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Bluejay44 says

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An easy read (and a free one).

I enjoyed the story and the quirky characters, certainly a different setting to most mysteries. A home for senior citizens, where characters formed in adult life have to adjust to rules and regulations rather than make their own informed choices. Or so they should, but when a baby urgently needs to be cared for and kept hidden till his mother can be found, Esse and her friends are more than capable of rising to the occasion.

Sandy says

Had me smiling!

This is a fast paced story with wonderful characters. Taking place a Happy Haven for seniors, these oldsters had plenty on the ball. Quick witted and more than a little sass, a great read.

Barbara says

A very very funny if unbelievable cozy

Alice Hazelbaker says

A Sweet Christmas Story!

Our trim of senior citizens really find themselves in trouble this time when they agree to watch a newborn until she returns. I loved the creative way they clothed, fed and diapered the baby with what was at hand. Enjoy!

Donna Beveridge says

Had business for readers

While realize author's need to make a living, I feel that to make only 2 books (every other for Pete's sake) in a 4 book series kindle unlimited is unfair to the reader. Many of us are retired and I'm a limited income, so we try not to read series that will cost us to read. Either none of all would be the kindest.

Elaine says

This book's saving grace is the friendships formed at the nursing home. If friendships were like this in assisted living facilities perhaps more folks wouldn't mind being in them.

The story had very little plot and much was repetitious with almost every movement accounted for in a 24-hour period. Very little was done to find the missing Maria; Most of it had to do with secrecy in hiding the baby.

Beverly says

In this one an employee left her newborn at work so she could go back home to prepare to leave her abusive husband. He ended up dead in a car crash and she had disappeared. 90 year old Essie is secretly babysitting little Antonio, while she and her posse of 80 somethings plus a few try to figure out what happened to Maria. Is she alive or dead? A really cute story. I enjoyed it and chuckled at the predicaments Essie finds herself in.

Skeeter Jorgensen says

This was a cute mystery story with Ellie and her neighbors at the Happy Haven Assisted Living Facility. Along with her intrepid friends--Marjorie, Opal, and Fay--amateur sleuth Essie sets out to hide and protect a baby and find his missing mother. Luckily, Essie is one smart cookie, and if anyone can manage to reunite a mother and child right before Christmas--it's Essie. I enjoyed reading about their escapades of feeding the baby, the diapers they used, having to deal with exterminators, flu epidemic, the worst snow storm that paralyzes the city, and many other humorous events that move the story along.

Jenn says

This book was just awful. It seemed to be written on a second grade level, but the subjects were octogenarians. This wasn't actually much of a mystery. There was a missing woman. She was missing for less than 2 days. That's really about it. Also, the constant exclamations! Of the "Leaping Lizards" variety. About half way through the book, Essie started saying them about once every page or two. It just..no. This book was awful.

Jeanne Jenkins says

Essie lives in Happy Haven, a retirement home. She is 90 years old, but has a good life with wonderful

friends. One day, she was approached by Santos, a kitchen worker. He asked if she could do him a favor. Essie liked him. He was the server for her table where she and her friends ate their meals. The favor was to hide a baby! Oh my. She said that she would when it was explained that the mother gave the baby to Santos for safe keeping and expected her back the same day. Then things got complicated. A nosy neighbor, a flu outbreak, a quarantine at Happy Haven, a snowstorm and Essie's children wanted to come for a Christmas show by local children and take her out to dinner. How was Essie going to manage hiding a baby with all this going on? She managed very well with the help of her friends. Made diapers from 'adult diapers' that they all had. Made bottles out of plastic cleaning gloves and made baby formula out of protein drinks that they all had (but never drank because they tasted bad, but the baby loved it). Oh, and a dead husband. What a wild ride. Sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the story.

Becky Corwin-Adams says

Four Old Ladies and A Baby

I enjoyed this book as much as the first book in the series. It is an amazing tale of four old ladies secretly taking care of a baby in a retirement home. They barely managed to avoid detection. I loved the way the story ended. I am now anxious to read the rest of this series.

Sally906 says

PAPOOSED is the second in the Essie Cobb Senior Sleuth series. I haven't read the first in the series yet, but will go back and make amends for this. PAPOOSED was a perfect Saturday afternoon read – a light fluffy mystery, a person in jeopardy, a child to be protected from harm; relaxing, humorous and you don't need to be a rocket scientist to understand what is going on. I have older friends and relatives who live in aged care, and believe me they would get up to the mischief this lot did. If you were introduced to my friends you would think butter wouldn't melt in their mouths but if you allowed yourself to believe that you would be very wrong!!!

mary says

Okay, but got kind of bored. Seems to repeat itself and lost its appeal after awhile.

Sam says

Ugh!! I really couldn't get into this book. There were too many alliterated exclamations!! Popping Peacocks!! Really? One or two I could deal with but they were in every chapter, at least once!! I couldn't get into the characters, and the poor baby whose mother they were searching for got NO sympathy from me! Why? because the story was so blah!! Well, there you go.

Jeanne says

Slow moving and basically plotless but the characters are fun
