent as an emissary from heaven to assist mortals in trouble in her old home town, Adelaide, Oklahoma. She generally struggles to follow the precepts established by Paul Wiggins, her supervisor of Heaven's Department of Good Intentions. She uses unusual methods to solve the crimes much to his dismay, but her motives are always beyond reproach. When she does appear to the mortals in Adelaide, she does so in her 27-year old persona, always fashionably dressed, excited to visit the places she cherishes from her past, and eager to assist the Chief of Police with whom she has forged an understanding in previous novels.

These are pleasant reads, not terribly challenging or with complex plots, relying a great deal on suspended belief, but this is my eighth one. I have finally figured out why I return to them. Simply, my mother would have loved them, would have loved the idea of an angel, a woman, a contemporary of hers, arriving in town and catching the bad guy. After all, my mother believed in angels.

Kathleen Meacham says

I do enjoy this series, as it is both funny and fun. Had a little concern with the way the original suspects were just laundry listed initially -- I can't absorb who's who that way -- and Hart always seems to do that in her other series --Death on Demand (which makes me a little crazy -- haha). It is easier for me if the characters and their "stories" are introduced gradually into the plot -- but then again, that may just be me -- smiles.

Anyway, they were eventually developed and became relatable/rememberable. The other oddity -- and this is sort of a spoiler alert so stop if you need to -- is that normally when the killer is caught they do a whole scene saying this is why I committed these murders. Or if not that, then the main character and sidekicks review -- this is what really happened. Granted, there were discussions earlier in the book about each suspect's possible motives -- but usually these are reiterated/confirmed at the end or time of arrest. It did not seem that way in this book, although the culprit did admit that they had murdered. Anyway, I liked to book, but have enjoyed others in the series more.

Nancy says

This series is getting more ridiculous with each book. Easily three-quarters of the reiteration could be removed and you would be left with a decent, though not great, novella. Granted, the multiple outfit changes have been reduced, but to take its place, Carolyn Hart is under the belief that her readers cannot retain plot points and characters and needs to re-explain each every other chapter.

Since excessive detail goes into informing the reader who Bailey Ruth Raeburn is and her job as an emissary, there is no reason that you have to read this series in order. Each book follows the same tired format of a good person caught in a bad situation needing help and Paul Wiggins from 'Heaven's Department of Good Intentions' picks Bailey Ruth to return to earth to help but she must follow the 'Precepts for Earthy Visitation' or the "Rescue Express" will come smoking in and pick her up before her task can be completed.

Yet again, using various disguises, identities, and outfit changes, Bailey Ruth saves the day. The case is solved, the outfit is on point and those bumbling around the Adelaide, Oklahoma police department would not be able to save their town or citizenry without the help of the perpetually twenty-seven year old that always knows where to find passwords, extra handfuls of candy, or the perfect booth at Lulu's.

Marilyn says

Around the Year in 52 Books 2018 Reading Challenge. A ghost story.

Bailey Ruth is once again sent to Earth. It is an emergency. Susan Gilbert has just received a phone call telling her that her sister, Sylvie, has been kidnapped and the voice demands \$100,000 to release her. When Susan says she doesn't have that kind of money, the kidnapper says she can get it from her boss's safe. When she says she doesn't have a key to his house, the kidnapper says the door from the garden to his den will be left unlocked. She goes to her boss's house, taking the money, but planning to pay him back even if it takes a lifetime. The next morning when she goes to work, she finds her boss was killed in his den, the safe is open, and his rare coins are also missing. Obviously, she has been set up. Then her sister shows up and says she wasn't kidnapped, but someone who apparently knew her personality had gotten her out of the way for 24 hours. WHO killed the richest man in town and set Susan up to take the fall? I love Bailey Ruth!

Monnie says

Heavens to Murgatroyd: How on earth have I missed this series? For sure, it's an oversight that won't happen again. The late Bailey Ruth Raeburn is a delightful character, and I'm already looking forward to her next

sleight of body experience.

Bailey Ruth, you see, died in a boating accident years ago. Now, she's in Heaven, working for the Department of Good Intentions in 27-year-old form (her choice of age to remain forever and ever). She's also got impeccable fashion sense; part of the fun of the book comes as she chooses - and describes in detail - the outfit she's picked to fit each occasion.

Those occasions, though, provide the real story. Her job as an Emissary for the Department takes her to earth via the Rescue Express to help those in need of investigative intervention. On terra firma, she's able to travel invisibly to and from anywhere at will as well as appear as a human being (the latter ability is frowned on by the Department except in absolute emergencies). This time out (down??), she's sent to Adelaide, Oklahoma, her old hometown. It seems a young woman named Susan Gilbert has received a phone call claiming that her younger sister Sylvie has been kidnapped - and the fee for her safe return is \$100,000. Susan is far from wealthy, but as the secretary to a filthy rich businessman, she has access to the safe in which he keeps at least that much cash on hand plus a few other valuables.

