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Candice Mckinney says

I did not know anything about the Shakers or the furniture. The background on this was interesting.

Several people could have been the bad guys. It definitely keeps you guessing since the plot changes as the story develops.

Wendy Chaney says

Story dragged but I was able to get through the story.

Cindy says

Kate Marburn is resigned to leading a quiet life, following the disappearance of her husband, after he stole millions of dollars from their friends and clients. Losing herself in her love of roses, she finds a new life, and a new friend in Sarah Denbigh, a wealthy widow. When Sarah is found dead, Kate is determined to discover how her friend died, as she is ready to stand up for herself instead of hiding again.

A great cozy mystery for a winter day.

Brooke says

I agree with some of the other negative reviews here; the only interesting part was the Shaker history. The story was mostly pointless and contrived, complete with those typical "suspicious things happen but the lead character doesn't want to tell the police" moments. Why? Just lame. Two dimensional characters and stilted dialogue. Does too much telling and not showing. Either there is melodrama for no reason (some of the Kate & Erin conflict) or dull passages where nothing is moving along.

Jeanne says

This "who dunnit" had me going right up to the end. At various times throughout the plot I thought I had figured it out but I was wrong. Kate, the main character, often irritated me by going off half cocked trying to figure things out on her own even when she could have relied on others to get to the bottom of the mystery with a lot less stress but then, of course, the story would have had a much different ending. I enjoyed my

introduction into the Shaker religious sect and their eccentric lifestyle. I was not familiar with Shaker furniture but feel that I have a new understanding of it's beauty and value.

Dawn says

Good suspense story, but not one of my favorites from Karen Harper. This took me quite awhile to read. I thought the story dragged during some parts. I did not really know anything about the Shaker Community.

Deb Mj says

Horrible. I read the entire thing just because it was the only book I had with me on vacation. I would have been better off reading the local phone book.

chrisa says

Pretty good mystery. I found it enjoyable and it had enough twists and turns to keep me interested. I enjoyed the use of the Shaker settlement as a setting.

Patsy says

Kate Marburn thought her recovery from her former husband's betrayal was a new beginning. A quiet and controlled life as the gose gardener on the estate of Sarah Denbigh, a wealthy widow, seemed the perfect escape.

But when Sarah dies under mysterious circumstances, leaving Kate the unexpected heir to Sarah's vast fortune in Shaker furniture, the police suspect Kate might have had something to do with Sarah's death. Looking for a refuge again, Kate accepts a job as gardener at Shaker Run, a historic and once celibate Shaker village.

But something strange and deadly dangerous is going on beneath the flawless surface of the idyllic town. Kate's hoping Jake Kilcourse, the mysterious and rugged furniture builder who also lives at Shaker Run, can help her figure out what — but is he only using her to pursue his own agenda?

Rosie says

didnt finish

Pat says

A girl takes over a gardening job while recovering from a nasty marriage. Only to get herself into a web of suspense and intrigue. Nice read, but not a page turner.

Ayny says

The story would have been better if less time was spent on characters second guessing themselves. Just couldn't get into it, and lost interest about 1/3 the way in. There are other books by this author I will try though.

Anita says

This is classed as a Romantic Suspense. NOT! False advertising. No sex in this one, romance, sort of. It is a pretty good mystery and the suspect pool keeps changing and the plot expands as the book progresses. Lot of background on the Shakers that is fascinating. I will admit to being a reader who likes background. In that way this is like an Elizabeth Lowell book.

Kate has survived the scandal her ex, Mike, left in the wake of his financial fraud and "suicide". She works with roses and lives with Sarah. Sarah is killed (murdered) and Kate inherits her Shaker furniture collection and comes under suspicion for her death. Enter Jack, a expert on Shaker furniture. Kate takes a job at Shaker Run, a Shaker museum village. Jack is the nearest neighbor, but is not very friendly with the natives at Shaker Run. He has good reasons not to be as it appears that someone there is forging Shaker furniture to replace with the real thing.

Holly says

Not one of Karen Harpers best. Had potential but just didn't hit the mark.

Janie R. says

Wow, I like a mystery like this book- fast paced and intense! I enjoy reading fiction and nonfiction about the Shakers, and this book was certainly one of them! I have read several books by Karen Harper, and have enjoyed them immensely!
