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Things couldn't be better for Trudie Fine and her partner, Zachary Cohen. It's the first big job for their catering company, A Fine Fix, and everyone who's anyone in the Washington, D.C. area will be at the Schwartzes' backyard Mexican fiesta.

With the tables set, the food prepared to perfection, and the Mariachi band sizzling, Trudie is mellow as a Margarita smoothie...until a dead body is discovered floating in the pool.

When Zach is arrested as the prime murder suspect, Trudie sets out to clear him and find the real murderer. Life gets spicier than a jalapeño pepper when she realizes she's the focus of three men's affections, including the unnerving detective handling the case.

Soon, however, Trudie is reaching for her favorite knife, but not to chop vegetables.

Recipes Included!

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Julie says

Kindle

Cindy Young-Turner says

A Fine Fix is a great blend of mystery, humor, and of course, food. Trudie Fine is a unique and intriguing character, and has a love of bold colors and delicious food. When a murder occurs at her first professional catering gig, and her partner and good friend becomes a suspect, Trudie decides to do some sleuthing of her own to prove her partner's innocence. I love the way Trudie deals with the challenges of running her own business, struggles with her weight, and tries to sort out her feelings for not one but three potential suitors. Her quirky sense of humor helps her try to make the best of things as she is pulled deeper into the mystery. Ms. Deitch's smooth prose captures Trudie's voice perfectly and keeps you turning the pages. I will be looking for the next installment in the series!

Mark Willen says

This is a delightful addition to the world of cozy mysteries. Trudie Fine is a likeable, funny and honest narrator who has a knack for getting herself in a stew of trouble. She's the co-owner of a catering service, at work at a big party when a dead body shows up in the swimming pool. When her partner becomes the top suspect, she's left to solve the murder herself. A bit dumpy and frumpy, Trudie is not your typical heroine, but her first-person narration, filled with clever food metaphors and similes, quickly won me over. The plot is spiced with romance, as Trudie becomes the object of desire for no fewer than three suitors. It's all great fun - and just scary enough -- in a debut novel that makes for a perfect summer read.

Cindy says

This was the first in a series and the first read by this author.....not sure I want a second.

Tara Brown says

This review is for the audiobook on Audible

A Fine Fix: A Trudie Fine Mystery by Gale Deitch, Narrated by Kristin James is my new cozy mystery series! I'm so happy I decided on this book!! I love cozy mysteries, but I couldn't find a new series to really grab my attention...until now! I 100% plan to purchase the next in the series immediately after writing this review. Yay!

The storyline moves along quickly with surprises and sparks of romance by Trudie's three suitors at every turn. I'll let you read the plot description yourself, so I don't accidentally give anything away! The storyline was easy to follow, entertaining to the max, and kept me engaged throughout. This is my first book by Author Gale Deitch, and as I said before, and I couldn't be happier to have found her! She really keeps you guessing and on your toes! I was really surprised to find out "whodunit," and it was the furthest from my continuously changing predictions of the killer. Way to go, Gale!

Narrator Kristin James was great! Her use of multiple voices and singing...yes, singing...had me cracking up! I feel that her narration added to my enjoyment of the book. There were a few times I noticed she didn't fully switch over over to the new character speaking, but it didn't take away from the overall performance enough to reduce a star. I felt she did a wonderful job, and I'm very happy to see she also narrates the next two audiobooks in A Trudie Fine Mystery Series available on Audible. Keep up the great work, Kristin!

I rate this audiobook 4.5-5 stars across the board. I absolutely LOVE the main character, Trudie. She is a real person who is easy to relate to, and I felt as if we had been friends for some time. I know, weird, right? I can't help it, though! She is super likable, funny, caring, and family-oriented. The recipes at the end of the book were also a great addition. They sound fabulous and easy to follow...exactly how they should be. I also like that there are only a few of them, rather than some cozies I have listened to where 1/3 of the book goes on and on forever with fancy recipes I'll probably never be able to make....can you tell I'm not a gourmet chef? Hehe! I definitely recommend this audiobook to lovers of the cozy mystery genre as well as those who enjoy a good fiesta! ¡Olé!

