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Life at the Aspen Breeze Lodge is full of peace and tranquility . . . until a guest in unit nine turns up dead. Jennifer left her high stress job to live a life of tranquility as the owner of a mountain resort. With newspaper editor Clint in her life, she finally has the life she dreamed of. When a guest is murdered, they must work together to unravel the story of a gold heist, a mysterious historical society, and foul murder. They will have to bend the rules and call in favors if they are going to catch the murderer before he gets away and forever ruins the peace and tranquility of the Aspen Breeze Lodge.

*Murder in the Mountains* is the first book in the Rocky Mountain Cozy Mystery series. If you like fast paced mysteries with a touch of romance, you're gonna love *Murder in the Mountains*.

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Each book in the series is a stand-alone story, but your enjoyment of each story will be increased if you read them all.

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## **Murder in the Mountains Details**

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# **From Reader Review Murder in the Mountains for online ebook**

## **Annemarie says**

A quick and easy read, nothing special, nothing incredibly annoying either. Just average.

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## **Georgiann Hennelly says**

Jennifer owns and runs the Aspen Breeze Lodge in the Colorado Mountains. She usually only has couples stay there. But one weekend a group of singles checks in. The next morning the maid finds one of the male singles dead in the bathtub. It looks like fol play! Since the police are busy looking into another accident. Jennifer and her Boyfriend decide to investigate. Clint is the Editor of the local paper. The story was the singles were looking for gold from a stage coach heist that happened about a hundred years ago. When another body is found Dead. Clint gets some information from his friends and finds out the real reason they were there that weekend.

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## **Mary Lou Webb says**

### **A promising start to a new cozy series**

Interesting characters populate this new series set in Colorado. The story started a little slow, but soon picked up the pace. This story is an easy, quick read, making it perfect for when one wants to be entertained and time is at a premium. I'm anxious to read the next installment in the series.

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## **Dianne says**

I am truly trying to understand how this book came to have so many positive a glowing reviews. I know that everyone has differing likes and dislikes, but this book had so many flaws that I just don't gt it.

Luckily it was a very quick read. Cozy it was for sure, but the main characters are just so unlikable -bossy, petulant, lewd (and not in a good way) and unrealistic.

The fact that Clint is supposed to be a 'Christian' was mention many times, yet his actions spoke differently.

Clint and Jennifer (obviously the main characters)take over the police investigation in a blatant and unbelievable way. I know that this is supposed to be a small town, but the actions of the police chief are unbelievable.

Lastly, the author has Clint make a bit of a speech about publishing and editing and the fact that poor editing and lack of editing is making the print media go down the tubes. Yet this author made so many truly horrible editing mistakes that I just can't take him seriously as an author.

For example he talks about an ARMORED car as being an ARMED car and does this several times until a

chapter or two later when he then changes ARMED to ARMORED.

I really wanted to throw this book against the wall , but I was afraid I'd break my e-reader.

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## **Merry Chapman says**

A quick read cozy mystery

This was an enjoyable quick read. It did seem, however, that everything including the relationship between Clint and Jennifer happened too quickly although I did like that he actually wasn't totally wrapped around Jennifer's finger all the time - especially when he snuck up on her doing what he told her not to and threw her over his shoulder to lead her away. The suspects in the crime felt a little contrived and not developed enough to make you question their reasons for being there other than the one statement from one of the suspects. The book did seem to hurry to the end and sew up the loose ends to solve the crime. It just seemed too pat with not enough twists or turns or false accusations that make this cozy more fun to read although it was enjoyable for an evening's read. I do hope that with more books in the series, the main characters are more developed. I received an ARC of the book from the publisher but the opinion expressed here is my own.

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## **Kay Tuck says**

### **Murder in the Mountains**

I really enjoyed this book. It is a clean and wholesome story. The main characters were likable. It kept me guessing who the murderer was throughout the book. If you like a good mystery you will like this one.

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## **Bonnie says**

"Murder in the Mountains" is part of the Rocky Mountain Cozy Mystery series by Miles Lancaster. The Rocky Mountains are the setting for this well paced mystery. Jennifer is the owner/operator of the Aspen Breeze Lodge. When one of her maids finds a guest murdered in his room, Jennifer and her friend Clint (owner/editor of the local newspaper) set out to solve the case to save the good name of her pricey resort.

Questions abound: Why are six out of her 20 guests single? That's an easy one - they are part of a historical society looking for buried gold (from a long ago heist). Why is there no indication anywhere that the robbers buried the treasure in the mountains? Why was a second member of the historical society murdered when they went out to search for the treasure? How does a more recent heist (six years ago) play into all of this?

What favors can Jennifer and Clint call in to help solve this mystery? When and why does a "long shot" come into play? Is a Las Vegas mob involved? Why is the only female member of the historical society carrying a blackjack in her purse? Who do we believe?

The characters are reasonably well developed, and interact as would be expected. The setting is realistic, and the plot flows along at a decent pace. I found Jennifer's character to be a bit much, even for someone that was

formerly in the business world - hopefully that will be toned down in future books. All in all - a reasonable read.

