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Yaritza says

I was happy to have won a book that mixes mystery and the postal service. First book I have read that has the main character both as the postmistress and has her nose in a murder mystery, while her best friend is a detective. It was a fun book to read. Cassie is very adventures and is very well known in town since she is the only worker at the post office in the small town of North Ashcot, Massachusetts. She kept me on point thinking of all the possible suspects with motives.

JoAnne McMaster (Any Good Book) says

As the third book in the Postmistress series, I really wanted to like it better than the first two. But there are so many things wrong with this book, beginning with buildings changing locations and growing larger. That's right - growing larger. In the last book, the drawings showed the post office, then buildings 1201 Main and 1203 Main on the corner facing the bank. In this book, it's 1203 Main, 1201 Main, and a much larger post office (now transposed to the corner and facing the bank) - attached to a community center that didn't exist before. Maybe others don't pay attention to details, but I do. And these details most certainly weren't in the previous book. You can't just change locations of buildings and make them larger on a whim. Not to mention I've never heard of a post office having a community center. That's just odd.

Secondly, supposedly there are three thousand people in the town of North Ashcot, but only one postal employee. They don't deliver mail, and we're supposed to believe that everyone goes to the post office to get it. Even if half are children, that's a lot of post boxes they'd need. This post office must be the biggest in the country to accommodate that many. Plus, can you imagine the lines of people picking up/mailing packages at Christmas? In fact, she wouldn't have time to investigate murders. She'd spend all her time sorting mail and putting it in the boxes. I check my mail every day, as do most people. I thought this was a town of about 100 people up until now. Now I understand some towns don't do home delivery - but with this many people you'd have to have more than one person and keep the post office open a lot longer to accommodate those that work during the day, not to mention disabled people would need their mail delivered. So, a town this size, with everyone coming into the post office every day to get their mail would take up an awful lot of time - and again, need more than ONE employee to do so.

When a professor is murdered Cassie blames herself because he wanted her to investigate threatening letters (which he should have taken to the police department if he thought his life was threatened) so nosy Cassie needs to investigate - again. While Cassie's in the perfect job for her, since she thinks post offices are fascinating, they're not. I really tried to like it, but sorry, I am so done with this series.

Fred says

Addressed To Kill is the third book in A Postmistress Mystery series;

Another exciting visit with Cassie Miller at the North Ashcot Post Office.

Valentine's Day is quickly coming and a local band, The Ashcots are using the community room at the Post Office to practice for their upcoming Valentine's Day dinner/dance at the senior center. After practice ended Dennis Somerville a college professor, comes into the post office and asks Cassie to look into a couple pieces of hate mail that he gotten which are evidently from students of his. She calmly tells him that based on what information he has given her about the letters there is nothing she or the post office can do. Later that day she gets a phone call from Sunni, the police chief, asking her to come to the police station as soon as she can. When Cassie get there, Sunni informs her that Somerville has been found shot to death in his home. Based on the post office receipt in his pocket, Sunni feels that Cassie might have been the last persons to see him alive and asks Cassie to relate his visit to the post office.

There have been a number of break-ins in the North Ashcot area and it's thought to be a robbery gone wrong. Cassie has been asked be Mercedes, another professor at the same school, to do a presentation to her class on the Victorian history of Post Office. Cassie feels a certain amount of remorse at not helping Somerville and feels that doing the presentation will give her an excuse to be on campus and do some investigation into Somerville's murder. But Cassie will find out she needs to find the murderer before her life is canceled.

Another well-crafted mystery and an interesting look into the workings of the postal system. Also included are interesting stories from the post office.

I will be looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Susan says

My only real complaint is that I hate it when the amateur sleuth keeps evidence from the police--and here, they're even friends.

Melissa Castor says

It's Valentine's Day approaching in North Ashcot. The band that Cassie's boyfriend Quinn is in is rehearsing for the upcoming Valentine's dance. There have also been a rash of burglaries around town. When one of the members of the band, a professor at the local college is found murdered, it is unclear if it was part of the burglaries or something else. Cassie believes it was not the burglaries and sets out to find the real killer. Another enjoyable book with interesting postal facts.

Kayt18 says

Truly a first class cozy! I love protagonist Cassie Miller and the town of North Ashcot. A fun romp into Valentine's Day mystery and intrigue. Even if you have not read the other 3 great books in this series, you can jump right into this one. Another super read from author Jean Flowers. I was given a copy by the publisher, the opinions are unbiased and my own

Cheryl says

Cassie is the new postmistress in her hometown and the town is getting ready for Valentine's day. She lets the musical group practice at the post office in off hours. One of the musicians is found dead shot at his home. He had brought in some threatening letters from students so Cassie gets involved. Interesting information about the post office and it's history add to the story.