Aided by calls from the kidnapper telling her exactly what to do and when, Susan manages to steal the money - with the intent of confessing the theft to her boss and promising to pay it back over time. But shortly thereafter, the businessman is found dead - murdered - and his safe is open and empty. The police investigation centers on Susan - especially when the box containing the money turns up in her car's trunk and other items from the safe are found elsewhere on her property.

Bailey Ruth, of course, is convinced that Susan is innocent and being framed - and she sets out to prove it. Her efforts put her back in touch with an old friend and police officer, one of the few earthbound humans who knows who she is and what she now does for a "living" (no doubt they have a history from previous books in the series). Together, they conclude that only a handful of people who were at a party at the murdered man's home the night of the theft could have had sufficient knowledge to pull off the murder and shift the blame to Susan. But which one? And is there a ghost of a chance that Bailey Ruth will figure it out before her own boss yanks her back to her Heavenly home and Susan is charged with the murder?

Ah, you'll just have to read it to get the answers to those questions. This is the perfect book (and series) to pick up when your head needs a break from psychological thrillers and heavy-duty murder mysteries. The publisher, via NetGalley, was an angel for providing me with an advance copy in exchange for an honest review.

Barbara Hackel says

Bailey Ruth once again gets the call to go to earth and help a young woman in trouble. So much trouble that Wiggins is concerned it is a hopeless case. But Bailey Ruth as an emissary from the Good Intentions Department of Heaven, doesn't give up easily.

What she encounters is an older sister who is told that her younger sister has been kidnapped, and she has to pay a huge ransom. When she says she can not get ahold of that kind of money, the caller tells her that the office where she works will be open and since she can open the safe, the money is in there. She is to get it and he will call her back in less than a half hour with details about her sister and where to take the money. Of course love for her sister takes over, and with Bailey Ruth beside her, she steals the cash and returns home to wait for the call. Bailey Ruth makes herself known to Susan and waits with her. Finally long after the midnight call time, Bailey Ruth convinces Susan the call will come at noon and she should rest. Meanwhile,

Bailey Ruth is off to try and figure out what is going on.

An emissary is just a fancy name for a ghost, and this is one ghost who never gives up. Even when I could see no way out of circumstantial evidence, she didn't falter. When she finally was ready to accept defeat only hours before the final news conference, I was shocked that Wiggins would appear to encourage her and give her hope.

This is such a fun series. Loving ghost stories doesn't mean I want scary ghosts that cause mischief all the time! In this case I love Bailey Ruth because she may not be part of this earth, but she sure tries to keep up with things! I love her desire to dress appropriately and frequent costume changes. I believe it gives her confidence and an anchor to an ever changing world. I like the relationship she has developed with the police chief, and his willingness over the cases to believe in her. This is what I would call a gentle ghost story and mystery. Although murder is murder, this series focuses more on the innocent and circumstances rather than the crime. In each book there is something Bailey Ruth thinks of that doesn't seem obvious to the reader. It is definitely a series you will want to read from the very beginning...not because the stories are dependent on it, but because you can see the continuing characters develop as you go from book to book. This is the eighth book in the series.

Doward Wilson says

Bailey Ruth works in Heaven's Department of Good Intentions. When her supervisor sends her to earth to help a grieving Susan Gilbert find her younger sister who has been kidnapped, she finds herself in her old hometown of Adelaide, Oklahoma. With the ability to appear or disappear at will and her love of detective novels, she is determined to find out who kidnapped the sister, forcing Susan to steal money from her wealthy employee's safe to pay the ransom. When the body of her employer is found the morning after Susan's theft, she becomes the prime suspect in his murder. This is a delightful series with loving characters and evil villains in intricate murder plots that explore the Good and Evil in all of us. A MUST READ series by an author who is a master at her art!

Kelly says

Enjoyable as the others in this series have been.

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Review:

Bailey Ruth must have been a force of nature when she was alive, since she is a tenacious ghost ... um...emissary on a mission! It takes a very creative mind to not only plan a novel in this series, but to do so at times with tongue in cheek, bringing humor to even the little situations while not making light of the big ones. Carolyn Hart has long been a masterful cozy mystery writer, with amazing ideas for Bailey Ruth plot twists to keep many armchair sleuths challenged.

