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From international bestselling author Gin Jones comes a small-town murder with big consequences...

Someone has murder all sewn up.

Keely Fairchild left her previous profession as a high-powered attorney to lead a quieter life as a certified quilt appraiser. But when she's asked by the Danger Cove quilt guild's president to prove that a local dealer is selling cheap reproduction quilts as expensive antiques, Keely's "quiet" new job turns dangerous. While Keely and the guild president are in the dealer's shop, the crooked quilt peddler is killed. Unfortunately, the local police think the guild president has the best motive, and Keely stakes her professional reputation, and possibly her life, on proving that the police have the wrong person. Suspects abound, including the dealer's business partner, a rival dealer whose quilts were illicitly copied for the reproductions, an arts reporter who's been threatened with a libel suit, and even the director of the local museum. But which one murdered the crooked dealer? And which one has Keely squarely in his sights now...

The Danger Cove books:

Secret of the Painted Lady (a Danger Cove Renovation Mystery)

Murder and Mai Tais (a Danger Cove Cocktail Mystery)

Death by Scones (a Danger Cove Bakery Mystery)

Four-Patch of Trouble (a Danger Cove Quilting Mystery)

Deadly Dye and a Soy Chai (a Danger Cove Hair Salon Mystery)

Killer Closet Case (a Danger Cove B&B Mystery)

About Danger Cove:

Danger Cove is a sleepy little town in the Pacific Northwest and home to renowned mystery novelist, Elizabeth Ashby. While Elizabeth swears the stories she writes are fiction, you can find the inspiration for her murderous tales all over Danger Cove...from the intriguing cast of local characters to the places to eat, play, and explore in Danger Cove. Don't let our name fool you—we're the friendliest (even if deadliest) town in the Pacific Northwest! Visit us at dangercovemysteries.com

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Yvonna says

Kept my interest until the end

Being a quilter, having helped organize and execute a quilt show, and observing quilt appraisals on some of my own quilts, I have to say the authors got much in the story right. Little things that don't matter with the overall plot, like how quickly the main character appraised a quilt, did not keep me from thoroughly enjoying this novel. I did figure out who the culprit was about halfway through, but that did not change the enjoyment of this mystery.

Joye Meyer says

I love the Danger Cove series. However, this one dragged a bit for me. I liked the characters but I figured out who the murderer was when the character was introduced. Moving along to the next in the series.

Linda Quick says

I have been enjoying the books in the Danger Cove series and this one is no exception.. Four Patch of Trouble introduces us to Keely, a former high powered partner in a law firm that had to find a new career and make major lifestyle changes due to health problems. These changes led her to Danger Cover and a new career as a quilt appraiser. Who would have ever thought appraising quilts could be dangerous?

During the course of an appraisal, she ends up thrust into the middle of a murder investigation - the absolute worst thing possible for her health. Because her friends are also involved, Keely ignores her health to help her friends, putting forth more effort than the prosecutor or police.

This is a great cozy mystery that fans of the genre will enjoy.

Thank you to the publisher for providing a complementary ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Meg says

I will admit that I had some problems with this. I can't go into too much depth without giving away spoilers, unfortunately. A couple of things as an example, vaguely speaking: There was just too much repetition of a med condition; I definitely sympathize with it, it was just there too often. And an incompetent official run amok and allowed to jump to conclusions too quickly. Some other repeats; perhaps too many red herrings. The story was interesting, though. I understand the fervor of collectors. Also the quilting angle caught me as my late sister was an avid quilter. The singing director was a kick. Loved what MCs house used to be.

Traci Andrigotti says

Keely Fairchild had hoped to settle down into a nice, quiet life when she opened her quilt appraisal business. But when a crooked quilt peddler is murdered while she's at his office, Keely's on pins and needles. Suspects abound, but there are no material witnesses. So Keely has to put together the pieces before she loses her professional reputation, and possibly even her life.

A Four-Patch of Trouble is such a fun read—who knew that quilters were such a spirited bunch? I'm looking forward to many more quilting crime capers from Gin Jones!

Laura says

Another Great Danger Cove Mystery!

This is another great Danger Cove Mystery! This is the fourth book in the Danger Cove Mysteries Series. I love how each book in this series is written by a different author. Each author has their own writing style that brings each character to the town we have grown to love. Keely left her life as a high powered lawyer and moved to the small town of Danger Cove. Keely has a medical condition and was advised to eliminate the stress in her life. She moved to Danger Cove to become a quilt appraiser and get asked by a friend to appraise a quilt of a dealer who is suspected of selling reproduction quilts. While at the dealer's shop she finds the dealer murdered. When the local police arrest the wrong person it is up to her to find out who the killer is before someone else ends up murdered. If you are looking for a great mystery, with great characters then you need to read this book. I can't wait until the next book in this series comes out.

A Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

Barbara Hackel says

The concept of the Danger Cove mysteries being co-written with Elizabeth Ashby by various authors is an interesting one. We learn about the town and the townspeople remain consistent. However since everyone puts their slant on their character and mystery, some books are better than others in my opinion. Also the general topic of they book varies widely from restoration to quilting. I must admit although the quilts are beautiful. I am not very interested in the actual construction of quilts through the past 100+ years. So at times my attention wandered a little. However, the murder and mystery of the story was well told and quite interesting.