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## **C.M. Bakker says**

It started off as quite a nice read, although there seemed to be a strange emphasis on MMC being a christian. The relationship between the two main characters was a bit odd. It seemed to be a little too buddy-buddy. Not really a romance, but also not just friends, calling each other beautiful and things like that all the time. So when the romance does come, it's no surprise, but it still feels weird. The way they think about each other just seems awkward. Oh, how they 'like' each other! No tension at all. Kisses on cheeks and foreheads, even after they are supposedly an item. Then again, this isn't a romance novel, so the reveal of the mystery could be good. I read on.

The writing is a bit odd at times: eyes as cold as an ice stream? I think the writer was trying to not be cliché by saying as cold as ice, but it feels forced. How about a crossword puzzle that is supposed to make up a picture... Hands that flow melodically over the keyboard... Things are repeated, some small talk could have easily been left out. The writing could be tighter. There's even a Frank turning into a Matt at the end. Dark hair behind black glasses? Come on, edit!!

By the end I had forgotten which name belonged to which character. One woman, easy enough to remember, one A type personality, easy to remember, but he's dead. One burly dude, easy to remember, also dead. Others, I've no idea. Motive was a good enough find, but by then I was scanning the pages. The fact that they didn't go to the police with what they found out was exactly the interference they were so against at first. Started off well, but got worse and worse.

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## **Mary says**

Jennifer owns and operates the Aspen Breeze Lodge in the mountains of Colorado. She typically doesn't have many guests, and those guests are mostly couples. One weekend, she has a group of singles check into the Lodge. Jennifer thought this to be a bit odd.

The next morning a maid discovered one of the male singles dead in his bathtub. It definitely looked like foul play. While the local police force it busy looking into another accident, Jennifer and her boyfriend decide to do some investigating on their own.

Clint, the boyfriend is the local newspaper editor. The story that everyone told him was that they were there looking for gold from a stage coach heist about a hundred years ago. The next day, another of the group was found dead on the mountain.

Clint was able to pull information from his buddies that work in other locations and make some interesting discoveries about the true intent of their being there that weekend.

It was a short book, and perfect for a great escape from reality.

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## **Aviar Savijon says**

A nice little cozy murder mystery to read. I loved it.

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## **6thstreetbookclub says**

Murder in the Mountains, A Cozy Mystery by M. Lancaster, was a refreshing read. Jennifer Davidson, owner of the Aspen Breeze, and her love interest investigate the murder of one of the guest of the lodge. The book was an easy and smooth read, with the fun of a blossoming love story. However, I question why her boyfriend's Christianity was brought up several times. It just didn't seem to be important to the story line.

This is book one in the Rocky Mountain Cozy Mystery Series. I enjoyed the book so much that I plan to seek out the other two. If you want to sit back one evening and read a book that will hold your interest to the end, Murder in the Mountains is your book.

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## **Paula says**

Jennifer left a company she worked for in Denver to buy a lodge in a small mountain community. It has been successful for her but her last bookings had her scratching her head. She has 6 singles which is unusual for her. They all belong to an historical club and are looking for gold in the mountain close by. When one of them is murdered in his room, she recruits her "friend" Clint to help her solve the case.

It was a short story but had a good plot. The singles weren't fleshed out well enough to really care about them but it was a light, cute read. I'll try another.

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## **Sandee says**

A very good idea but the execution was a little lacking. Jennifer, the heroine, is a strong woman and we know this because she has a 'steel gaze' and she tells us many times that she is strong or some synonym of strong. Clint, her boyfriend, is a christian and we know this because the other characters ask him if as a christian should he be doing this or that. However, the basis of a good plot does exist. The mystery is interesting and the outcome well done. So, two stars. I didn't dislike it but I found the characters one dimensional, the dialogue stilted and the relationships naive.

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## **Brenda says**

A good cozy mystery where the plot has an unexpected twist. The focus on Clint's Christianity was a bit heavy and a lot of time was taken away from the mystery in justifying his religion when it could have focused elsewhere, hence the 3/5 rating.

Jennifer Davidson has purchased Aspen Breeze Lodge and is enjoying the attention of local newspaper editor Clint Niven and his serenading her using her piano.

When 6 singles book rooms Jennifer knows they must be a group though no-one has mentioned one. Calling themselves the Centennial Historical Society this group are hunting for buried stolen West Fargo gold. When one turns up dead in unit 9, Jennifer convinces Clint to help her investigate before word gets out and ruins the reputation of her motel.

I received a copy of this book through Fairfield Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

Also, is the character Dale Ramsey or Logan Ramsey? The name flipped a few times in the novella.

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## **Romi || Romi Reads says**

\*2.5/5 stars!

Because this story was only 160 pages long, this will be a very short review!

First of all, I really liked the setting - a cozy lodge in the snowy mountains. I think this is the perfect setting for a murder mystery. There are many people gathered at the same spot, so anyone could've done it really! However, I found that the story was focused too much on the two main character's confusing love story. Were they a couple or were they not? It really seemed like they were only fooling around and that Jennifer was only using Clint so that he would help her solve the case.

The solution to the murder case was one that I didn't see coming, but I think that was mainly because I didn't really care that much for the story. There were some interesting bits, but afterwards I have quite a hard time remembering what all the 160 pages were filled with ... It was good, but it could've been less focused on love and more on the actual murder case.

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