Bailey Ruth and her late hubby are enjoying their heavenly break at the beach; she is looking forward to opening a new hard-boiled novel when she hears from Wiggins with a new dispatch to her former home of Adelaide, Oklahoma. Wiggins appears stern and makes sure the emissaries follow their Precepts, yet when Bailey Ruth fudges a bit on one of them, things work out better. Wiggins isn't sure if it might already be too late for the young lady he is sending her to, but he will always try. Bailey Ruth will always give it her all.

Susan works for one of the wealthiest men in Adelaide, one who takes pride on being a self-made man, Wilbur Fitch. When Bailey Ruth slips into her home, she hears Susan's side of a ransom demand call for her beloved younger sister Sylvie. After telling the caller she doesn't have the kind of money he is demanding, the caller tells her that she has the code to the safe where Mr. Fitch has that amount. The door from Fitch's study to the outside would be open, and the caller would call again at 12:00. Bailey Ruth rides silently with a panicked Susan, then follows her to the Fitch mansion where a party is going on. Susan slips into the study, gets the box of cash, and returns home. When the return call doesn't happen, Bailey Ruth finally appears to the despairing woman. What a shock to Susan! To her credit, she is willing to try anything, even listen to a gh- emissary.

They made a list of five men who knew Susan could get into the safe. That includes an employee, a long-time best friend of Fitch, Fitch's attorney, his stepson, and his son. When Susan finally went to sleep, Bailey Ruth went to Sam Cobb's, the chief of police's, office, and used his computer to research the men. The next morning, Bailey Ruth accompanies Susan to work. Unfortunately, the police are at the mansion, and Mr. Fitch is dead. Murdered, with his valuable coin collection missing. When Susan gives the box of cash to the police, she is the main suspect for both crimes. Sylvie returns, after following what she thinks is a Psych class assignment – someone is making Susan the patsy!

Susan and Sylvie are engaging characters; this reader definitely wants to see justice done! Bailey Ruth is winsome; if I were in trouble, I would want her on my side! Susan and Bailey Ruth are both very well defined as fitting their characters. It is interesting to hear Bailey Ruth describe the outfits she wears, and I

wonder if she was as colorful when alive. I am happy to see Sam Cobb, the police chief who works together so well with Bailey Ruth. I love how he sometimes notices she is in his office when he sees chalk writing on the board, and how he is willing to listen to her in spite of the ire of the mayor, Neva Lumpkin. Each of the men suspected of the murder seem to have motive, and a couple I just didn't like.

The prose sings with descriptions of feelings and scenes that bring the town of Adelaide and its residents to life! One of my favorite lines is "Her eyes held a glow, the kind of radiance that shines from good memories, a kind word, a smile, and from anticipation that no matter how dark the sky there is a sliver of light on the horizon and faith that the light will grow and grow and soon there will be an explosion of brightness". Maybe that is one of the things I like most about Bailey Ruth and those she helps – even if she loses her confidence, the person she is helping doesn't know it. Even Susan, while sitting in jail, is able to focus on what is good in her life. I had a hard time trying to figure out who the bad guy is as I followed a few red herrings. I was happy overall with the novel, including the final resolution. I highly recommend Ghost on the Case, especially to those who appreciate very well written cozy mysteries that are challenging, humorous, and suspenseful.

OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review as part of their ongoing blog tour

Jeanie says

Bailey Ruth is on her way back to Adelaide, Oklahoma, on the Rescue Express that brings ghosts - forget that - emissaries to their assignments. She is on her way to help Susan, a young woman becomes the suspect in the murder of her boss and theft of the cash and collectible coins from his safe. She immediately is on Susan's side, as she was with her since she received the call demanding ransom for her sister's safe return and telling her to get the cash from her boss's safe.

By the time Susan's sister Sylvie returns home the next day, Susan is being questioned for the murder that she didn't commit. It looks like Susan was set up - after all, she did borrow the box of cash for her sister's ransom - but the ransom was a lie, and her sister thought she was being sent on a special overnight assignment by her psych teacher.

The characters in this series are delightful and endearing. It is hard to imagine that anyone could think of Susan being guilty as she is always accommodating other people's needs, even at the expense of her own. Bailey Ruth is a blast - I read only one of her mysteries before and have been sold on the series.

It is easy to see how the author has won writing awards - she is brilliant at plotting and executing novels, with beautiful prose, lively dialog, and continuous action. She shows us how Bailey Ruth's daily life is on earth, what her needs are, and how she sometimes forgets how people on earth would perceive her. The plot twists kept this armchair sleuth busy - even after there was a short list of suspects. I wasn't too fond of the real bad guy and so was not unhappy when he was revealed. Overall, this has been a fun, exciting and suspenseful mystery, and I thoroughly enjoyed it and highly recommend it!