Again, this is a stand alone story that is better if you have read the other books. The background of people and places they provide make each story richer.

I recommend this series!

Krystyna says

Quilt for life or should it be death

Stunning! Being a quilt appraiser should be a laid back position. However when a dead body turns up and your reputation is on the line that is definitely not the case. Will she find the real killer before she herself ends up in the morgue. Great read.

Ellen Hardin says

HOW CAN QUILTING BE DANGEROUS?

so i enjoyed reading the 4th book of the new multi author mystery series that takes place in danger cove-- since each book introduces us to a new mystery solver - you do not have to read the books in order- though so far each book has brought mentions previous residents. In Four Patch of Trouble we meet keely fairchild a recently high power criminal attorney suffering from a health problem which causes her to pass out when under stress - so she changed her career and became an antique quilt appraiser- no stress involved right? WRONG doing a friend a favor she is just happens to be at the suspected crooked dealers shop when his dead body is discovered- then the guild president is arrested for murder- keeley now uses her court room skills to prove her new friend innocent of murder -- problem is being new to the area- she does not know just who she can trust-- are the quilts real or reproductions? as she unravels the clues and gets closer finding why the antique shop owner was killed - she is forcing herself into stressful situations that is causing her to almost pass out- will she find out who did it before she passes out 1 last time at the killers feet-? and will we ever find out what is in her vault at home- and whether she and a certain reporter are becoming an item- for the answer to these questions you will have to read the book--- one of things i liked about this book was the way the author explained the law and quilting terms in an easy to understand manner and also threw in some quilting history to boot-- i enjoyed this book by Gin Jones but then i read her other series Helen Binney mysteries - and i am looking forward to the next adventure in danger cove-- - I was given an ARC for an honest review -

Clare O'Beara says

This tale follows a lady lawyer Keely Fairchild, who gave up her job due to stress-related illness, and now goes around authenticating antique quilts. She doesn't make quilts herself. The location is the Pacific Northwest. Antique is clearly relative as no quilt here can be more than a few hundred years old, but a supposed charlatan passing off newer quilts as antique annoys all the local quilters. Is he really a fraud? He claims to have provenance for all his quilts.

A death occurs swiftly, but I found it very odd that someone should say, "It didn't look like natural causes, but we probably shouldn't talk about it until the police get here." Most of us would be wondering if there was a maniac on the loose and if so whether everyone was in danger; certainly from America we hear of little else.

The image of blood seeping into a beautiful quilt isn't pretty but that's about as bad as it gets, with much questioning of alibis and connections. Some of the quilters see their work as art, while others are straightforwardly commercial. A museum also features. Keely doesn't seem to have a personal life and other than questioning people, doesn't come across as strong or dynamic.

If you are interested in quilts you may be delighted with this mystery. If you are just interested in antique

artefacts, you could also try the more amiable mystery *The Pot Thief Who Studied Georgia O'Keeffe* by J. Michael Orenduff.

I was sent an ARC and this is an unbiased review.

Shannon Binegar-Foster says

Loved it.

I think this one was my favorite so far in this series. Again the author did a tremendous job of keeping me from figuring out who the killer was. Looking forward to book 5.

Lois says

Delighted with this entry in the new Danger Cove Mysteries, written in this case by Gin Jones, who also writes a cozy series featuring Helen Binney.

As in the Helen Binney books, our fair protagonist has a medical condition and manages pretty well on her own, thank you very much. Keely Fairchild has abruptly quit her job as high-powered lawyer because she developed syncope--which means she faints when she gets overstressed. Now she's building a business as a certified quilt appraiser.

You'd think it would be a quiet job. But all sorts of threads (cough) get tangled up when she takes on a quilt appraisal for a museum and a quilt dealer ends up dead.

Good pacing, interesting characters, kept my interest throughout. Looking forward to more from Gin.

(Full disclosure: Gin Jones is a friend of my husband's from college. We keep in touch a few times a year--and I think she's awesome.)

Dawn Mohl says

This was an odd one compared to the others. It didn't wrap up well at all and left some outstanding questions. I don't think I want to read any more of this series.

E says

This is the fourth installment in the Danger Cove Series from Gemma Halliday Publishing. I have really enjoyed all the books in the Danger Cove series. I highly recommend getting all of them! The main character in *Four Patch of Trouble* is Keely, a former high powered attorney that had to find a new career and make major lifestyle changes due to health issues. She comes to Danger Cover and starts a new career as a quilt appraiser. What could be dangerous about quilting? Keely soon finds out.

During an appraisal, she ends up in the middle of a murder investigation, which is not good for her health.

Her friends are involved so, Keely ignores her health to help them.

Patsy Sauls says

Keely Fairchild is a lawyer with a problem. She had to retire early from her practice because when she is under a lot of stress and conflict she passes out. She is now living in Danger Cove with a new career – a quilt appraiser. This should be a stress free occupation. However, Danger Cover seems to have its shares of unusual murders. When a local antique dealer is killed with a quilt, Keely has to help discover the murder to help some quilters she knows. She also finds some help with a local reporter Matt Virra, who has some secrets of his own. I love this series. I can't wait for the next. Each book in the series is with different characters and points of view. The only connection is the Danger Cover setting and murder. After you read this book, you will want to read the others about Danger Cove.
