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Sheriff Littlepage Eller lands a case that takes her outside her usual jurisdiction of Crazy, Virginia. Vera Collier, the formidable matriarch of the backwoods Collier clan, is dead, and no one is all that sorry to see her go. The problem: Vera's squabbling brood of grown children, each of whom is convinced one of the others must have murdered her. Luckily for Lil, she's got backup in the form of her feline deputy, Boris, whose lie-detector tail and oversized attitude always come in handy.

Someone's killed Vera, all right, someone who'll go to great lengths to cover the trail, and if Lil's not careful she and Boris could find themselves in the same boat –or coffin – as Vera.

Gone Crazy Details

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Ed says

"Gone Crazy" is the second book in the "Lil & Boris" series, about Sheriff Littlepage Eller (Lil) and her adopted cat Boris, who becomes an unofficial feline deputy with a gift for telling when people are lying to Lil. In this book, Lil investigates a crime outside of her normal jurisdiction of "Crazy", Virginia. The Colliers, a dysfunctional group of grown children can only agree on one thing: one of the other siblings murdered their cantankerous and mean-spirited mother, Vera Collier. Oh, and also that they don't really want to deal with the Sheriff, or with anyone outside their family, for that matter.

When Lil has to investigate, she needs to figure out "how" the deed was done, and "why". Unfortunately, the How question points to other problems, as there might be *two* causes of death, probably unrelated. Which then makes the Who question more difficult, because it implies at least two different murderers, each of whom was unfamiliar with the other's attempt. And since Boris didn't seem to like any of them, his lie-detecting skills were a bit suspect.

I found this short book (~160 pages) fairly amusing, although there were a *lot* of characters. The parts with Boris were entertaining, even though I'm not exactly a "cat person". (But not an anti-cat person either.) So, like the first book, I'll say 3.5 stars, rounded up.

Anne Turnley says

Even crazier

Lil is working her part time job as investor on the murder of an old woman. The prime suspects are her nine children. A twisted bunch who stick together against the world while fighting amongst themselves.

Sara says

Very much enjoying this clever and smart series, especially Boris, the deputy cat.

Janet says

good cozy mystery

Barbara Creger says

Crazy

This book is well written. Amongst the seriousness, there is humor. I like this author and will look for more.

LadyCalico says

I loved the first book in the series, but this one not as much. Although these are cozy mysteries, I would have expected more care regarding the legalities in the story. I seem to remember the procedurals being somewhat sloppy in the first book, but either they were much worse in this book or else I was in a mood where the legal errors bothered me more, but I am sure any real cop or attorney would have been tossing this book across the room in frustration. It is de rigueur for a whodunnit to have several possible suspects with a motive for the murder, but this time the author really overdid it. There were just too many suspects to keep straight, and it was so overwhelming that I couldn't feel anything, positive or negative, for any Collier, except for Jeff who had that underdog thing going for him, because I couldn't remember who was who or who said and did what. My last problem with the book was too many subplots. With this many quirky suspects running around, all the other quirky characters in the quirky subplots were just too much quirk for my taste, and they put a story that needed better focus further out of focus. I found the numerous subplots to be a distraction and a liability, rather than an asset, to my enjoyment of the book--"gratuitous" was the word that kept popping into my mind whenever the story would go chasing off on those little unnecessary bunny trails. All in all a cute, superficial, light mystery that had a lot of entertainment value, but would have been much more attractive if the author would spend a few minutes doing some research of the legalities and if she would have pruned back a lot of the excess bushiness.

phyllis says

Love the job

Lil's job was truly good and she really loved it. She was the sheriff of Crazy, Virginia. The population is only 300, but she does keep busy. Recently, a feud between the Littlepages and the Colliers was heated up because a Collier was murdered. Neither side wants anything to do with her because she was the offspring of a Littlepage and a Eller. When Vera Collier was murdered by poisonous mushrooms, later finding it was insulin, everyone was suspected. Follow Lil as she almost gets killed while trying to solve the mystery. Meet Boris, the cat, who is better than a lie detector and who is a pretty good bodyguard. It's not a deep book, but it's a good book to relax with.

Trish says

Definitely a fun series.

Barbara Fricks says

Enjoyed this. Book

I liked the storyline and the authors writing. Kat Stevens is a great character and I'd like to get to know her

better.

Samantha says

This is the second novel in the Crazy series starring Sheriff Lil Eller and her deputy tomcat Boris, the feline lie detector who patrol the town of Crazy in the state of Virginia, population 300 keeping the peace in a rural and isolated community. Sheriff Eller has her hands full when Vera Collier matriarch to the Collier clan is murdered and the family is convinced that one of her 11 children is responsible.

I must admit I read the second book not because of the plot but because I like Boris so much. I don't have a pet so this is my substitute. Also because of the characters who populate the town of Crazy, Virginia. I live in the UK and this is the image I have of a rural Southern community in the south of the United States and I have no idea how realistic it is but it is an easy fun read.

I did at times find it a bit confusing with so many members of the same family keeping it all straight in my head. I like the humour in the dialogue and the quirky crimes committed by the locals and the character of Sheriff Eller and, of course, Boris. Boris doesn't have superpowers, doesn't talk and even his job as a lie detector Sheriff Eller is not sure how reliable he is but he is a support and damn useful if she is attacked as those claws come in handy. I will be reading the next instalment so I definitely recommend this cosy mystery series.

Daisy says

I really love this series. I love how the whole cat theme isn't overdone but Boris' personality and presences is strongly felt. I love how Lil thinks and acts. How she is a descendant of the town's two founding families who hate one another, not accepted by either family (well except cousin Jack) but clearly displays traits of both families. And mostly I love the quirkiness of the aptly named Crazy, the small town she's sheriff of. The people are crazy, drive her crazy, and give you a crazy good read.

Stacey says

Second entry in a great series of cozy type procedural. Lil Eller is the sheriff of Crazy Va, population 300. Only now is 299 because Vera Collier, matriarch & general PITA of the Collier family, a secretive & standoffish bunch who keep to themselves & are quick to pull out a shotgun. No one liked Vera. Her 11 kids do not miss her at all, but they suspect one of them killed her. And there is the question of money. They report their suspicions but later close ranks and Lil has an uphill slog to get any info out of them. She does this with the help of her new human deputy, a number of local allies and Boris, her feline deputy. Plenty of twists in this one, good mystery.

Tina says

Gone Crazy - Lil and Bore book two

Gone Crazy is the next in the Lil and Boris series. I have enjoyed these books tremendously. They resonate with me as I am

a big animal lover myself and Boris is quite the character. I also enjoy the small town atmosphere and the ongoing family shenanigans between the Ellers and Littlepages. The mysteries are fun and entertaining. I recommend this book for anyone wanting a light, funny, good mystery. Quick read, very enjoyable. I have the next book in the series already in my queue and look forward to reading it.

Peggy says

I enjoy a book that is you know you missed something by not reading the books in order, this did. But the plot is good and you see the characters evolve. It was an easy read of pure entertainment.

Karen Ehney says

Cat lover's delight!

Dysfunctional families. Animal lovers. Animal haters. Rednecks, hillbillies, and gente Southern belles. Who could ask for more in a murder mystery?
