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**The *New York Times* bestselling author of Merry Market Murder returns to Bailey's Farmers' Market where Becca Robins must get her cousin out of a jam...**

This summer, Becca is looking forward to selling her delicious jams and preserves, but things are changing fast at the farmers' market. A fleet of food trucks has arrived for a two week visit, peddling cupcakes, tacos, chicken wings, and more—including a gourmet hot dog truck operated by Becca's own cousin, Peyton.

Tensions between truck operators and market vendors over their required licenses reach a crescendo when the town's business manager is murdered. With Peyton already under suspicion of stealing money and a secret recipe from the restaurant where she worked in Arizona, the cops start grilling her as their prime suspect. Now it's up to Becca to clear her cousin and find out who at the market gave themselves a license to kill...

## Bushel Full of Murder Details

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## Rosemary K says

Becca Robins is enjoying life. She loves making jam. Baileys Farmers' Market where she sell her goodies is busy and the people there are her friends. She has a wonderful boyfriend. Things are good. How quickly everything changes. Her cousin, Peyton, comes to town with her food truck and death follows. Can she find the killer and clear her cousin? Becca is an amateur sleuth who uses her instincts to follow the clues that others might miss. She's a compassionate person who is easy to care for. I like her and her dedication. She may be impulsive but she has the best intentions. Sam is the Sherriff and a truly nice man. He's a keeper. I love a person who is fair and true to his word. Becca can be a handful but he cares for her deeply. These two belong together. This is a great cozy mystery that kept me entertained. Bushel Full of Murder is a well told mystery that has plenty of suspects and surprising twists that kept me guessing until the very end. I enjoy the small town setting of Monson and its easy pace. I like a story where family and friends are there to provide love and support. Paige Shelton wrote a cozy that left me with a smile on my face. I enjoyed this new addition to the Farmers' Market Mysteries.

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## Sally says

Best so far! Becca is growing up!

Bushel Full of Murder is the 6th book in the Farmers' Market Mystery series. I received an advance copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I think Paige Shelton has hit her stride with Bushel Full of Murder, and I hope there are many adventures ahead for Becca at the Bailey's Farmers' Market. Becca's curiosity is insatiable – can you say nosy – and she just can't seem to stay out of trouble. She has vowed to let the police do their job and take care of solving murders, but once again circumstances put her right in the middle and she must do what she can to find out what really happened and remove suspicion from someone she cares about.

This time it's her young cousin Peyton, who arrives with other food truck vendors who will be temporarily operating at the farmers' market. Peyton is the primary suspect in the current murder; she was always a handful, and Becca is reunited with a character from a previous book that tells her there is already a cloud over Peyton from events at the restaurant she worked at in Arizona. We are kept guessing right until the end about who does and does not have good intentions, who is lying, who is dangerous. Of course Becca manages to have another couple of hair-raising experiences, but they are believable and consistent with events in the book.

The food trucks and their owners add an interesting bit of color to the farmers' market, and we continue to learn more about the regular cast of vendors at the market. I would have liked to know a little more about the food trucks, how they operate and the food they serve, and I hope to see more detail about the working of the Bailey's Farmers' Market in future books.

This book is totally satisfying if read as a stand-alone, but I recommend reading all in the series to really get to know the market and the characters and to understand Becca's relationships and see how she has grown and matured. When we were first introduced to Becca she could be careless and often immature and

thoughtless. Paige Shelton has done a wonderful job of character development and Becca is now someone you would be proud to consider a friend.

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### **K.A. Davis says**

Bushel Full of Murder is the story about Becca Robbins who makes and sells her jams and preserves at the local farmer's market. The owners of the market decide to invite food trucks from other states as a promotion for the summer and Becca is happy when her younger cousin, Peyton, is one of the food truck vendors. However, trouble seems to have followed Peyton and her hot dog truck from Arizona to South Carolina. Becca learns that her cousin is suspected of stealing both a secret recipe and money from the restaurant she worked at and using them to start her food truck business. When the town's business manager is found dead with the stolen recipe clutched in his hand, Peyton becomes the number one suspect. Becca's boyfriend, Sam, is the local police officer and in charge of the investigation. Becca knows Sam is only doing his job by implicating her cousin, but decides that even though Peyton appears to be hiding something she must find the real killer and clear Peyton's name.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading Bushel Full of Murder. It's the sixth book in the Farmer's Market Mysteries and although I have only read the first book (I have full intentions of reading ALL the books in the series!) Bushel Full of Murder is a stand alone book. You don't have to start with the first book to know what's going on. I was very happy to see that Paige has allowed Becca to grow as a person and make choices that reflect that growth. It adds reality to her continuing stories. And of course her delicious recipes included with the book add to my reading pleasure!

