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Megan Sawyer should be shouting from the barn roof. Washington Acres survived its first year, the cafe has become a hot spot for locals, and Winsome's sexy Scottish veterinarian is making house calls-and not just for the animals! But as summer slips into fall and Winsome prepares for its grand Oktoberfest celebration, beer isn't the only thing brewing. When the town pub's owner is killed in a freak accident, Megan suspects something sinister is afoot in Winsome, but no one is listening. As nights grow longer and temperatures chill, Megan must plow through Winsome's fixation with autumn festivities to harvest the truth, before another dead body marks the season.

## **Bitter Harvest Details**

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# From Reader Review Bitter Harvest for online ebook

## Kelly Covich says

Title: Bitter Harvest

Author: Wendy Tyson

# Of Stars Given: 5

Type of book: Cozy Mystery

Began Date: forgot to write the date down End Date: 12/31/16

Before I begin I want to thank Wendy Tyson for allowing me to be an early reader of this book.

### Summary:

Winsome, Pa is a quaint little town where everyone knows everyone along with their dirty laundry or so that is what we are lead to believe. This time Winsome has an outsider there to help promote Oktoberfest, to bring city folk to the small town to generate income and place Winsome on the map or does she have different intentions for this lovely town? If you read the first book A Muddied Murder you will remember Megan and Bibi where the prime suspects in a murder . This time Megan and Bibi are not suspects and there is more going on than meets they eye. Megan and Denver's friendship seems like it is moving into a different direction. Aunt Sarah (Megan's aunt) is ready to tell Megan about family secrets and her mother but Megan isn't ready to hear them for reasons only she knows. A few more characters are introduced to us as the plot thickens can any of these be the murder? Since Megan's return there has been some awful things happen in Winsome does these happenings have anything to do with Megan's return?

### What I thought of the book:

As I have stated before in my reviews on any of the Wendy Tyson's books I've read and did a review on I will not be adding any spoilers or quotes from the book. To do so is a crime in itself and I as an avid reader will not ruin a book for anyone. I have been recommended several books at the people who recommend this books always tell me the plot and the outcome so if I know what is happening and how it ended why read them? Remember these are my thoughts / opinions on the book.

Megan, Bibi, Denver and Sheriff King have become quite the team. Ms. Tyson didn't disappoint us in this book. (not that she has ever disappointed us in any book) There are more plot twists and curve balls in this book. As we continue to read her series Greenhouse Mysteries you become part of this quaint little town in PA. I for one cannot get enough of Megan, Bibi, Denver and the citizens of Winsome. Things are looking up for Megan! Is the friendship between Megan and Denver going to survive or has it been doomed along? Is Bibi ever going to tell Megan the family secrets or will her Aunt Sarah be the only one to let them out of the closet? Is Sheriff King ever going to listen to Megan without brushing her off? And will this quaint town survive or become a safe place again? Biggest question of all; Why are you not reading this series or book?

### Ending:

What is in store for Megan and the quaint town of Winsome? I am jonesing for part 3 of this beautiful quaint town, deadly plots, Megan and Denver's story and Bibi of course. Ms. Tyson has me hooked on all of her books. A question for the author ; when is book 3 coming out?

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## **Linda says**

*Planning a festival and murder go hand in hand in the small town of Winsome, Pennsylvania.*

Two men vied for a brewing sponsorship for the upcoming Oktoberfest. Within a short time, one was dead and the other was missing.

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It has been over a year since I read the first book: A Muddied Murder. This time I found it necessary to read a couple of chapters before I was reacquainted with everyone. Supportive Grandma Bibi hinted at matchmaking. Megan's hard-working employees, Clay and Porter, were protective as ever. Police Chief Brian King was overworked. Dimples and Heidi kicked butt, pun intended: they are goats! The faithful dogs, Gunther and Sadie, were never far from Megan: always watching. And Alvaro was still cooking at the cafe *and cranky as ever*.

Megan Sawyer's life was moving forward and her relationship with the local veterinarian was interlaced with family, her job and the celebration. -Gush! Can I just say how much I love Dr. Finn's Scottish brogue?- In addition, the widow had a stalker; someone watching *her*. But first and foremost, Bitter Harvest was a murder-mystery.

Ophelia ~~Dillweed~~ Dilworth, the PR for Winsome's Oktoberfest, was a thorn in Megan's side. She was 29 years old, single and a flirt. She talked the talk and walked the walk when it came to her job. It *appeared* as though she would do anything for a successful event.

Heavy on the subjects of food and gardening, I enjoyed this cozy mystery. I didn't necessarily agree with everything Megan carried out but I had to remember her past: she was a former lawyer and a widow that loved her husband deeply. For this reason and others, I feel it is important to start with A Muddied Murder.

And, surprise(!), I was wrong as to the identity of the killer. *I just wish I had Seeds of Revenge at my fingertips*. I want to *travel* to Winsome again. \*Hint, hint\*, I would love to read an ARC. ;-)

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## **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

Author Wendy Tyson has created a series that is absolutely wonderful in every way!

