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August 1146. Prince Hywel has called all the bards of Wales to him for a music festival to mark the third anniversary of his rule over Ceredigion. He has invited all the lords of Wales too, including his father, his uncle, and his neighbor to the south, King Cadell. But with the highborn also come the low: thieves, spies, and other hangers-on. And when a murderer strikes as the festival starts, Gareth and Gwen are charged with discovering his identity--before the death of a peasant shakes the throne of a king.

The Unlikely Spy is the fifth *Gareth and Gwen Medieval Mystery*. Other books in the series include: *The Good Knight*, *The Uninvited Guest*, *The Fourth Horseman*, and *The Fallen Princess*.

The Unlikely Spy Details

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Voirrey says

I do love the way that things that happen in one book have an effect in another, and so the characters become more and more real. The relationships between King Owain and his sons and between Hywel and Rhun themselves develop here, and it is interesting to see more of Rhun this time.

The music festival is an interesting part of the story, and the tangled web of both Welsh and English politics again provides a fascinating backdrop to what at first appears to be a fairly straightforward death of a not very important person. The realities of motherhood again are not forgotten, either.

We leave this book with a sense of fear for the characters we have come to know, as it looks as if war is on the horizon.

Alison says

Look, some of the plotholes in this one were big enough to drive a truck through, and the writing remains nothing to get excited about, but as a journey through the worlds of the middle classes and the poor, this book holds enough interest to make it worthwhile. Another key strength is the background, but constant, understanding of how Gwen's relative freedoms are further curtailed by children.

I can't defend the plot though.

Kathi Reed says

good series

Noreen says

This was a fun read, and possibly my favorite Gareth & Gwen mystery yet.

Bruce says

I am not a fan of mysteries, but anything Sarah Woodbury writes, I like!

Bron says

I've enjoyed this whole series so far, not least because Gwen and Gareth are very likeable characters and it's interesting to read how their lives progress. But out of them all, this one feels a bit unfinished, they solve the

process of the murder but it somehow feels that the depths of the motive have not yet been plumbed. I'm hoping that's because there's going to be a sequel which will reveal more. This is also the first one in which I've felt some sympathy for the 'body' and I would have liked to have seen a bit more about his life and thoughts, rather than just getting it second hand from companions who didn't seem to value him very much.

Valerie Antijunti says

I can't get enough of Gareth and Gwen

The Gareth and Gwen stories just keep getting better and better. Before I was even done reading this book, I was looking forward to the next one. It is written so that I feel as though the story is being told to me by a friend.

Meri says

Great book!!!

I've been reading Sarah Woodbury's books for about a year now. The stories are always amazing. The cliffhanger on this one makes you want to fast forward time til the next book is released.

Betsy says

Must admit. Up at this hour due to cough. But nice to have something good to read to keep me company.

Susan says

Good

Christine says

An unexpected supise ending.
