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An Irish cozy mystery featuring mystery, mayhem, and...chickens?

When a valuable diamond necklace is stolen, former American cop and classic movie buff, Maggie Doyle's, peaceful vacation on a remote Irish island comes to an abrupt end.

An island lawyer hires Maggie to find the necklace before its owner realizes it's missing. With a ticking clock and ten fractious hens to look after, Maggie and her UFO-enthusiast friend go in search of the thief before they strike again.

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Karen says

To Hatch S Thief is a good book and has lots of fun people to deal with too.

I very much like the character of Maggie. I'm looking forward to read more books by Zara Keane . I like the fact that Maggie is drawn to Officer Liam Reynolds and I hope the relationship leads to something more. Loved the book and recomend you will too..

Nancy Silk says

"A Whisper Island Theft Mystery"

Former cop in the USA, Maggie Doyle, is vacationing on a remote Irish island. But her enjoyment and relaxation comes to an abrupt end. A valuable diamond necklace has been stolen and a local lawyer hires Maggie to find it. This is a story of mystery, mayhem, and lots of chickens. A fun short story to read.

Jan says

Maggie left the force and her cop parents behind in California after her disastrous divorce and came to stay for a time with her aunt and her business on Whisper Island in Ireland. But you can't take the investigator out of the hurt woman. There are lots of friendly people who know everybody's business, and when a local uptight solicitor is accused of a major theft, Maggie works to help find the real culprit even if it means wearing a leprechaun costume and assisting with costumed dancing chickens! There are plenty of laughs, in this well done cosy mystery as well!

Janine says

A great Novella in this series.

Brian Davis says

Fun

A nice fun story to cover developments between books 1 and 2. Interesting plot and entertaining characters make for a good read. This series will make a lot more sense read in order, though.

Nancy Haddock says

Wonderful

I'm so glad I found the Movie Club ?Mysteries series. Each book - in this case short story / novella - gets better and better!

Cheryl says

This is the first time reading this author but not the last. The main character is Maggie who is visiting family on Whisper Island. She is a former cop from San Francisco and she was asked to help figure out who stole a diamond necklace from a lawyer's safe. She has good investigative skills and with a little help from her friends, she does figure it out and how they did it.

From the first page this book had me hooked. Look forward to reading more by this author.

Joni says

A quick read in the Movie Club Mystery series. Interesting characters with good character development and some laugh-out-loud moments. Although this is a series, the book can be read as a stand alone.

Thomas says

Maggie gets a text from Jennifer, (one of Whisper Island's only two lawyers) to come see her as soon as possible. They had four diamond necklaces in the office safe, the property of one of their clients estates that was to be held until the probate was over. One of the necklaces was stolen and Jennifer was accused of taking it. Maggie has a growing list of suspects including the heirs, their children, and the son and his mother of one of the heirs who had left the island many years before.

Even though this is technically the fourth book in the series, the story falls between books one and two. This is another great addition to the Movie Club Mysteries. Zara Keane's since of humor and knack for details make this a great read that you won't want to put down.

Kay Hudson says

I am loving this series. I had started reading book two, *The Postman Always Dies Twice*, when I discovered this one, a longish novella set between the first (*Dial P for Poison*) and second novels. So I switched over to read this one first. *To Hatch a Thief* involves stolen diamonds and dancing chickens (in leprechaun costumes!), not to mention the intriguing Sergeant Reynolds. I've already downloaded #3 (*How To Murder a Millionaire*), and #4 (*The Thirty-Nine Cupcakes*) is due out next month.

Lyn says

Another delightful gem from Zara Keane! I love Whisper Island, Ireland--where else would the county club want chickens dressed like leprechauns to dance for them on Valentine's Day??? What a hoot! Of course there has to be a mystery--how about a missing diamond necklace? And you will NEVER GUESS where it's finally found! Great characters--great mysteries--great fun! This is just a novella, but a delightful one!

Glen says

A fun cozy set on a small Irish island.

A valuable diamond necklace is stolen, and the sleuth's good friend is the primary suspect. Aided by her family, the usual supercop boyfriend, and a flock of dancing chickens, the case is solved.

Breezy, but entertaining.

Brenda says

Maggie Doyle, ex San Francisco cop was on the Irish Whisper Island on vacation to visit her Aunt Noreen. She had recently solved a murder (Dial P For Poison) - and was now down with the flu. But on learning of a very valuable necklace which had been stolen, and the apprehension of a friend of Maggie's for the theft of same, Maggie was determined - flu or not - to prove her friend's innocence.

The Movie Theatre night; the Golf Club's annual chicken event; the Valentine Dance - and of course the obnoxious Sergeant O'Shea and delectable Sergeant Reynolds - all played a part as Maggie searched for answers.

To Hatch a Thief by Zara Keane is the second I've read by this author - and #1.5 in the Movie Club Mystery series - and again, it's fast paced, fun and entertaining. Maggie is an excellent character, as are the majority of the support cast. An excellent cosy mystery, and I'll be reading the next soon. Highly recommended.

Sheryl says

Cute but probably only for anyone familiar with the characters from the series. Very short filler between full-length books. The mystery wasn't much, but then again, there wasn't time for much since it was so short. I got a free copy for signing up for the author's newsletter and it was worth reading since I had it. Not sure if it would be worth paying for, though, unless you are a huge fan of the series.

Roger says

My fourth read from author Zara Keane, set between books #1 & #2. Each book has been better than the last. A fast-paced, enjoyable, well-written book with well-developed characters, a captivating storyline and an island whose inhabitants grow on you with every word written. A bargain buy at \$.99! Since I own a dozen of her books it won't be my last! I look forward to the next book in this series and I'm sure there will be a next one.
