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ASPIRING MYSTERY NOVELIST JENNIFER MARSH IS BACK--
WITH A TASTE FOR DETECTING!

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Jennifer knows that gentle, white-haired Emmie could never kill anyone. Edgar's current wife, however, with her lush body and scheming brain, fits the bill. But unless Jennifer and her writers' critique group can figure out who's been plotting murder, Emmie's neck will be in the noose . . . and reluctant witness for the prosecution Jennifer will be the one to tighten it!

Dying to Get Even Details

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Alannah Davis says

A delightfully fun read. Aspiring mystery novelist Jennifer Marsh, along with her writers' critique group, are out to find out who killed restaurateur Edgar Walker before Edgar's ex-wife Emmie is unjustly imprisoned for the crime. What's not to love about a mystery that includes a variety of genre writers as the MC's goofball friends, and a restaurant whose existence depends on secret sauce? All that's missing is the recipe for the secret sauce.

I thoroughly enjoyed this and highly recommend it!

Nancy says

I enjoyed it. The plot and the main character are appealingly crazy. It's a good beach book!

Mary Schildman says

Smashing

Adventures of Jennifer Marsh, book two was as delightful as book one. A few hours spent read on this cold winter day (would be nice on a warm beach too). Fun characters, fun dogs and a good "cozy" mystery. Already have book three waiting to be read

V.B. Winkler says

A clever mystery with a basically clueless heroine who somehow stumbles into getting it right and a hilarious group of writer friends who involve themselves to their peril.

Cheryl Landmark says

I enjoyed this book more than the first one in the series. It boasted plenty of humour, quirkiness, and enough twists and turns and red herrings to make the identification of the culprit difficult to discern right away.

Jennifer's character was also a little better this time around. She didn't have that I-have-to-get-published-at-all-costs-no-matter-how-ridiculous-and-stupid-my-actions-are-to-get-there desperation that she showed in the first book. Her main concern was to help Emma Walker prove she was innocent in the murder of her ex-husband Edgar, and I admired her loyalty and commitment to helping the elderly woman. I also liked how she made only a few references to her unconceived offspring, Jaime, instead of constantly mentioning him/her as she did in the first book.

Ben was such a patient, tolerant man once again as Jennifer waffled back and forth with her feelings toward him. Hopefully, she will realize what a good catch he is one of these days and finally commit to him.

The members of the writers' critique group were an eclectic, quirky mix of personalities, which made for a lot of humorous moments, even though I'm not sure I really liked some of them some of the time.

All in all, this is not a bad series and, as I said, Jennifer is becoming more of a likeable character than she was in the first book. So, for now at least, I will continue with the series and see how it goes.

Susan says

This was easy easy chewing gum for the eyes kind of book. It requires no thought, has no subtext, and should be read for what it is. It is a book to read when you are taking a break from reading. I enjoyed this more than the first in the series. In fact, based on the first novel I wouldn't have purchased any further of the Jennifer Marsh series, but I brought for the first 4 together in a compendium hence the reading of the second. I will most likely read all 4 at some point.
For repetition - a super no brainer book and great for it.

Paul says

PLOT OR PREMISE:

Jennifer Marsh is back with her reporter boyfriend. This time, her elder friend Emmie Walker is in trouble: Jennifer finds her standing next to the dead body of Edgar Walker, with the murder weapon in her hand.

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WHAT I LIKED:

The rambling around by all of the characters is great. As usual, Jennifer's writing group throw themselves in to help her investigate all the goings-on at Edgar's Down Home Grill, complete with a special sauce that may be to-die-for.

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WHAT I DIDN'T LIKE:

The storyline jumps around a bit in time at the start. It might have read a lot better in normal linear fashion rather than the resulting stilted jumping. Its only the first few chapters though, so it doesn't overly hurt the story.

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BOTTOM-LINE:

Even better than the first in the series

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DISCLOSURE:

I received no compensation, not even a free copy, in exchange for this review. I am not personal friends with the author, but I have interacted with her on social media.

moxieBK says

Dying to Get Even (Jennifer Marsh Mystery #2) — Judy Fitzwater (35 chapters) March 7, 2017

One of the things I like the most about this series is the way the author pokes fun at her main character's writing ability and her inability to get published. There are some funny scenes comprised of nothing but those shenanigans.

This series is just a dependable cozy that doesn't seem to take itself too seriously. I read the first book in this series a long while back and am now reading this second one. Despite having not re-read the first book again after this long spell, I was able to pick up the characters rather quickly and that was quite refreshing and made for enjoyable reading.

This book reads fairly fast. My version of this book is part of a three book set (#1-#3,) which I got at an incredible great price, considering how well written the plot was.

One caveat: there is a fair amount of grammatical errors and sentence structure issues. However, given that this is a self-published book, I'm not too hard on the author. It seems the errors are all around the same place in the book, as I didn't notice them before or after that part.

I enjoyed this book and am looking forward to more books in this series.

Three stars.

Karen says

Loved it

It is so nice to read a clean story that doesn't include cursing or mature content. I enjoy Jennifer and her friends.

Chi Dubinski says

Edgar's Down Home Grill is flourishing, but the reprehensible owner, Edgar Walker, is finito. Jennifer Marsh finds his body--and catches her dear friend Emmie, Edgar's former wife, nearby, gripping a bloody knife. Jennifer knows that gentle, white-haired Emmie could never kill anyone. Edgar's current wife, however, with her lush body and scheming brain, fits the bill.

Mikayla MacIntyre says

Jennifer Marsh, mystery novelist, returns in this wonderful sequel to the first book. Once again, the book give me a mystery that not only intrigues and interests me, but also I want to be solved. The characters are all back and better than ever, likable when they should be and unlikable otherwise. This book was fantastic, and

I hope the series continues to deliver.

Judie says

When Jennifer Marsh is forced to testify that she saw her friend, Emma Walker, standing by the swimming pool at Emma's ex-husband's estate holding a knife while Edgar Walker's body was floating in said pool, killed by a knife stabbing, she tried to evade the question and ended up being arrested for contempt of court. Jennifer didn't believe Emma could have committed the crime and the prosecutor saw it as the obvious solution. Journalist Sam Culpepper, Jennifer's longtime and patient boyfriend paid to get her released the next morning.

Jennifer decided the only way to prove Emma's innocence was to find the actual killer who she is certain is Edgar's current wife, Lisa. With the assistance of the other members of her writing group and Sam, she set out to do just that. Among her discoveries are a stolen identity, a secret sauce, and confused family relationships.

Jennifer also weaves a fictional story of her mystery story heroine, Maxie Malone, into the plot as a way to figure out how she, Jennifer, should act and how to solve the crime.

As usual, Judy Fitzwater writes a quickly paced, well-written, clever book. One favorite segment: "She wasn't about to let Lisa throw her off with criticism. She knew all about those tactics. She's had parents." One criticism, there is some repetition as Jennifer reviews some of the information she, and we, already know. It isn't done as often or in as much detail as most other authors do, though.

Jeanette says

This was a good mystery book. I like this book better than the first in this series. If I can find more of this series, IF will read it.

Marti says

A Jennifer Marsh Mystery. We have a man who owns five barbecue places with an ex wife and other relatives he wants to take over. Someone kills him, and somehow I couldn't care who or why.
