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Making her grand re-entry into Portside, Rhode Island, Belinda Kittridge expected fun, sun, and sugar cookies.

Instead, she gets one jilted lover braced for round two, an old rival on the hunt, and the murder of a former classmate and friend. Even worse, Belinda must return to the events surrounding a tragic sailing accident to set things right.

But new possibilities emerge in the form of security expert Bennett Tate. Between her connections and his know-how, they're bound to catch the killer - and kick the skeletons out of the closet for good.

## **Cliffhanger Details**

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# From Reader Review Cliffhanger for online ebook

**Nanci J Larkin says**

**Bad grammar. No continuity of thought. Even mixes up her own characters.**

If this is an example of how English grammar is (not) taught in public schools then it is time to cry for our country. This was more of a doodle than a book. Paragraphs did not contain contiguous thoughts. Huge chunks of the story were left out. Difficult to tell who was talking. No transitions from scene to scene. Wrong characters were occasionally used when the author apparently got confused about her own characters. Very immature and undeveloped story and characters. It makes me sad to see how far we have fallen.

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**Curly Carla Celebrity Readers says**

<https://celebrityreaders.wordpress.co...>

Favorite Quotes:

“We could buy them an ice pick.” “And you’re complaining that nobody uses a bread maker?” “Hey, there is more than one use for an ice pick.” Victoria grinned. “Could come in handy past the honeymoon period.” “Yes, let’s buy the happy couple their future murder weapon.”

Bennett Tate was unfolding like origami. Deceptively simple on the surface.

3 stars

Eh, this one was only okay for me. I kept feeling like I was missing something while reading it. Like things were getting skipped over and I had to keep going back saying, “Wait, how did we get here?”

The MC was a too breezy, I couldn’t really take her seriously. Her manner was almost melodramatic. And the near misses and the stalking were a bit over the top. Also, I kept getting confused between Belinda and Bennett’s names. They were too similar and it threw me out of the story. So I was already half out of it by the time I got to the climax.

It just seemed that something that happened ten years ago wouldn’t take so much head space for so many people. I guess I couldn’t suspend my belief on this one.

And the love interest was underwhelming for me. It lacked spark for me, there was smoke, but no fire. So I was left wanting in that department and that makes for a cranky Carla. Grrrr.

All in all, it was ok. I don’t think I will be reading anymore of this series but I might try another my this author.

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## **MK says**

Huge gaps and holes in the story, followed by 2 plus 2 equals 5.

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## **Ellen says**

**Absolutely the most enjoyable book I have read in some time ! Don't know what to say , don't want to give anything away but you are missing a GREAT read if you don't read it .**

Please, do yourself a favor and get it to read..it's a book I am glad I read. I got it free from amazon and so glad to share how I feel about the book .

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## **Ross says**

### **Amateurishly written**

The author's writing style is poor. She constantly jumps to assumptions without explaining to the reader how she got there. Lots of jumping around in the plot. And one character was arrested and then suddenly appeared free without so much as an arraignment. I choose this book to read aloud with my wife, so I could put up with the sappy romance if it wasn't written like a high school creative writing project.

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## **Carol She's So Novel?? says**

Really good cover.

Not a bad story but Belinda is quite snobbish & unlikeable in parts & Bennett remains a cliché.

2.5 stars

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## **charmaine White says**

### **Good Fun**

A fast moving, very enjoyable read. Lots of thrills, mystery and suspense. But let's not forget the romance. I kept wondering what was going to happen next. I'll be looking for more from this author.

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## **Kimberly says**

An enjoyable read with many LOL moments. I liked the two MC's, Belinda and Bennett, and all their friends and family. The mystery was interesting although I figured out who did it fairly easily. I think my only issue, which made it 4 rather than 5 stars was that I can't understand why Belinda could stand up to some people,

but not others... But, I would still love to read more in this series. :)

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### **Ashley says**

I hate to "DNF" a book, but this little freebie just did not catch my attention. The book starts off dialogue heavy with no sense of who these people are, where they are or how they are all connected, as there isn't any writing. It's all characters talking. Trying to read this book was much akin to overhearing a conversation in a restaurant where the talkers are strangers, speaking of people and places you don't know, and you aren't sure how all the people at that table are connected. Brother/sister? Best friends? A couple on a date?

Right off the bat, there are too many names flying around and since I'm already lost by this point, I see no need to confuse myself any further by learning the mentioned names. Or matching them to possible characters later on.... no, thank you, Delete!

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### **Lisa Crenshaw says**

I like the main characters but I felt as though I was missing a lot of the story. Belinda would feel better she got something out in the open and the reader still had no idea what that was. I'll still try the next one and see if the storyline improves.