Susan says

I really liked the first in this series. This one doesn't have much to do with Cassie Miller's role of postmistress in her small town. Instead, it features two puzzles--the series of robberies that plague the small community, and also the death of a professor at the nearby community college, a man who played in the same group as Cassie's boyfriend. She doesn't have much to do with elucidating the first mystery--her friend the police chief does that on her own--but does figure out the second problem in time to get herself attacked. I do dislike the common fictional attitude by amateur sleuths that "I'll let the police know about this clue after I've figured out what it means." That kind of comment from Cassie spoils some of the amusing background and characters for me.

Ashley says

Cassie Miller has the highly respected (lol) job of postmistress of a tiny post office in North Ashcot, Massachusetts. She sees everyone in the town on an almost daily basis since there's no home delivery, and because she's a groupie of a somewhat popular musical group by dating one of the band. Cassie is also remarkably nosy, in deep with the chief of police of North Ashcot, and not bothered about making enemies along the way. So goes the mystery of *Addressed to Kill*, the story of who killed local math professor Dennis.

I picked this story up on a whim in Barnes & Noble in August because I thought the writing was okay, but there are serious structural problems that were not revealed until the end. Cassie is also kind of a moron. I dragged my way through this as a brainless bedtime read until recently, and I don't really recommend it. I went in thinking post offices might be kind of interesting, but quickly learned that Cassie just *thinks* they're interesting and in reality, post offices are as boring as stale toast.

Katrina Wiese says

Cassie Miller, Postmistress at the North Ashcot Post Office in North Ashcot, Massachusetts, is gearing up for Valentine's day in her tiny town. This year she has the pleasure of hearing the rehearsals of the local band, The Ashcots, who are using the community room at the Post Office to practice for their upcoming Valentine's Day dinner/dance at the senior center. When the murder of one of the band members, Dennis Somerville, a local college professor, looks to be linked to some harassing mail is brought to Cassie's attention, she once again puts on her investigating hat to help find the culprit to ease her mind of guilt that is plaguing her.

This is my first introduction to Jean Flowers and this book series. I was immediately smitten with the

premise of the book, as I have always loved sending and receiving letters and venturing into the post office to buy colorful postage stamps of all varieties. I love the character of Cassie. She is hard-working and honest and has a lovely curious demeanor, and you can feel the value and importance she places on her relationships with friends and loved ones. This book has a fun small town atmosphere with a great cast of characters. The story was fast-paced and had a ton of twists and turns in what became two mysteries. I very much enjoyed figuring them both out. I was happy to see the cliff hanger that we were left with on the last page, and I can't wait until the next book to see how that plays out!

Don't forget to read the fun post office stories at the end of the book, for a few quick laughs!

<http://myshelf.com/mystery/16/address...>

Karen says

Over the weekend I finished Jean Flowers Addressed to Kill, the third book in her Postmistress Series. I have now read all three books and I think this is one of the coolest series in the cozy world. Maybe it is because I identify with the author's main character and her love of the mail. As far back as I can remember getting something in the mail was such a treat. My grandfather used to write and send stories to us and my mom would read them out to us until we were old enough to read them ourselves. Postcards from their trips, holiday and birthday cards had us cheering for the postman. When I was old enough pen pals had me hanging out by our mail box and even now, it is one of the most fun parts of the day. I still love my snail mail and I feel it is such an important way to connect even now in the age of impersonal emails and more efficient means of communication. In Addressed to Kill main character Postmistress Cassie helps to figure out who is behind the murder of a local math professor. Cassie is naturally curious, and very much inserts herself in the investigation, with a little nudging from her customers and her best friend and police chief Sunni. There is so much to love about this series and it is my hope that it will continue. This book is out now and a series you should own!

Once Upon a Romance Reviews says

Reviewed by Wendy

Sexual Content: None

Language Content: None

Violent Content: Minimal

Cassie Miller is the postmistress in North Ashcot, Massachusetts, a small town in the Berkshires. Although much smaller than Boston where she used to work, North Ashcot is not without its own problems.

A local music group which will be performing at the local Valentine's dance ends up practicing at the post office when their usual place is unavailable. But not long after practice, one of the local musicians is found shot to death in his home. Cassie begins to wonder if the man's death is related to a string of local break-ins or maybe to the school where the professor taught. Seems the man was not everyone's favorite teacher and

he was getting hate mail. While researching for a talk she is scheduled to do at the local school, Cassie takes advantage of being on campus to take the time to look into the students in the professor's class, to see if one of them had been sending him hate mail.