It has felt like such a long wait for this second installment in the Greenhouse Mysteries to come out. But after reading A MUDDIED MURDER, the first book in this series, a day would have felt like too long!

I was so excited when I finally got my hands on BITTER HARVEST. Once it was in my grasp, and I started reading, I couldn't set it down! I was finally back in Winsome, PA with Megan, Bibi, Finn, Clover, King,

and all the townspeople. It felt like going home. As I write this, I'm actually sad that I had to say goodbye. ? (No worries though. The next book is due out this fall!)

BITTER HARVEST is a brilliantly clever book in every way. Wendy Tyson brought to us in this story, not just one mystery, but two! There is of course one heck of a whodunit murder to be solved. But there is a secondary mystery involving someone close to Megan that made this a real bushel full of mystery, and an even more exciting read. I want to say more, but I'd risk giving things away.

Ms. Tyson is an exciting voice in the cozy mystery genre, and nothing proves that better than this amazing book, or I should say, this amazing series! Fans, prepare to be thrilled. New readers, pick up A MUDDIED MURDER and BITTER HARVEST and you'll have the fun of getting to read them back to back!

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### **JG says**

In Bitter Harvest, readers are transported back again to Washington Acres and its owner former lawyer turned organic farmer Megan Sawyer. It's been six months since we last saw Megan and the town of Winsome. Six months since a murder mystery was solved in the same farm that Megan has toiled and made successful. Now the town of Winsome is celebrating its first Oktoberfest and unfortunately a body has been found in the solar farm which places a pall in the town's celebration. Now as Megan tries to navigate her own personal life, she can't help but get involved in trying to solve this case as well. Can Winsome have another murderer in town?

This is the second book in Wendy Tyson's A Greenhouse Mystery series and it's still holding my interest like the first book. Ms. Tyson's relatable main character, the town of Winsome and the people living there plus the ever informative organic farming details embedded in the book makes Bitter Harvest a page turner. The intricate plot plus the reveal of who the culprit is makes this a definite must read. You can't really guess whodunit!

\*ARC provided thru NetGalley\*

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### **Marisa says**

★★★★?

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### **Brenda says**

This book kept me turning pages as I met some very interesting characters in Winsome PA while the plot explored Megan Sawyer and her Grandma Bibi's lives. A recipe and gardening tip are included.

The rural town of Winsome PA is close enough to major cities that tourists can make a large impact on the local economy. Holding Oktoberfest to feature local farms, shops and eateries seems like a great idea until PR professional Ophelia Dilworth takes over and changes the rules without explanation.

Megan's struggle between widowhood and the handsome Scottish Vet, Dr. Denver Finn, provides a break from the tension of murder and deceit as friends become suspects and money may be behind murder.

Not a fluffy cozy as there are 2 plots running throughout this story but it is all one issue ...or is there a second issue solely centered on Megan?

I received an ARC through Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

I can hardly wait for book 3!!!

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### **Patty says**

Ms. Tyson does it again! I loved the first book in the series, A Muddied Murder, and this book is easily as good. If you enjoy cozy mysteries, well developed characters and plot you will enjoy this series.

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### **Mark Baker says**

This October is proving to be a busy one for Megan Sawyer. Not only is it harvest season on her farm, but the town of Winsome is putting on an Oktoberfest celebration, and her restaurant is one of the major sponsors. Things take a deadly turn when one of the local pub owners is killed in a freak accident. Only Megan doesn't think it was an accident. When the police are quick to rule out the possibility of murder, it's up to Megan to figure out what is really happening.

I loved the first book in the series and was anxious to return to Winsome and the characters. This book didn't disappoint in the least. The characters continue to be strong, and the growth between books as well as the growth here was nice to see. The new characters were just as strong. Megan's personal life provided a nice sub-plot while leaving plenty of time for the murder investigation, which included some great twists and turns.

Read my full review at Carstairs Considers.

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### **Lisa Morin says**

I enjoyed this second in the Greenhouse series by Wendy Tyson.

Meghan is proud that her farm has survived a year but she is greatly disappointed in the decisions regarding the Oktoberfest celebration.

Feeling slighted that a local small farm wasn't chosen to represent the festival, Megan is even more curious when a dead body turns up.

Megan can't help but ask questions regarding the festival and this leaves a sour taste in some mouths.

This story was well written and well thought out. I enjoyed it and I am looking forward to reading more in this series I voluntarily read an ARC of this book provided by the publisher and NetGalley.

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## **Carla Johnson-Hicks says**

The rural town of Winsome PA depends on tourists to book their economy. Megan Sawyer, lawyer turned organic farmer, and her Grandma Bibi, continue to operate Washington Acres farm and cafe and are becoming well known and profitable. When the town decides to have an Oktoberfest to showcase small farms and other operations, Megan applies to be a sponsor. When the committee brings in PR professional Ophelia Dilworth, she takes over the planning and the smaller operations are overlooked for a couple of larger ones, not the most popular decision. Things take a deadly turn when one of the local business owners and sponsors, is killed in a freak accident. Only Megan doesn't think it was an accident. When the police are quick to rule out the possibility of murder, it's up to Megan to figure out what is really happening.