The author provided me with a free copy of her book in exchange for my honest opinion.

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### **Lisa Shafer says**

There is a reason why Paige Shelton is my favorite cozy author.

Bushel Full of Murder is the latest in Shelton's Farmers' Market series, but Shelton works enough backstory into the plot that a casual reader should have no trouble following the current mystery.

Oh, certainly, this book follows the typical cozy pattern: single female with a love interest/ hot cop deals with a murder by being nosy, even though the police try to keep her out of the investigation, and, after a climax scene wherein she does something dumb and gets into a very risky situation, she gets the murderer to confess and helps the police capture him/her. All cozies are like that now.

But I'm a cozy junky, and I can firmly state that Shelton's cozies are a step above average. She gets the editing done right, for one thing. The mere fact that the woman can spell "Farmers' Market" correctly (making it plural possessive) is a huge sign. The POV works (it often doesn't in cozies). The pacing works. The backstory makes sense. Her protagonists are never idiotic.

Bushel Full of Murder is no exception. Becca, the protagonist, is very realistic and likable. In this installment, Becca's flighty younger cousin has been accused of several crimes, and she's being followed by a cop from Arizona. But when the cousin ends up being right at the scene of a murder, things don't look good. Shelton fleshes out Becca, her cousin Peyton, her twin sister Allison, the murder victim, various other suspects, and the hot cop. There are no cardboard characters here, no hint of RL Stine's completely interchangeable characters. In fact, Shelton's characterization skills are on a par with those of many

successful crime writers, rather than just those of other cozy writers. I wouldn't be surprised if someday Shelton tried breaking out of the cozy mold and writing a less patterned mystery or crime novel. So, should you read *Bushel Full of Murder*? Well, do you like cozies? This is a light, quick read with no blood or guts. The red herrings are just right, the pacing is perfect for a beach read, and the characters behave like real people. A serious mystery this is not. If you're looking for light, you cannot do better than Shelton. Give the series a try. (If you want to read the books in order, you'll need to begin with *Farm Fresh Murder*.)

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### **Leeann says**

*Bushel Full of Murder* is a great casual read! It had a pretty steady flow throughout the whole story, and I was honestly in the dark about who the killer was until it all came about at the end of the story. You can definitely read this book without having read previous books, although there was enough information in there that has intrigued me to want to read the previous stories. Becca is a very cute and easy going character which will make you want to read more about her adventures!

\*I received this book for free in exchange for a fair and honest review.\*

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### **Linda Smatzny says**

In this book, Becca's cousin, Peyton, has returned to town after being in Arizona. Peyton seems to be in trouble including murder but Becca is determined to clear Peyton of everything. The book was a quick easy read.

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### **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

I can't say enough good things about the *Farmer's Market Mystery* series. It has been a delight since book one and only gets better with each installment!

Every trip I take to Monson and Bailey's *Farmer's Market* is more enjoyable than the ones before. The reason for that is quite simple . . . author Paige Shelton's writing. She takes each new installment of this series to a new level, all the while maintaining the original feel of the series which made readers fall in love with it in the first place.

*BUSHEL FULL OF MURDER* was a real page turner that I hated to put down for even a moment. The murder happens close to eighty pages into the book, which gave a wonderful depth to the setup of the story. I've said this a lot, but I enjoy a book more when the author takes the time at the beginning to let the reader really feel like a part of the story before the body is found. Once the murder did take place, the story became even more riveting. Packed with plenty of suspects and loads of questions, this was a wonderfully plotted mystery that will have readers turning up the volts on their thinking caps!

*BUSHEL FULL OF MURDER* was a bushel full of excitement and fun. Way to go Ms. Shelton!

