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Sisters and innkeepers Meg and Quill have an inn full of guests who can't stop fighting. Soon, one ends up murdered on a pig farm. And when a psychic correctly predicts a second murder, business grinds to a halt.

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Judy says

A good mystery.

Judy Alter says

I've recently re-discovered the Claudia Bishop Hemlock Falls Inn series--I think there are fourteen, and I probably read one or two quite some time ago. But now I've immersed myself in that world and read about four in a row--Marinade for Murder, Toast Mortem, A Steak in Murder, and most recently, Ground to a Halt. I'm looking forward to the next one, Dread on Arrival, due out in the fall. This series has what I like best about series--characters you come to know and care about, even with their folly and foolish mistakes. It's culinary in part--one of the sisters who own the Inn is Meg, a well-known chef. There's a bit of art lore since Quill, the other sister, won fame as an artist and then walked away from it. Both sisters are essentially happy with their very old inn in a very small town. The series may suffer a bit from the Cabot Cove-syndrome--how do so many bad things happen in one small town? But there seems to be at least one murder a year, and the Quilliam sisters are relied upon to solve these murders. Their love lives complicate things--Quill is finally married to McHale, former sheriff now an undercover investigator for the government in remote parts of the world; he rarely appears in the books, though his spirit is a constant presence. Meg goes from one romance to another, never sure of what she wants. There's the usual cast of eccentric characters--a Nazi-like dog catcher turned tax assessor (or the other way around), the down-to-earth and unpretentious (read chinos and plaid shirts all the time) restaurant owner worth a fortune who finally snares the farmer she wants, the apparently elected-forever mayor and his domineering wife. The cast is enlivened by various guests who come and go from the inn, usually bringing murder with them. The intrigue is good, the villains usually suprising.

I've been warned against description wich slows down the action but I enjoyed the lush description of the landscape of northern New York--as seen through Quill's artist's eyes.

This is a series best read in order which I, unfortunately, didn't do. But even so, I've enjoyed going back to read some of the earlier titles--before McHale, for instance, and the time the sisters lost the inn temporarily. The murder and suspense are always fresh.

Patty says

Another enjoyable book involving the Quilliam sisters, Meg and Sarah (Quill). Quill was subdued in this book, not her usual self, but they murders were solved.

Sallie says

I've only read a few of these mysteries as I can't find most of them. I'll keep looking and try to read them in order.

Wanda says

Intrigue and suspense in a small upstate New York town. The owner of a country inn and her sister try to figure out a murder. It involves a pet food company and others associated with the pet food industry. Lots of the local villagers get involved.

Linda says

Another fun adventure at the Inn at Hemlock Falls. I enjoyed some of the new character dynamics and there was a nice little twist at the end.

Barb says

Mostly silly the way the sisters solve murders but still a fun occasional read