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### **ELIZABETH A. CERCE says**

**Not worth the time to read it.**

Silly. childishly written. ok if youre a young teen . I wouldn't waste my time reading want others by this author.

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### **Charles Ray says**

Socialite Belinda Kittredge, returning to her hometown, Portside, RI, expected fun, sun, and sugar cookies. There to oversee her twin brother, Kyle's, renovation of their parents' home, she is also reconnecting with old high school friends. Immediately, though, a decade-old tragedy, the death in a boating accident of a friend and almost-boyfriend, intrudes. At a party, she's approached by Jeff, witness to the old death, who wants to 'talk to her about it.' She also finds herself pursued by a teenaged neighbor who had an old crush on her and seems to want to revive it.

When Jeff is found dead at the base of a cliff, Belinda knows something is amiss. She finds it hard to concentrate on it, however, because of the heat emitted by Bennett Tate, an ex-cop turned event security expert, who is asked by a friend on the local police force to keep an eye on her—a task he finds most pleasant.

Things go from bad to worse, and Belinda finds herself the target of some weird attempts on her life, her brother accused of murdering Jeff, and an old classmate still carrying a grudge over something that is ten years in the past.

You might assume Cliffhanger by Amy Saunders is one of those books that ends on a cliffhanger, with

many—or at least the main—issues unresolved. Wrong. The author wraps everything up nicely. Turns out, the title refers to the situations the main character constantly finds herself in.

One complaint about the book. The author uses characters names frequently, and I do mean frequently. Belinda's name opens the first two paragraphs, and I stopped counting how many times her name was used in that chapter at ten—it was more. It's nice to know which character is which, but there has to be a better way than using their name; three or four times in one paragraph is way too many. At that frequency it's not informative, it's intrusive.

So, here's a book with a fascinating couple of main characters, the requisite volume of sparks flying between them, and a fairly interesting plot—marred by names, names, names. I give it three stars, and cross my fingers that this author—who shows great promise—will notice this and institute corrective measures in future books.

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### **Taylor H. says**

I was enthralled in Belinda and Bennett's story instantly! The scenery sounds beautiful, the characters are super realistic, and the mystery is enthralling!

*Cliffhanger* is one of those books that is so engrossing and loaded with detail that you feel like its a movie playing in your head. You can perfectly picture the locations and even the expressions on the characters faces. It was truly that great! It definitely felt like a Hallmark movie to me! ?

Growing up, one of my favorite series to read was Nancy Drew, since that time it has been I don't know how long since I've actually sat down and read a good mystery book. *Cliffhanger* brought all those good memories back to me! I absolutely love how Saunders weaves in the perfect amount of humor and romance with such a great mystery! I also really enjoyed how as a reader, I didn't know every little thing the characters were thinking. Instead, they were able to surprise me!

I can't wait to get my hands on the second book in this series and see more of Belinda, Bennett, Jonas, Kyle, and Victoria! I really enjoyed getting to know all of them in this book!

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### **Andrea Guy says**

Cliffhanger is the first book in a new series of cozy mysteries by Amy Saunders.

Our reluctant sleuth is Belinda Kittridge and on the side of law enforcement is Bennett Tate, an ex-cop who is now a PI he's also going to be the love interest for Belinda.

You can't help but love Belinda who comes from a well to do family but isn't your typical rich girl. She's much to nice, as is her friend Veronica, but not everyone is sweet in this story.

The opening scenes where her neighbor's 18 year old son asks her out is hilarious. Got to give him credit for trying. I wonder if he'll do it again when he reaches 21! We can only hope the series is still going then! (Maybe give Bennett a run for his money)

The mystery involves the death of one of Belinda and her twin brother Kyle's friends, Jeff, who is party to the sailing accident that took the life of another member of their set, 10 years prior. If they find out who killed Jeff, they might get more closure on Mark's death as well.

There are a lot of surprises here and more than one person that could be the killer, until you realize someone is after Belinda, that's when the suspect list narrows down quite a bit.

All through this you see Belinda's relationship with Bennett growing. They are a kinda sorta couple. Nothing is formal yet, but we know it will be.

This was a great cozy with romantic elements and hopefully a start of a long fun series!

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### **Sarah - All The Book Blog Names Are Taken says**

Belinda was such a snob half the time, and it was obvious who the killer was very early on. Like, at the party. Reasons were not so obvious until some of the holes were filled in later. There's nothing remotely interesting about Bennet and I found myself not caring if Belinda lived or not. Or any of them, actually.

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