And don't forget to check out the back of the book for some great recipes

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## **Karen says**

I was a very lucky person to receive an ARC of Bushel full of Murder for a fair and honest review.. No problem, this is a cozy mystery I really enjoyed. I love the main character Becca and enjoyed her relationships with the other vendors, her boyfriend and ex-boyfriend and her cousin who's in trouble because they think she's the main suspect in a murder. I loved the farmers market and the addition of the food truck. I got hungry when the jams were described and when the gourmet hot dog truck was described I thought I was going to have to go find one. I did laugh at spots and something unusual happened to me during this book. I didn't solve the mystery by the end. Also all the recipes sounded great. I will surely read the next one in the series.

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## **Carlana says**

I was given this book for a fair and honest review.

This is the first book by Paige Shelton that I have read. While I do not generally pick up a book in the middle of a series, the concept had me intrigued so I had to try my hand at it and I was definitely glad I did so.

From the characters to the location to the fun and craziness at the farmers market, this book has you roped in from the very beginning. We follow as Becca must help clear her cousin, Peyton's, name in a murder rap. All the evidence points towards her cousin and she sets out to set the record straight.

I highly recommend this book, series, and author to anyone who loves cozy mysteries or is wanting to get into the genre. You will definitely enjoy the Bailey's Farmers Market cast of characters and she will keep you guessing till the very end.

Thank you Paige Shelton and Cozy Mystery Review Crew for the opportunity to win an ARC and review this book!

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## **OpenBookSociety.com says**

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Brought to you by OBS reviewer Kayt

Bushel Full of Murder is Paige Shelton's newest release in her Farmers' Market cozy mystery series. The main character, Becca Robins, is in for a big surprise when Bailey's Farmers' Market hosts food trucks for the next two weeks. The even bigger surprise is the arrival of her cousin Peyton and her hot dog truck. Before Peyton even arrives, an old friend shows up from Becca's time in Arizona. Harry is one big law man and even his friendship with Becca cannot stop him from searching for his quarry. His suspect in an assault and robbery that happened in Arizona just happens to be cousin Peyton. Harry is convinced she did it, but agrees to let Becca help in the investigation. All signs point to Peyton's guilt and maybe that is someone else's doing. Becca introduces her love Sam to Harry and they hit it off right away. Things really put Becca's

love and her good friend Harry together when a murder occurs and Peyton is not only at the scene of the crime, but also the prime suspect of the murder.

Bushel Full of Murder is a well written, action packed, thrilling mystery. The characters are fun, diverse and well developed. With two separate mysteries being investigated at the same time, by two different jurisdictions and Becca, there still seems to be only one person who fits the bill for as the guilty party in both. Becca and her sister Market manager Allison search for answers and other suspects. Their search is entertaining and enticing as well as fruitful. The wonderful characters are as amusing as always in Paige Shelton's Farmers' Market Mystery series. Reading Bushel Full of Murder is like coming home, while it is still as fresh as a just picked tomato. This installment of the superb series is as great as all the others and even better. Love the sentimental and heartwarming events (no spoiler here though). There are plenty of if new suspects, a few red herrings and circumstances that intrigue and mislead. The storyline is entertaining and captivating. Paige Shelton's writing style is exciting while at the same time endearing. I feel like I am hanging out with good friends when I get to pay a visit to Munson and Bailey's Farmers' Market.

This book is the 6th in this enchanting series. I do not think you need to read them in order to thoroughly enjoy this delightful book. But really they are all great so why not treat yourself. This is a fresh and tasty cozy that would appeal to any fan of the genre. Well written, full of action, intriguing mysteries, great characters and interesting twists and turns make Bushel Full of Murder a true winner. For those that have read all of this series, I think you will truly love this newest installment. I cannot wait for the next in this entertaining cozy series. Exciting happens await I am sure!!

\*OBS would like to thank the publisher for supplying a free copy of this title in exchange for an honest review as part of their ongoing blog tour\*

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### **Tina at A COZY GIRL READS AND WRITES Blog says**

A farm fresh murder, jam packed with action, suspense and appetizing food from the farm. Jam maker, Becca and her sister, Allison who is Bailey's Farmer's market manager where Becca has a stall where she sells her jams make a sweet team to be sure. After Becca's aunt and uncle passed away Becca wanted to continue her uncles unrealized dream of having a farmers life growing produce and making and selling jams.

