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FangirlNation says

When the Carny Comes to Town, the third Jolie Gentil book by Elaine Orr, opens with a St. Patrick's Day carnival in which Jolie sits in a dunk tank to raise money for the food pantry that she is in charge of. After drying off from the cold water, Jolie and her friends explore the carnival when Scooby, her one friend from the year she lived in Ocean Alley with her Aunt Madge during high school, notices a carny with whom he exchanges bad looks. Then, the next day the local police sergeant finds Jolie with her other local friend, Ramona, and rushes them to the hospital because Scooby has been attacked and fallen off the boardwalk, with bad brain injuries and potentially serious back damage. Then, a couple days after Scooby's attack, his mother shows up, shocking everyone because she has dropped out of Scooby's life after abusing and neglecting him as a child. The woman is drunk and not once visits Scooby, despite appearing at the hospital. But then, after disappearing for a week, her murdered body turns up. In anger at the way his mother had treated him, Scooby demands that Jolie stay away from looking into her death, but Jolie can't leave alone.

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Book-Lover Book Blog says

Man, how I love this series!! As I read each book, I'm like 'it can't be better than the last one' but it is. I loved this one, though I have to say I was as upset as Jolie and Ramona at what happened to Scoobie!!

The storyline was great, this one included multiple mysteries and Jolie, true to form, stuck her nose in where it's not wanted but I'd love for her to become a detective, she's certainly better than sgt. Morehouse.

But, with this book, I started disliking quite a few characters. The main few are: Aunt Madge (she never seems to be happy), Scoobie (he was quite childish in this one, I found), George (because he's a royal pain in the backside) and, at times, Jolie herself (though less than I have done in the previous three books!).

I love the little town of Ocean Alley, it's a close knit community, as well as touristy in the summer months, and it's full of such funny and mystery that I wish it was a real place.

Fantastic writing style, some great humour and plenty of mystery that keep the readers guessing and searching or clues. Fabulous!

Betty says

I would like thank Ms Orr for a free copy. The cozy Jolie Gentil is set in a village off the Atlantic coast. The carnival has arrived in town and Jolie has a collection booth for the local food bank nearby it. There is a dunk tank and Jolie ends up in the water. Late at night Morehouse, a police officer lets her know that Scoobie has been attacked and is in the hospital in critical condition. He tells Jolie to stay out of the investigation. Jolie doesn't listen and with George's help explores what happened. She puts her life and others in

harms way. As a result most of her friends are angry with her.

Jeanie Jackson says

Loved When the Carny Comes to Town even though I didn't care for the title, it might even have turned me off if I hadn't already read the first two books in the series and loved them. When Jolie's friend Scoobie is attacked an seriously injured, nothing is going to keep her from investigating. While there is one possible suspect, there is no evidence against him and the appearance of Scoobie's mother provides more complications than clues. I love the way the people of the town support Scoobie who hasn't always led an admirable life but who has been working for a couple of years to keep himself on a good path.

Karen says

This seemed to start a little slower than the other Jolie Gentil books that I've read, but the ending was very well done. I suspected the murderer at one point but then changed my mind. I especially liked knowing Jolie's perceptions of what was going on balanced by the actions and reactions of her friends. She is curious and adventurous but not foolish. Not too often anyway.

Kathy says

When I read a cozy mystery i want to read about the characters and the setting, with a bit of a mystery thrown in. This book was somewhat of a disappointment because the mystery consumed the plot, and it wasn't even that great of a mystery. Anger directed at the main character for her meddling ways was a common theme that detracted from my enjoyment as well.

This book is the third in the series. It is good enough that I will probably read the next one at some point, but it was somewhat of an ordeal to get through.

Emme says

Really enjoyed this book. At first I was hesitant to start a new series, but since I like Ms. Orr's others I figured what the heck. Now I am hooked on this series. Each book is more an more interesting. I liked how in this book we got to know about Scoobie aka Adam as Aunt Madge refers to him. There were a lot of twists and turns in this book and a few red herrings. It was even more surprise seeing Jolie working with George Winters. The usual cast of characters were in this book and I look forward to seeing what more adventures are in store for this gang from Ocean Alley, NJ. On a side note, it was interesting to see Elaine's husband is the ghost writer for Scoobie.

Jeanne says

Creepiest and most confusing of her books to me--or maybe it's just a confusing week for me....

Nancy says

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Scoobie's former friend hurt him, his mother called 911.