Thank you for reading my review. I hope it was helpful. :-)

Glenda says

This cozy mystery has mixed reviews but I liked it. Hopefully the author will release another book in the series...soon.

April says

A Fine Fix: A Trudie Fine Mystery
: Gale Deitch

A new cozy mystery series begins with the catering team of Trudie Fine and her lifetime best friend Zachary Cohen out on their first big job. The excitement begins when the male host of the party is found floating, dead in the pool. Some predictable events in this fast paced book, but lots of zany twists will keep the listener guessing. I'm anxious to see where this series goes in the next book.

The narration was well done. The characters were well portrayed. Kristin James gives Trudie and friends a lively journey. Bonus recipes sound interesting.

"I was voluntarily provided this review copy audiobook at no charge by the author, publisher and/or narrator."

Inishowen Cailín says

Brilliant.

I really enjoyed this fun, cosy mystery. Trudie is a delightful character and a breath of fresh air. The mystery had me guessing and I happily trundled along with her as she investigated the murder and fell into one scrape after another.

I loved the humour in the story as Trudie wrestled with the romantic attentions from three men while trying not to hurt anyone's feelings. The final chapters were exciting and suspense filled which had me at the edge of my seat.

I listened to the audio version of this book. The narrator did a great job and I couldn't wait to get back to listening to the story after each time I had to press the stop button.

Anastasia says

A Fine Fix by Gale Geitch is the first book in the Trudie Fine mystery series. Trudie Fine and Zachary Cohen are co-owners of catering company A Fine Fix and are catering one of their first major parties when their client's husband is murdered, and Zachary is accused of the crime. I enjoyed reading this book very much. The characters were fun and likable and even though the murderer was easily spotted, the book was entertaining and captivating. Recipes are included and sound delicious.

Nancy says

Is there such a thing as a delicious mystery? I think so, and A Fine Fix qualifies. Fun characters that I hope to meet again.

FangirlNation says

In **A Fine Fix** by Gale Deitch, Trudy Fine and her best friend since childhood, Zac, run a catering business that is now just getting off the ground. They have finally hit the big time, catering a big party for the family of Trudy's college roommate, Allie. But before they get to serve the main course, someone finds the body of the host, Mr. Schwartz, in the swimming pool. Detective Daniel Goldman arrives to take charge, and it doesn't take long before he zeroes in on Zac, though Trudy can't figure out why anyone would suspect her gentle friend. This takes Trudy into the world of detection, as she tries to save Zac from being convicted of a crime she's certain he didn't commit.

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Sarah says

Trudie is so excited! Her catering business finally has its very first big catering gig. She and Zach are catering a party with no specials or coupons and can actually expect to make a profit and hopefully book more jobs off of this one. Then one of the hosts, Mr. Schwartze, falls into the pool, dead. Then the attractive, and single, Detective Goldman arrests Zach for the murder. Can Trudie prove Zach's innocence? Will Trudie become the killer's next victim? I look forward to reading more of Trudie and Zach's adventures.

I received this book for free from AudioBlast in exchange for my honest review.

Carole says

A good enjoyable mystery, which makes a change to have a heroine who isn't slim and pretty. I felt that I could identify with curvy Trudie Fine who just loves her food and loves to cook it!

There are some red herrings in this mystery and some twists that I didn't see coming.

I liked Trudie and her partner, Zach, they worked well together and were a good combination.

There was lots of humour and funny moments.

Trudie moaned that she'd had her share of unrequited love and had never had a boyfriend but I did find it hard to believe that not one, not two, but three very handsome very eligible young men were interested in her and were falling over themselves for her in this story. This just made the story too unreal for me.

An intriguing mystery overall, and I would be interested to see how this series develops in the future....preferably without all the love interests!

From Carole's Book Corner

Jackie says

Excellent writing with a fun, normal character Trudie. Complex plot that will have you guessing and you will not be able to put the book down. Am so looking forward to reading her next book when it's released.

Gail says

While catering a large society dinner, Trudie Fine is convinced that her career is launched...until the body of the owner of the mansion is found face down in the pool. This lightweight mystery was fun to read and rather predictable.
