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Hannah Garvey is a burned-out ad executive who chuckles her career to become the resident manager of Valhalla Springs, a planned community for healthy, wealthy seniors. But when one of the members is murdered she soon discovers she's taken on far more than she bargained for -- including widower Delbert Bisbee, and IdaClare Clancy, the developer's mother. And then there is Sheriff David Hendrickson. Their relationship starts when he gives her a speeding ticket, and although he is very attracted to Hannah, he would like her to stay out of police business.

## **East of Peculiar Details**

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## From Reader Review East of Peculiar for online ebook

### **Linda says**

Forgive me, Lyuda, for choosing this story. :(( We both noticed the story was published in 2000 but it read like a story from the 1980s. That would not have been bad except.....

Three chapters in and I found myself suffering. Cliches, a surfeit of adjectives and too many secondary characters minimized the mystery and start-up of a romance. I had to stop reading.

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### **Sylvia says**

Modern

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### **Nancy says**

Enjoyed this series SO much ! :)

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### **Lyuda says**

Same sentiments as in my GR friend Linda's review.

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### **Mitticus says**

Un cruce entre Los Años Dorados y Amas de Casa Desesperadas...

Hanna Garvey quiere un cambio de vida, y cuando renuncia a su trabajo en Chicago como ejecutiva en una empresa de publicidad, acepta el puesto como administradora de una comunidad para pudientes de la tercera edad llamada "Valhalla Springs" al lado de el pueblo llamado "Peculiar". Al segundo dia de llegar encuentran muerta a una de las ancianas residentes, y asi empieza la historia.

Hanna tiene constantemente de esos diálogos internos a la Brigidget Jones, dudando acerca de sus capacidades, decisiones y la diferencia de edad que tiene con el Sheriff David Hendrickson. Los residentes son todos del tipo curioso y que no se detienen por nada, con intervenciones a lo más sitcom . Me descubrí saltándome párrafos de descripciones queriendo llegar a alguna parte jugosa, pero hay bien pocas, y el asesinato en sí, pues sorry pero bostezo. Aun asi tal vez le dé una oportunidad al segundo libro aunque sea por aburrimiento de querer cambiar de género literario de vez en cuando.

Creo que la escritora queriendo hacerse la chistosa se pasa de la raya, pasando de largo el momento y abrumandonos en cambio con demasia.

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**Judy says**

Murder and Mayhem but spoofy. A rather enjoyable departure from the novels that I usually read.

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**Mare says**

I truly enjoyed this story and I'm very much looking forward to reading the next in the series. The author did a lovely job handling some sticky areas that occur in cozies with grace and style.

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**Jessica says**

Good, loved the romance mixed with mystery.

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**Tina says**

Hannah is a delight, the seniors are laugh-out-loud funny, and the rest of the story is pretty good too. If you like your mysteries on the lighter side, you should definitely try this book!

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**Star says**

incomplete. won't finish.

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**Jo (Mixed Book Bag) says**

I picked this up used at a local resale store that supports various community projects. It caught my interest when I saw it was set here in the Ozarks where I live. Hannah Garvey has left her high stress job in Chicago to manage Valhalla Springs, a retirement village in the Missouri Ozarks. David Hendrickson stops her for speeding on her first day on the job. Sparks fly at first but a murder at Valhalla Springs forces them to work together. A good start to a mystery series.

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**Ewa says**

It wasn't bad, I wasn't convinced by the "senior" characters as this part seems really fake. Although "romance" of the main character was not realistic at all. But it was more or less OK, although ending wasn't satisfying either.

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### **Susan says**

Burned-out ad executive Hannah accepts a job in the Ozarks as manager of a retirement community (she used to write their ad copy). She meets handsome sheriff David. She thinks she's too old for him and that he's like all the other disappointing men she's known; he realizes that he's never met a woman like her, but fears that she'll be reluctant to get involved with a cop once she knows what the job involves, just like his ex-wife. Then a retired schoolteacher is murdered, and they're thrown together as a crew of over-enthusiastic seniors decides to help find who killed their friend (and add some spice to their lives), with Hannah trailing them and trying to steer them into safer pursuits.

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### **Margaret says**

Although I enjoyed reading this story, I have a mixed review for this book. While I liked the character of Hannah, I felt like I couldn't really get a good handle on who she was. I think my favorite character was David, the sheriff - I kept picturing the actor who plays Ray's brother on *Everyone Loves Raymond* in this "role"! - this character seemed the most realistic to me. I thought that quite a few of the characters were under-developed. Also, I thought the book seemed long and drawn out in spots and might have benefited from additional editing. Despite all these flaws, the plot, along with some minor sub-plots kept me reading and I would probably try another book by this author. :)

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### **Laune says**

Once again, I loved the dry, sarcastic sense of humor the author peppered in this book. A little more romantic rendevous couldn't hurt, though.

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