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Super sleuth Ivy Malone's inquisitiveness has gotten her into plenty of trouble, including murder, mayhem, and a place on a mini-Mafia hit list. Still on the run from the mob, Ivy ends up in a small town in the Pacific Northwest with a broken-down motor home, a young traveling companion running from a violent husband, and a stray cat. With no way to fix their vehicle, Ivy and her companion are invited to stay in an old Victorian house by a compassionate young woman attorney. But when Ivy discovers that the former resident was murdered and that the prime suspect happens to be Ivy's kind benefactor, she's on the case-digging up clues and getting into plenty of trouble along the way.

Stranded Details

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Rachel Lubow says

This final Ivy Malone mystery continues the series' trademark humor and suspense. The ending--pleasantly--was not too tidy. I also appreciated that Ivy strongly commends churches that focus on Christ.

This book's plot resembled On the Run's plot, making it a bit predictable. The plot also seemed too dramatic, and more cliches--both Christian and general--were present in this book than in the first three of the series.

Regrettably, three brief comments about beauty were inappropriate for a Christian novel. (First was a statement that a character's lack of beauty is quickly overlooked because of her personality [page 73]. We must emphasize that God has made us each beautiful. Fallenness may have marred that beauty, and we may not fit the world's definition of beauty, but He has made us beautifully [Psalm 139:14]. Second was a description of an actress as a "blond goddess" [page 113]. Third was a joking comment Ivy thought to herself after being flirted with: "Ivy Malone, the senior sexpot" [page 141].)

Finally, the issue of being unequally yoked (2 Corinthians 6:14) suddenly became unimportant. Ivy now considers dating Mac without mention or concern that he is not yet a Christian, and Abilene (although she does not yet profess Christianity) begins dating a Christian. I wish Ivy would have maintained the stance she earlier expressed on this issue.

Kendall L. Mann says

Murder, arson, two-timers and some romance.

Entertaining tale of a philandering codger, abusive husband, and murder and intrigue. I just can't see anyone with half a brain waiting to go to the police when they have proof of a murder suspect. Endangering lives to keep from ruining a small town production is just too irresponsible.

Debra says

I love this Series! Ivy is a character you'd want to know. (I'm rooting for her and Mac) She's kind, considerate, and she reminds us not to be judgemental. The characters get a little preachy at times, but these also can serve as a good reminder. The author keeps us guessing up to nearly the end, so you're not bored knowing "whodunit" half way through.

Janet says

Lots of laughs with Ivy

Just couldn't wait for the next book in the series. Just a light hearted make you laugh mystery. Keep them coming!!!

stephanie k mcmillan says

I happened on this series when trying to find an easy read for an upcoming trip. Although I found the narrative a little repetitive, the humor made the difference. No grand denouncement but you wanted to see how it all came about. I've gone from one to the next but now on #5 and I hope Mac and Ivy hit the road together!

Heidi R. says

I really hope there will be another book in this series. It's not a "real" cliffhanger at the end, but there could be MORE to come... I recommended this series to my mom, because she will truly enjoy it (as in...it's a very nicey nice series ;o))

Christy says

Another cute read in the Ivy Malone mystery series, Stranded takes us to the tiny town of Hello where local residents are blaming the murder of a prominent townsman on his niece. Of course she is one of the first people Ivy meets, and in true Ivy character, she gets involved in solving this murder.

Abilene is still with Ivy in this book as is Koop, the anti-smoking cat. Ivy and Abilene become stranded in Hello when their motor home breaks down and an engine is beyond their meager means. They settle down in none other than the house where the murder has taken place and begin a new adventure.

Abilene finds a job at the vet's office, while Ivy begins working in the Historical Society library. Of course, this leads Ivy right to the clues she needs to solve the mystery of the murder.

Twists and turns, musical reviews, movie star chickens, UFOs, quirky characters, carousel horses and a cozy setting make this another book worth reading!

Nancyinbelize says

Fun! Typically it was a slow wade into the first half of the book but at the 50% mark it got interesting.

Becky says

”Stranded” is the fourth book I have read in the Ivy Malone Mysteries written by Lorena McCourtney. Ivy is a senior citizen who, in her recent history, has found herself in a number of sticky situations. Situations so “sticky” that she has hit the road to avoid trouble. During her travels she has befriended a young woman who is also running from problems, so she joins Ivy “on the road”. While driving through the countryside, RV problems develop that causes them to take refuge in a small town.

This is the story of the adventures and the can of worms that Ivy opens in this little town, as well as, the local characters she meets. There are lots of twists and turns, mystery and humor in this story. It is fun to read. Even though this is a series, one could pick this book up and start reading without a problem. I love all the Ivy Malone Mysteries. These books are well written, family friendly, and very entertaining. You will not be sorry if you read them.

The only thing negative I have against these books is that I wish there would be more in this series. Please, please send us more adventures of Ivy Malone!

<http://www.lorenamccourtney.com/>

My blog: <http://fushiacat.wordpress.com/>

Doranne Long says

Now Ivy has landed in Hello, Colorado, and is dealing with a murder in a mansion. I was intrigued through the entire book; Lorena McCourtney has left me "thinking," and wanting more.

Diane says

Fun, light mystery.

Lorraine says

Once again Lorena McCourtney has introduced us to fun-loving, mystery solving "little old lady" sleuth, Ivy Malone. As she travels the US to escape the Braxton brothers who are still chasing her from a previous book, her RV breaks down in Hello, Colorado. A murder has taken place a month earlier of the town's wealthy supporter Hiram Kiefer. Ivy has to find a job and a place to live since she doesn't have the money to buy a new engine for her RV. This leads her to become involved with the citizens of the small mining town of Hello and once again find herself in the midst of a mystery. I love Ivy's strong personality, charming wit, and her quiet but always there faith. Similar to *Murder She Wrote*, the Ivy Malone series is very good.

Trudy E says

The stories get better and better. Ivy, on the run with Abilene and a one-eyed cat named Koop, experiences mechanical trouble with the motor home. Without enough funds to cover the cost of repairs, they are offered refuge in the home of a murder victim for the duration of their stay. Both quickly find employment and Ivy's curiosity gene makes her more determined than ever to find clues to the unsolved murder. Former neighbors and long-time friends come by for a visit and though it appears at this time that Ivy and Abilene are no longer being pursued by the Braxtons or Abilene's abusive husband, danger still lurks with a killer on the loose.

Meagan says

I really enjoyed this installment of the Ivy Malone mysteries! Steady pacing, good character development, and an intriguing mystery all paired together for a fun read (that at times kept me up at night - not just to find out what happened next, but because it gave me the shivers!). A sure success!

Pamela Tracy says

Excellent. I read the first Ivy book thanks to a free download at Kindle. I promptly purchased the next three and was not disappointed. Wait, I was disappointed. There should be more.