Tyson's Greenhouse mystery series showcases protagonist Megan Sawyer, a big-city lawyer turned small-town organic farmer. I like Megan, she is a kind, intelligent, and spirited woman with integrity. This book is populated with several other wonderful characters such as a smug-but-attractive PR consultant, a temperamental-but-gifted chef, a shrewd and sexy Scottish vet, and assorted townspeople, whose motives are complex and believable.

I loved the first book in the series and was anxious to return to Winsome and the characters. This book didn't disappoint in the least. Megan's personal life provided a nice sub-plot while leaving plenty of time for the murder investigation, which included some great twists and turns. As the relationship between Megan and Dr. Denver Finn develops, it is nice to see Megan working her way through her insecurities and doubts. There are also her interactions with her aunt that add a personal tone as she tries to find out more about her father's and mother's relationship. This is not just your easy breezy cozy, there is a bit more substance to it, that make it just a bit more enjoyable to me. I recommend this book and series to cozy mystery lovers everywhere.

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## **Jonathan says**

A stunning premise filled with solid characters and a thriller-ish plot, Bitter Harvest was a wonderful sophomore book in this series!

Megan is definitely a strong main character. She knows what she feels, and she doesn't waiver. Her sleuthing is a little bit more than I typically like, but it works. I like Denver, Clover, Bibi, and the rest of the characters, also. Really the only character I didn't like was the perpetrator, who I wasn't supposed to like.

The mystery was strong, and, as I mentioned, had a thriller feel to it. However, I feel that the ending was rushed. The big picture part of the mystery also fell into a stereotypical cozy mold, which wasn't my favorite. The setting was wonderful, and the premise of the series is to-die-for.

Overall an excellent book. I can't wait to read the next one (which I've already got an ARC of!) Highly recommend!

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## **Jan says**

I love growing my own vegetables and making good food with them so I was thrilled when I discovered Wendy Tyson's Greenhouse Mystery Series. Her second book is an great little cozy with all the right ingredients! I really enjoyed reading and learning more about Megan's organic farm and café and the mystery had a few interesting twists and turns in it that kept me interested to the end. I'm looking forward to the next installment! 4 stars

Many thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for an advanced copy and the opportunity to review this book.

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## **Donna says**

This is the second book in the Greenhouse Mystery and I have enjoyed this series. Megan becomes an organic farmer after needing a change from being a big city lawyer. It's Oktoberfest time in Winsome and everyone is getting ready until people start dying. Does it have anything to do with Oktoberfest or is there something else going on. Megan is curious as to why the city council hired an outsider to organize the Oktoberfest. And who is watching Megan or is it her imagination. Several mysteries going on in one book with great characters, lots of wonderful animals and a town you wouldn't mind living in. This series comes highly recommended.

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## **LORI CASWELL says**

### **Dollycas's Thoughts**

This is our second visit to Winsome, Pennsylvania and we are just in time the Oktoberfest celebration. The whole town wants their farm, store, pub or restaurant to be a main sponsor for the celebration and some feathers get ruffled when the select spots go to unsuspected places. In fact, when a pub owner is killed Megan doesn't think it was truly an accident, but would someone actually kill because they weren't chosen? So while getting the family farm and store ready for the celebration she is also trying to pick the killer and it isn't as easy as picking a pepper or a pumpkin.

This was a pretty complex mystery with several suspects, means, and motives.

Megan has gotten through her first year and both the café and the farm are doing very well. She has even found time to spend with a certain veterinarian. That is until she gets wrapped up in this investigation. I knew she was a strong woman in the first story but she seems much more confident now as she has settled in. Her grandmother, another strong woman reminds me a lot of my mother. Determined, respected and not afraid to speak her mind. Dr. Denver Finn was extremely busy throughout the story taking care of a sick horse and other emergencies but he was still able to carve out time for Megan. All the characters a very believable and appealing. Their dialogue rings true, including Denver's Scottish accent.

As I said the mystery is complex, in fact there are two mysteries to solve. Ms. Tyson entangles the plots together so well, weaving them together with deception, secrets, and untruths. I enjoyed doing my best to figure it all out before Megan but the ending was a complete surprise.



This one will grab you from the start and you will have a very hard time putting down.

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## **HENERY PRESS PUBLISHING says**

“Tyson’s first-rate second Greenhouse mystery stars big-city lawyer turned small-town organic farmer Megan Sawyer, a kind, intelligent, and spirited woman with great integrity. In short, she’s the sort of person cozy readers warm to and root for...Tyson populates the cast with a smug-but-attractive PR consultant, a temperamental-but-gifted chef, a shrewd and sexy Scottish vet, and assorted townspeople, whose motives are complex and believable. It’s a pleasure to spend time in their company.” – *Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

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