Addressed to Kill is a well written, tightly woven mystery with lots of suspects and a few red herrings thrown in. I enjoyed learning a little about the postal system and enjoyed Cassie's relationship with local policewoman Sunni, a woman who valued Cassie's input into the mystery.

The story also delved a little into Cassie's relationship with boyfriend Quinn. Sure to be a favorite of cozy mystery lovers and all of lovers of the two previous books in the series.

-- WENDY

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Postmistress Mystery, Book #3

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Synopsis:

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Review:

I was so happy to visit with Cassie Miller and her friends in North Ashcot, MA again. I really enjoy the town and the characters that inhabit it. As postmistress of the small town, Cassie is at the hub of activity. She is able to get to know everyone and a little bit of their lives as well. And as the town is rather small, the post office can also be used for other purposes. All of this really lends itself to a wonderful cozy series. *Addressed to Kill* is the third in this wonderful "Postmistress Mystery" series. Author Jean Flowers had found a fantastic setting and occupation for this first class cozy mystery. When I first heard what it was going to be

about, I have to admit I was a bit skeptical. Seriously my post office is never this much fun and definitely (thank goodness) does not have this much intrigue. Luckily the author has developed a protagonist that will never be designated to the dead letter pile. Cassie is intelligent and fun and the cast of characters are terrific.

As *Addresses to Kill* begins, North Ashcot is preparing for Valentine's day. Cassie of course is as busy as can be at the post office. A local band has had to move their practices to the community room at the post office. They are an odd group of intellectuals and local colorful citizens. As they prepare for the Valentine's Day dinner and dance, Cassie sometimes comes in early enough to listen and see them leave. Things do not seem as cordial as she would have thought. One of the members is even upset because he is receiving hate mail. What is going on in their small town now? Later that same man, Professor Dennis Somerville is found shot dead at his home. Could this be related to all the burglaries happening? Could he have interrupted a burglar? When it does not look like that is the case, Cassie is pulled into another murder mystery and the evidence is all over the place.

Cassie feels that there are definitely clues to be found at the college and luckily (and not so luckily) she has been asked to give a talk to the class of one of the other band members that is also a professor. The only problem with that is Cassie is terrified to speak in public. After some serious thought and a bit of guilt for several reason, she finally agrees. Now she will have the chance to chat with some of the students, do a bit of searching and hopefully stumble upon some answers. At the same time of course Cassie is up to her gross accepted weight in work, helping friends and trying to get time with her boyfriend.

Addressed to Kill is another superior installment from author Jean Flowers. The characters are well developed and relatable. The setting is enjoyable and I would love to visit for a long stay. I love this storyline and think this is the best of the 3 books in the series. Although all three are fabulous. If you have not read the other two, you can still read this one as a stand-alone and have no problems. I cannot wait for the next book to be released. I am sure it will be too long for my enjoyment, but all good things come to those who wait. So that I will. The mystery is entertaining and with lots of red herrings and sideways moves, it was kept suspenseful. I had a clue who the killer was, but then of course was thrown for a loop. This is really one book that is a special delivery full of cozy goodness!

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

Sheila says

I hope this series never ends and post offices stop closing! This story had me hooked from the first page. Like Cassie, I had several characters vying for the killer! Nice plot twist with Morgan and the three thieves!! I think her friend Linda should find a valentine in Ashcot and move there!!!!!! I really like the map of Main Street and that Cassie's boyfriend, Quinn, plays the dobro - nice touch. The last chapter was a cliff-hanger and can't wait for the next story!!!

Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

ADDRESSED TO KILL is a priority read. A genuine special delivery.

Waiting for this third installment in the Postmistress Mysteries felt slower than waiting for my mail! But the saying is true . . . Good things come to those who wait.

While I have loved my past visits to Ashcot, Massachusetts, author Jean Flowers has outdone herself, and once again written a cozy mystery I couldn't tare myself away from, reading it in one sitting. Getting to spend time with series lead and postmistress, Cassie Miller, and all of the fun, kooky, cool townsfolk, was more wonderful than ever.

From cover to cover, ADDRESSED TO KILL was exciting, fun, and informative. Fast paced, with as many twists and turns as an old country road, it held my complete attention throughout. With never a dull moment, I was laughing out loud one minute, then sitting on the edge of my seat the next. A very clever murder led to a surprising reveal. And just when thought it was done, author Flowers threw in an ending that perfectly finished the book off.

And don't you dare close ADDRESSED TO KILL without reading the Post Office Stories, and other fun tidbits at the end!
