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**The national bestselling series that "will draw readers to return time and again to Sea Harbor."
(Carolyn Hart)**

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Linda Smatzny says

It's Christmas time in Sea Harbor and before the big day two murders will occur and the knitters will have their hands full trying to figure out the murderer. The book was a quick easy read.

Natalie says

I was delighted to find this on my shelf of unread cozies recently - it is, after all, the holidays! As with the others in this series, this a quick read and certainly had more to it than the average cozy. But WHY is everyone so sanctimonious and good in these books? I live in a small village - have done for 7 years - and when I have a crisis, there are not hoards of lovely people looking out for me. Yes, it is fiction, but it stretches well beyond what is believable in terms of human kindness and village togetherness. Everyone is constantly munching on lobster rolls and exchanging cozy gazes. After a short while, reading this kind of thing makes my teeth hurt. Certainly something worth tucking away for a stormy day, but not really all that sustaining.

Susan says

A wonderful series. The ladies are so endearing. Hoping this series goes on forever.

Kathryn says

Although I liked the mystery aspect of "A Holiday Yarn", what I really loved was the ambiance. This story took place during the winter in Sea Harbor, Massachusetts. As with the other books in the series, one of my favorite themes is Friday nights at the Endicott home with all that great camaraderie and food. I always find myself wanting one of Ben's famous martinis - and I don't even LIKE martinis. I felt the continuing development of Sam and Izzy's relationship was very moving.

Susan Poling says

These knitting yarns are rather mindless...so why do I read them? It is always fun to see what is happening at the Thursday Nite "Knit'n'Bitches" around the US. These women had wonderful relationships and spent more time talking about their friends than bitching. They also had a great setup for dining during their time together. Good food and lots of wine as they knit colorful squares to be made into blankets for children in South Africa. They all wear beautiful swaeters and don't seem to gain weight as they eat their way through numerous scones in the mornings and restaurant dinners.

The mystery? Well, it was rather transparent and not terribly engaging.

Leah says

I like that this took place at Christmas. I enjoyed all of the Christmas festivities in this story. Those were my favorite parts of the story, especially the cookie exchange. The mystery was interesting, and the characters are still likeable. Also, the ending was sweet; it made me happy.

Susan Webb says

I love the character of Nell and of Izzy. Aunt and niece and they have a true friendship and are pretty good at solving murders while enjoying their knitting group and the small town they live in. Nurturing friendships and proving the innocents of others as well as finding out the truth is what they do best.

quinnster says

There wasn't much excitement here and I thought the clues leading to the killer were a little too obvious, which then annoyed me that it took the knitters so long to figure it out!

Audrey says

Another great addition to the Seaside Knitters mystery series!

I enjoyed the mystery, this one involved Mary, one of my favorite background characters in this series, she is the person who writes the columns for the local newspaper that relate the comings and goings of her neighbors and adds a little gossip in to add a little spice to her writings.

This time however the gossip is about her, the beautiful bed and breakfast she is trying to open in her family's ancestral home and a beautiful but evil cousin that soon ends up dead.

Once again not only did I enjoy the mystery but I also loved learning more about the lives of the lovely people that live in the beautiful little sea coast town and especially the lives of the members of the Seaside Knitters group.

It's Christmas time and snow, holiday cheer, delicious food, romance and of course murder make this a great story!

Emily Cullen says

At Christmastime the Pisano family comes home to Sea Harbor for their family meeting and one of the

cousins is found dead. The woman is found in the yard of one of the Seaside Knitters' friend's house so it's up to Nell and the rest of the Seaside Knitters to find out who the killer is. I am really enjoying the Seaside Knitters cozy mystery series. The mysteries are interesting and I feel like the characters are my friends. Plus this one put me in a holiday mood!

Ruth says

You love the town and you love the people who live there and you think about how you would like to stay at Ravenswood-by-the-Sea and enjoy Kevin's scones until you think about the number of homicides in this small town!! Sally Goldenbaum writes such a good mystery. There are always a handful of suspects that clues show could possibly be the murderer. The book had 260 pages and I wasn't able to put the final pieces into place until page 247. Wow! That is a great mystery. I would definately look forward to visiting the town again - don't think I will check the price of real estate, however - an outsider might be the next person on the list.

Vicki Gooding says

Delightful Holiday read. There are some books that seem to relish in making someone (or many) of the circle of friends absolute witches. In my groups people like that never seem to want to be a part of us without reciprocating stinging backbiting, and this author seems to accurately portray how real friends talk and support each other. Some places were a tad boring yet the majority of the book is delicious. Something that has amazed me is how people can knit and eat at the same time? ha ha. I guess I drop too much food to risk it. You'll enjoy this book.

Heather says

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Synopsis (from bn.com): In Sea Harbor the scent of snow fills the salty air, and at Izzy's Seaside Studio, the Seaside Knitters feast on cookies, knit their gifts, and plan their gatherings. And Mary Pisano is transforming the estate she inherited from her grandfather into a bed-and-breakfast. But then Mary's cousin Pamela is found dead on the B and B's snowy back porch, and as the holiday draws nigh, the four friends will need all their crafty know-how to solve the crime.

My thoughts: Alas, I finally got my hands on the 4th book in the lovely Seaside Knitters Mystery series through paperbackswap.com. I have the rest of the books in the series on my shelf waiting to be read, but I am one of those series readers who has to read all the books in order! I know, I know . . . :)

Anyway, I truly enjoy this wonderful cozy series. It offers all of the necessary pieces of a great cozy mystery . . . an amazing cozy location on the seashore, a group of kind, loving characters, and warm fuzzies throughout!

If you are a fan of cozies, I highly suggest this series! You won't be disappointed.

Ann says

A generous 3 stars! I worked out whodunnit quite early on. There was also a bit too much soul searching on behalf of the amateur detectives. However, I did enjoy the setting of the books because I have visited Cape Ann and thought it was a really lovely place. I became hooked on Clam Chowder there, I think that the town of Sea Harbor is based on Rockport, so this took me back to a very happy holiday. I think that I will read more of Sally Goldenbaum's books for this very reason!!

Bridget says

I've read on some blogs where people had been reading this series (The Seaside Knitters Mysteries), and when I saw this at the bookstore and it had a holiday theme to it, I decided to use the rest of a gift card I'd been carrying around to buy it, and I'm so glad I did!

The Seaside Knitters are a group of women who live in Sea Harbor, Massachusetts, not far from Cape Ann. A varied (and not stereotypical, THANK GOD) group, they are proud of their community and their families. At the beginning of this book, a former resident of the community, home for the settling of her grandfather's estate, is murdered right in front of the family home, which her cousin, who inherited the property, hopes to turn into a B&B. The story goes from there, and the Seaside Knitters - one of whom is the person who inherited the property - try to close in on who may have committed this crime. There are plenty of suspects, including an elderly woman who has made it her mission to stop the B&B from coming into existence, a flashy former male model who had been humiliated in public by the deceased, and the young man who is to be the new cook at the B&B.

I really enjoyed this book. The writing is well-done, evocative of place and time, and the characters actually have some development. In this book, the women doing the investigating happen to be knitters - but they are also quite varied in their backgrounds and other interests. The story is enjoyable without being sappy, and the suspense keeps you going. I will definitely try to find more in this series, and hope that I will have found a new group of people to visit now and then.
