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The first book in a new series by the author of the Aunt Bessie - Isle of Man Cozy Mystery series.

Fenella Woods has only met a few people during the twenty-four hours she's been in Douglas, the capital city of the Isle of Man. She's shocked when she discovers one of them dead in an alley behind her apartment building.

Struggling to adapt to her new life in a foreign country seems easy compared to coping with finding herself in the middle of a murder investigation.

Nearly fifty and newly single, Fenella meets a handsome police inspector, a dashing new neighbor, and a sophisticated businessman, all of whom have her questioning her determination to remain unattached.

Having a ghost for a roommate and a kitten as an uninvited houseguest has her questioning her decision to start a new life on the small island in the Irish Sea after all.

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Kristi says

Great new series

I read all of aunt Bessie series then sisters Janet Joan b&b series wanted something else to read and glad decide on this series modern or present day isle of man. some of the location is familiar places aunt Bessie visited just flash forward almost 20 years. Oh did not like the first victim from his dealings with aunt bessie.lol but had no clue who the killer was until the end . Oh and ghost one of unique characters in aunt Bessie time

Bette says

Another series by the author of the Aunt Bess series. Once again taking place on the Isle of Man. An American Fenella Woods has inherited all of her Aunt Mona's estate, she comes to Isle of Man to take up residence in her aunt's apartment and write a historical novel on Ann Boylen. But before she can get over her jet lag or even unpack a box she finds a body, meets a ghost and is a suspect in a murder.

Classic style of a cozy. Fenella is our sleuth (reluctantly), Inspector Robinson is her police connection, there are adequate suspects (nothing too flamboyant). It is by getting to know who the victim is and talking with suspects that the case progress. Enjoyable read.

Maureen says

Fun read!

This was a fun read! I liked that the main character was over 40 and a realistic type of character with the exception of having her eccentric aunt who is a ghost around. This series is one I will certainly want to follow.

Elizabeth says

I loved this charming mystery set on the Isle of Man! In the tradition of the Aunt Dimity mysteries, "Aunty Mona" is a very witty ghost who lives with her niece Fenella in a gorgeous apartment that I want to live in! Together they solved a whodunnit! Thank you for recommending yet another great series from this author, Linda :-)

Voirrey says

I do like Diana Xarissa's books set on my home island - I am slowly working my way through the Aunt Bessie ones still.

I think I enjoyed this even more, with the main characters in their late forties and fifties - apart from Aunt Mona and she is ninetytwo - and dead....

I wish the book pub really did exist in Douglas, I would certainly be a regular.

rosalind katz says

A fun read

Rated it 4 stars for the clear images of the locale & characters. Lost one star for some editorial errors & for Mona the ghost . That seemed a bit silly to me.

I'd recommend to friends who are fans of cozy mysteries.

I've read the Aunt Bessie series and have wanted to read more about life on The Isle of Man. This book has given me that opportunity.

charlene wilbanks says

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What a lovely book. So glad I found this one as I love British mysteries. You certainly did not disappoint! I love this First of a new series with Finella. I can hardly wait for the next one. Keep writing and I'll keep reading!

Nancy Haddock says

What fun!

No shortage of suspects in this book! Great plot with a mature heroine with some possible romantic interests. I liked the characters and setting, and will keep reading in this series.

Linda says

Loved Aunty Mona, Katie, Fenella, and Douglas. Plan to read anything I can find by this author.

Casceil says

This got off to a slow start, but became much more engaging as it went along. I liked it enough to immediately start reading the next book in the series.

Judy says

Fun read

I love all her books and this was no exception. I liked Fenella and how she came to be on the Isle of Man and her interactions with her neighbors and her aunt Mona. Having read the Aunt Bessie stories, I kept looking for characters and places to pop up. Fun book.

chrissie says

Having read the Aunt Bessie books and the Markham Sisters series I decided to give the Ghostly series a go. Very similar to Aunt Bessie but with the addition of a nosy aunt as a ghost! I must admit to falling foul of the time the books are set in as I kept expecting Aunt Bessie to turn up at the Manx Museum and then remembered that the Aunt Bessie books were set 30 years before and Aunt Bessie is long gone before these books are set!

The stories themselves are good and sort of plausible, the characters are believable (maybe except the ghost), but the grammatical and spelling mistakes let it down.

Easy reads that you can read in a day and enjoy!

Cornerofmadness says

It was a 3.5 read for me but I rounded up because I did enjoy it and for an amateur sleuth mystery it didn't contain any of my personal 'nopes.' Fenella, a history professor, has inherited her aunt's flat in the city of Douglas on the Isle of Man. She's left her old life behind giving up her job and the lackluster relationship with Jack going on the theory Aunt Mona has left her enough money to get by on. She wants a new life and maybe write a history book or three. I found that an iffy premise, more like wish fulfillment (especially giving up a hard to get teaching job and going to a country she's not been to since she was a child).

Instead she finds the body of Alan Collins, unscrupulous philandering real estate agent who tried to buy her aunt's place. At first I didn't quite like Fenella who seemed like a cold fish more worried about her groceries getting wet than the dead body. I did warm up to her though and liked that she was forty-eight instead of the usual twenty-five.

Fenella has no plans of investigating the murder but the ghost of Aunt Mona has other ideas. Mona appears real as life and talks to her all the time in this mystery (if that sort of paranormal thing bugs you.)

There's also a bit of a love quadrangle between Fenella and Inspector Robertson and Peter, the guy next door, and the wealthy bad boy, Donald, who worked with the dead guy and his partner, Potter. It's not really

over done but it was a tad distracting. Fenella isn't really looking for a man but Aunt Mona is pushing it (Mona liked the lads back in the day).

The mystery was good. I wanted a bit more of the feeling of the island but over all, it was a good read and not too unbelievable. At least Fenella ignores Aunty's suggestion that she be bait to lure out the killer. I've seen cozies where the sleuth would have jumped at the chance.

Alan Marston-Gill says

Very disappointed !

Having been a fan of her previous Manx character Aunt Bessie. I looked forward to reading, this but was very disappointed, not a patch on her Aunt Bessie series, same characters (but different names), same story lines, the only new thing being the ghost of the main characters aunt, who I found most annoying and not funny at all. So this is my first and last read of this series of her new Manx amateur detective and go and read all the Aunt B ones again, as they are so good !

Lynda says

Good Mystery

Finding a murder victim on her first day living on the Isle of Man soon has Fenella meeting lots of potential friends ... or murderers. And she needs to figure out which.