Food trucks are arriving for a short stint at the market with the hope of boosting Bailey's Market Business with Becca and Allison's cousin, Peyton the young, beautiful and often flighty cousin with her gourmet hot dog food truck. Also arriving from Arizona is friend to Becca and long arm of the law man, Harry in search of Peyton, she is a suspect in an assault of a restaurant manager and theft of a substantial amount of money and a recipe.

When the banker and the town's business manager come calling, there is tension between everyone at the market when the vendors are required to have licences for their stalls and the food trucks. When the business manager is murdered in the parking lot of the bank after some question about delinquent business licences with Peyton being at the scene of the crime things are not looking good for her, Harry is convinced that Peyton did it despite his friendship with Becca wants to see that she pays for her crimes and is arrested for the murder. Becca with the help of her sister, Allison want to prove Peyton's innocence because she is family and blood is thicker than water. But in true Becca style she can't help but getting in the line of danger to save the farmers market and her family.

An exciting and an adventurous ride with Farmers Market Vendor and Jam Maker, Becca. With an abundance of farm fresh delicious food, shady characters all of them with something to hide and a murder of a business manager who was a stickler for the rules. A very entertaining and hard to put down edition to the Farmer's Market series. Becca being a laugh in the face of danger type of person had me on the edge of my seat as she sought out a killer. This was a satisfying mystery for any foodie (myself included) and a true lover of intrigue and a dose of farm freshness. Becca is a genuine, down home and down to earth heroine of this series, she is a sure fire winner and one of the reasons I will continue to read this series.

FTC Disclosure: Thank you to the publisher for providing me a copy of this book for review. This did not influence my thoughts in any way. All the opinions of the book and review are my own and my reviews are honest.

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### **Joy Scaggs says**

Bushel Full of Murder is an absolute must read. I was totally captivated from the first page to the last. Bushel Full of Murder is a must read.  
Don't miss it !!

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### **Christine Martin-resotko says**

I received an advance copy of the book, and couldn't put it down! Becca is back in the thick of things, trying to save her cousin from being arrested for murder. Her detective skills have grown, along with her relationships with her fellow market vendors and the local police force. The changes in her relationships with both her current boyfriend, Sam, and former boyfriend, Ian, are believable and wonderful.

The farmers' market is even more colorful with the addition of a group of food trucks who's wares will keep you hungry throughout the book. Paige has painted the area so thoroughly that I want to go visit and meet all the characters.

The plotting was excellent. I am a mystery buff by nature, and I measure all books by this standard: can I figure it out before the main character. I was totally in the dark by the end, but in the best possible way. All the leads that Becca follows make complete sense, but there are little things here and there that in retrospect gave you most of the clues you needed. I was very satisfied by the end. The recipes all look really good, which has to be said because I get so hungry reading these books that there had better be recipes for me to use by the end.

All in all, this is the best book so far in the Farmers' Market Series. Enjoy!!!

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### **Barb says**

I had the great good fortune to receive an advance copy from Ms. Shelton in exchange for a fair and honest review. I absolutely loved this book. Have you ever finished a book and immediately started missing the characters? This is that kind of book. The setting, as for most of the books in this series, is Bailey's Farmers Market. But there's a new twist: food trucks! A joint marketing plan has five food trucks moving into



Bailey's parking lot for a short stay. One of the trucks belongs to Becca and Allison's cousin Peyton, and the minute she arrives, trouble comes with her. **BUSHEL FULL OF MURDER** launches June 2nd. If you're a cozy lover, like I am, this is a must read!

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### **Jean says**

This is the first book that I have read by Paige Shelton. Now that I have read this book I will be picking up the entire collection. I was excited to find a book that flows really smoothly. It did not hold any of the little quirks that I find tend to irritate me as a reader. I loved the characters and really loved the mystery. I had absolutely no idea who the killer was, which for me is a first in a really long time. It held my interest so much so that I read it in one day. The last time I read a book this fast was several years ago. I am really impressed with this book and will probably be re-reading it. I do not usually re-read a book after picking it up unless I truly love a book. I whole heartedly recommend that you should pick this book up. I will definitely be looking into purchasing other books by this author as well. Enjoy.

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