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At nearly one hundred years old, Thalia Mars is a far cry from the patients that child psychologist Alex Delaware normally treats. But the charming, witty woman convinces Alex to meet with her in a suite at the Aventura, a luxury hotel with a checkered history.

What Thalia wants from Alex are answers to unsettling questions—about guilt, patterns of criminal behavior, victim selection. When Alex asks the reason for her morbid fascination, Thalia promises to tell all during their next session. But when he shows up the following morning, he is met with silence: Thalia is dead in her room.

When questions arise about how Thalia perished, Alex and homicide detective Milo Sturgis must peel back the layers of a fascinating but elusive woman's life and embark on one of the most baffling investigations either of them has ever experienced. For Thalia Mars is a victim like no other, an enigma who harbored nearly a century of secrets and whose life and death draw those around her into a vortex of violence.

Gloria's Inn Details

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Charlie Avocado says

Two versions exist. One has ALL the editing issues. One has met with actual editing. Both very funny.

C. Mack says

Fun island shennanigans

I found this early R A work fun to read, but I can see how in the following years she honed her craft to write stories with more sucessful wit and amusement. Still I did really enjoy it and I have already purchased the next in the series.

Wolgan says

It wasn't terrible, but it wasn't great either. The story just didn't grab me, despite an interesting premise. Grammar and punctuation errors are what finally sealed it though. Every page had at least one, and most had a lot more. I just couldn't keep punishing myself like that...

I'm glad I read other books of hers before this one. If this had been my introduction to the author I doubt I would have given her a second glance. Her more recent books are so much more polished and very enjoyable to read.

Elinor L. Crowley says

Wish I were there

Loved Cat island. Wish I could go there to live. Hayden and Addrieanne two of my favorite names. Love their story and am looking forward to the next book.

Kathryn says

Cute story. Can't wait to read the next in the series.

Celina says

I LOVE THE LESBIANS OF THIS BOOK!!!! VERY INTERESTING!

Allison says

I'm a huge fan of Robin Alexander and have been working my way backwards in reading her books. This one just didn't hit the mark for me. It seemed like a choppy story with too many storylines crammed together. I honestly didn't feel the chemistry between the two main characters. If this is your first book of Robin Alexander, don't give up. I absolutely love her other work. I usually read one of her books in between intense books because they tend to be sweet, hilarious, and feel good stories.

K says

This book was amazing

I loved every bit of this book Robin never disappoints me. She always has a colorful cast of characters who enter act wonderfully. This book is funny and full of excitement. I'm looking forward to book 2.

Heidi says

Fun, easy read. Something about it made me feel like I had already read it. So I guess it's similar to another story out there.

Lexxi Kitty says

There is a high likelihood, however it might break my own rules (Eta: That I don't judge an author, good or bad, based off of just one book), that if I had read this book first, I would never have read another book by Robin Alexander. Which would be very unfortunate as I've mostly loved everything by her (which is why I have that 'don't judge based on one book' rule). But this book? Good grief.

The only reason this book didn't [eta: initially] get a 1 star rating was the bits of humor scattered here or there that actually got me to laugh. From beginning to end this book frustrated me. Literally, if this hadn't been an Alexander book I wouldn't have been able to make it past that mess that was the opening of this book. Granted there was a patch there immediately thereafter that was fun and amusing but . . . gah. This book.

The women in this book acted like they were college freshman at spring break trying their damndest to get onto 'Girls Gone Wild'. Gah. The first batch of visitors literally sexually harassed the inn owners, Adrienne and Hayden. They both liked and disliked it, but they didn't want to piss off their guests so . . . gah. Second batch of visitors turned this into a weird stupid crime caper.

Despite what I said earlier, I'm seriously considering dropping this back to say, 1.5, just so I can click on 1 star on GoodReads. Have 0.5 for humor.

~~And to think this, and the two sequels I already own, are the last books currently in print by Alexander that I haven't yet read. I think I'm going to go be ill.~~ There are actually 4 books, now that I look into it, that I haven't read by Alexander. Two I don't own, then the two sequels to this book, that I already own.

ETA: Noticing that I have already rated one of Alexander's other books 2 stars, gazing upon it, gazing upon this book, thinking about it hard, I will in fact lower this book to 1.55.

Rating: ~~4.66~~ 1.55

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Schzzy says

Dismissing the few grammar errors and the many punctuation flaws, this book was very entertaining.

For the most part, the story is very simple: lots of fluffy romance between two beautiful gals. The crime mystery attempt put me off, but the scenery and characters were lovely. I found myself chuckling a lot, and even laughing out loud more than once. For the rest of the story, I just grinned.

In technical terms, Gloria's Inn failed, but if you are looking to feel good reading a lighthearted story and don't mind technical errors, nothing will stop you from enjoying this book.
