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When private investigator Bay Tanner is hired by a young mother to track down her estranged family, she realizes the stakes couldn't be higher. Kimmie Eastman is dying of a rare form of leukemia, and familial bone marrow seems to offer her only hope. But the clues are sparse -- a single photograph and a small pile of decades-old letters. And Bay's gut feeling that the girl's mother isn't being entirely truthful. With little time and less hope, Bay plunges into the chase.

For once, Bay isn't at odds with her fiancé, sheriff's sergeant Red Tanner, over her current case. But she does find herself looking for excuses not to wear his ring, and she welcomes her immersion in the hunt for the Eastman girl's family as a way of avoiding her ambivalence about marrying her murdered husband's brother.

Then a phone call sends her racing to the hospital where her father, invalid Judge Talbot Simpson, is battling a failing heart. Searching for his medical power of attorney in his personal files, Bay encounters a document that completely stuns her. How could her father have kept such a shocking secret from her? Has her entire life been based on a lie? Desperate for answers to her own personal mystery, she stumbles across another clue, this one in the possession of Lavinia Smalls, her father's longtime companion and caretaker and the one person Bay thought she could trust completely.

With time running out -- perhaps for her father as well as the girl -- Bay struggles to untangle the web of secrets and lies surrounding both her own family past and that of the dying child . . . until she encounters the strange women of Covenant Hall, who may well hold the key to everything.

Covenant Hall Details

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Brenda says

One of the best Bay Tanner novels, only thing that keeps it from being a 5, is the ending and the lame wedding toward the end. It all starts when Jolene Eastman hires Bay and Erik to find her sisters, because her daughter has blood cancer and needs a bone marrow transplant. On top of that, Bay's father and my favorite character Talbot Simpson's health takes a turn for the worst and during a weak moment, he reveals a secret to Bay, that throws her entire world into orbit.

Will she find the sisters? Will she save the girl? Will she marry Red? And why is a strange woman holding a gun on Bay? Read the book and find out :)

Connie says

I enjoyed this book, but the ending was a "little too pat"--too many coincidences to be believed.

Chriser123 Dittman says

JUST FOR FUN - This book is like meeting up with old friends. The author Kathryn Wall lives in Hilton Head and her main character is a private investigator lives here also. All the action takes place around in the area. It's a good way to find off beat restaurants also. This is the 9th book in the Bay Tanner series. I anxiously await the next book!

Terri says

Think I'm getting tired of listening to the protagonist whine her way through the stories.

Mary Byrnes says

Great story

I have loved all of the Bay Tanner stories. This was my favorite so far. I love seeing the characters in a story grow and change with each new experience and the characters in this series have done that. I anticipate enjoying the next in the series as well.

Susan says

My ninth Bay Tanner mystery--this was a sad one. The case involves finding potential donors to save a life.

Meanwhile Bay learns something about her family's past that she finds immensely troubling. Even though I didn't particularly like the resolution of some plot points, I did enjoy the more complex stories.

Merle says

Wall is new to me and I'm hooked. Ready to read up to the present in her Bay Tanner series.

Michelle Armstrong says

Very good would read it again. Couldn't put it down so many twists and turns keeps you guessing on what's gonna happen next.

Nikki says

Rex Stout had two Nero Wolfe stories called The Father Hunt and The Mother Hunt. If Kathryn R. Wall had wanted to vary her geographic titles a bit, she could have called this one The Sister Hunt.

Bay Tanner's new client is searching for her two estranged sisters in hopes of finding a bone marrow donor for her daughter. Bay herself is dealing with what may be her father's last illness and her efforts to solve a family mystery it has revealed. Her relationship with her fiancé Red Tanner (brother of her late husband) has hit a rocky patch. There are red herrings and blind alleys galore, but eventually all is solved and resolved. The Low Country setting is beautifully described, and the characters behave believably. My only real problem with the book was an error of fact -- Bay's partner Erik supposedly finds out information about one of the client's sisters from the 2000 census. In fact, that census (as far as personal information is concerned) will not be open to anyone -- including law enforcement, the IRS, private investigators, etc. -- until 2072. (Similar information probably is available from credit bureaus and other such databases; but not from the Census.) Otherwise, a fine book.

Barb says

Bay Tanner mysteries are light and fun reading, especially if you are familiar with Hilton Head, Beaufort and the surrounding area.

Lynn Futch says

This is the first Bay Tanner mystery I read. Loved it! An easy read. Enjoyed the references to the low country. Living in this area, I knew the different places she uses in the book. She recently visited our college campus and was an excellent speaker.

Kaydee Stasik says

I have a signed first edition of this book. It came out in May, 2009.

Leslie Angel says

Farily typical cozy. attention-keeping plot however: search for missing family for donor match for sick child.

Nancy says

I've read all the books in this series except for 'And Not a Penny More." They're good stories.

Jean says

Southern detective.
