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Returning home has never been so bittersweet in this acclaimed novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Sherryl Woods

Flamingo Diner has always been a friendly place where everyone knows your name. Unfortunately, in the small town of Winter Cove, Florida, it is also the place where everyone knows everything about you. As a teenager, Emma Killian didn't recognize what a remarkable business her family had created, and so she moved away.

Now her father's tragic death has brought her home to face a mountain of secrets, debts and questions about why and how her beloved father died. As Emma grapples with her out-of-control family, the responsibility of keeping Flamingo Diner afloat and a pair of well-meaning senior-citizen sleuths, she finds support from an unlikely source.

Onetime bad boy Matt Atkins is now the Winter Cove police chief. Matt has always had a penchant for trouble and an eye for Emma. Now it seems he's the only one who can help Emma discover the answers to her questions...and give her a whole new reason to stay home

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Pauline says

Disappointed in this book. Not enough depth to the characters.

Stephenee says

This book was a good read, I enjoyed the story, the characters and the plot. The only thing that I was a bit upset about was that this was a re-print of a story from 2003 - they just gave it a new cover, rebranded it and called it a day. The words/technology was a bit outdated due the age of the story. I did enjoy the overall story, the location and the name! Anything with Flamingo in it must be good! This is a great summer read, so grab your copy today!

Kristen says

Wow! This book packs a wallop! Matt - former troubled teen, present police chief, he's been in love with Emma since they were teenagers. Emma - raised by loving parents, couldn't wait to spread her wings and move out. Now she lives in Washington, D.C., but comes back to Winter Cove, Florida, to help out after the death of her father. She feels the spark with Matt, but is more focused on helping discover the details behind her father's death. Matt is more than willing to help her seek answers, and he's hoping that in the process he can convince her to stay in Winter Cove, to stay with him. This book is so much more than "just a contemporary romance". It is the story of mourning, moving forward, searching for answers, self-discovery, hope, recovery, friendship, family, and love. Excellent read!

Kiki Belle says

The first of this author's books to disappoint me, Flamingo Diner fails at actually making me like the main characters. Not to mention the sort of commentary on Emma's brother's girlfriend, who is a teenager who dresses like half the teenagers I see but does drugs and apparently tries to be an activist but doesn't wholly understand the issues. You know, because she's a teenager. Teenagers just don't understand these things usually. Why is Emma, a grown woman, seemingly mocking her? It's one scene but that's all it takes to dislike a character. Anyways, like all the author's stories, Emma comes back to her small town and decides to stay despite the fact she has a job she loves waiting for her. Because it's a story about small towns being amazing, something I've actually never heard from someone from a small town. Her father's dead, his family suspects suicide, and the only reason this gets two stars instead of one is Emma's mother, who I think is the only believable character in this. Certainly, the only one I liked, even if I'm still not clear on why her father decided to do what he did.

Gina Marie says

Flamingo Diner by Sherryl Woods is a story involving a major tragedy within a family and how that tragedy sweeps through into the lives of each family member affecting them all in different ways. It goes through each stage of the terrible circumstance highlighting the grief and sorrow, the guilt and anger, but also the strength and hope found in family and friends and how no matter how bad a hand life throws us, we have to keep moving forward in baby steps and look out for the light through all the darkness. I adore SW's writing, however this one I probably wouldn't have picked up if I knew the heaviness of the subject matter; I just tend to like stories that are more lighthearted. There are many points in this story that are light hearted, however, it just wasn't my FAVORITE type of story to read that's all; which is the reason for the 4 stars. Definitely well written as always, and very likeable characters! There is a romance entwined and it is super sweet and will make any woman wish for a Matt Atkins! Happy reading!

Linda says

This is a very heart warming story of a family that lost her husband and the kid's father to what could have been a car accident but was it? It is a story of a family trying to cope with their loss and trying to heal and keep together as a family. Sometimes it is better not to know the truth and sometimes it takes the truth to get better. Sheriff Matt Atkins tries to hold them together because he has always had a crush on the daughter, Emma Killian, but when she comes back to Winter Cove, Florida after moving to Washington, can he convince her to stay? Good story

Jeanne (love2cook) says

In the small town of Winter Cove, Florida, is the family run Flamingo Diner. It is owned and run by Don and Rosa Killian. Their three children, Emma, works in Washington, DC, Jeff, a senior in college, and Andy, a senior in high school. One day, Don is found dead in the lake in his submerged car by Matt Atkins the police chief, and long time family friend. Emma rushes back to home to help the family come to terms with her Dad's death and finds Matt still the rock to lean on and much more. A good romantic read.

Harlequin Books says

"In a well-plotted story that tackles some tough emotional issues, Woods shines. This is a gripping read" (4 stars @ RT Book Reviews).

Kelly says

I think the biggest problem that I had with this book is that one of the main characters was in love with the other for over 10 years. Which is fine. I'm all for true love. But the weird thing is that they were never a couple. Never dated. He fell hopelessly/head over heels in love with her when she was a teenager, and then never stopped loving her. Other relationships failed because he couldn't get over her. BUT THEY WERE

NEVER IN A RELATIONSHIP. And then she moved away. AND HE STILL LOVED HER. Did this amount of unrequited love not bother anyone else? If he loved her as much as he said he did, he should have visited her. At least once. I'm just saying..

Sheila says

In the author's "Dear Readers" greeting, Sherryl Woods explains that this book has a serious storyline about suicide. Each character went through all the emotions in his or her own way. At first wanting to believe it was an accident, to secretly thinking it was a suicide. In the meantime trying to keep the Flamingo Diner open and realizing how much the Diner meant to their community. Even with all this drama, there was light-hearted and humorous dialogue. There was also a serious drug-related incident - that wasn't entirely caused by the suicide. I was very glad the ending answered the question of why suicide so the family could have some closure. Interesting to see which characters will have their story in future books.

Angela Harris says

Could have been several hundred pages shorter! Kept repeating itself and got no where!

Elaine says

Heavy on the romance which seems to take precedence over the mystery. The characters were okay. Likable. Believable. There was hope there would be a twist since it took so long to end after the mystery was solved.

Leslie Beebe says

Good story although a little predictable. I loved the characters & the happily ever after.

Mary says

A different read from Sherryl

Loved it but a bit different than what you expect from Sherryl. Very emotional and a difficult subject but she did the story so classy. I couldn't put it down. A must read

Cindy Parrish says

it was ok but not a keeper

