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Serving up murderous munchies at a church potluck social wouldn't win any popularity contests, as Jackie Hoffner discovered. Someone had laced the casserole she brought with poisonous mushrooms... and the deadly dish had fellow churchgoer and town fussbudget Alice Farmer pushing up daisies. Now the gossip-hungry townsfolk suspected Jackie of foul play. To prove her innocence, she decided to conduct her own murder investigation, and Trooper Dennis Walsh's helpful efforts and boy-next-door charm were welcome. Meanwhile, the town's mysterious poisoner seemed to have more victims in mind....

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Stephanie says

I won [Murder By Mushroom](#) in a mystery challenge the author had on her website. I've had Virginia Smith on my tbr list for awhile, but truthfully the religious aspects of her books had me choosing others to read first. :)

I enjoyed how the author portrayed the characters in [Murder By Mushroom](#). You really get a sense of who they are. About half way through the book I realized, I really don't like the main character, which as I read further was probably how I was suppose to feel. However, as she "grew" and "learned" I was probably suppose to forgive her earlier transgressions but I had a problem with that and even by the end I still held some of that dislike.

Even though I didn't like the main character, I still enjoyed reading this book. It's good cozy mystery, the religion was not over the topped as I feared, the writing was easy to read and the story made sense.

I will keep Virginia Smith on my TBR list!!

Jenn says

A page-turner that mixes two of my favorite genres: mystery and romance (and I don't mean regular romance novels, but I like romantic tension plotlines). Lovely, fluid writing and fun dialogue! I laughed out loud and couldn't put it down until the end. I highly recommend this book and the very fine, talented author who wrote it.

Heather says

I really enjoyed the easy nature of this book. It was a good mystery with a little love interest thrown in. Just a quick fun read.

Jenny says

I loved this book I it was because I could relate to Jackie in so many different ways. I actually found myself laughing out loud at times. I recommend this book to everyone!!!

Amelia Urses says

This was a good book for relaxing, but it was a little cheesy. Just keep that in mind!!

Jodi says

When someone kills old Mrs. Farmer using Jackie's potluck casserole, she's determined to beat police to the answers. Unfortunately, she manages to irritate nearly everyone in the process and has to decide if clearing her name - when no one believes her guilty, is more important than being a real part of the community. Smith deftly captures place with quick descriptions that make the reader feel as though they should visit these places. The characters were all characters without being stereotypes so you never knew exactly how they'd react. A cute cozy.

Jan Hall says

This is a really good book. I enjoyed all the characters involved in this cozy murder mystery. The good and bad examples of Christian living. Who killed Alice and who is next?

Louise Pledge says

After reading "Days of Noah", I just had to find more by the author. Yes, I liked it that much! I started by buying this book. While I don't, usually, care much for the "cozy mystery" genre, this one kept me reading, and it was hard to put down. In fact, I stayed up late reading in my bathroom one night to finish it! :)

At a church pot luck, one of the church ladies was killed by poisoned mushrooms added to a dish that Jackie had brought and was very proud of. However, Jackie hadn't put any mushrooms in it! I knew from that moment that I would be hooked on this book.

Joann says

Lightweight.

Jane says

You will never think of a church potluck or mushrooms the same after reading this book. Everytime you see a mushroom you will chuckle. Church potlucks will seem so different as you look at people and friendships.

Suzanne Williams says

I enjoyed the pace of this story. The romance portion unfolds slowly and has some conflicts along the way, which I liked. The descriptions of Jackie's cat became a quirky bonus to the story, adding to her own

character. The plot itself moved along well with the final outcome completely a surprise to me when it came. I like that Jackie learned something about love and the damaging power of gossip. The minor character of Margaret was a bonus, though I wondered why a Pastor's wife would indulge Jackie so much in her snooping. Overall, this is an enjoyable murder mystery well worth reading. It seems worth a sequel because I liked the couple, Jackie Hoffner and Dennis Walsh.

Kristy says

Murder By Mushroom was a very cute book. It was slow reading at parts and sometimes would lose my interest. Other times I couldn't put it down.
