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Everything's coming up corpses.... — Louise Eldridge is taking her popular television show, Gardening with Nature, on location to film a garden tour at the historic Litchfield Falls Inn. It's a weekend in the country that promises rest, relaxation, and some of New England's most beautiful gardens. — But the local grapevine whispers of warring lovers, botanical scams, academic scandal, and family finagling. The tension is so thick you can hardly cut it with a scythe. And then the uneasy group of assembled guests begin to meet with the most unfortunate of accidents.

Suddenly Louise suspects that someone is playing Grim Reaper in the Litchfield Falls paradise. How many more guests -- including one nosy garden show host -- are about to be cut down?

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Becca says

"I enjoyed this garden mystery, though found it frustrating in places when obvious clues weren't picked up on. Also, bad production in the audio book, with bad timing, mistakes throughout, questionable pronunciation, which I rarely have experienced in other audio books. ("Books in Motion", never heard before.) 4th in the series."

Ann says

An interesting, fast read with short chapters on gardening information tucked into the story--kind of like Nora Ephron does with food.

Michelle says

This author and this cozy mystery plucks at my heart strings with both it's content and gardening themes. The reader is provided with a lot of insightful, interesting information on flowers and gardening while being swept along on sleuthing expedition. A very satisfying read for those disposed to those passions.

Bernadette says

This book is really smart!

The plot started out in a nice and smooth introduction. It called out my eagerness plus the garden tips. This is a one of a kind suspense novel. I love the characters. The scenes were unique to the point where you have to focus on some points not to form wrong ideas about how the story would end up. The nerve whacking arguments and investigations make the story bold and strong.

More power to Ann Ripley!

Margo Brooks says

2.5 - 3 stars. I liked the gardening theme. The plot was good. The language was decent, but not great literature. It is a fun, fast read.

Angie Crosby says

I disliked this book. I read it only to read it. The plot was boring, the characters not developed. The most

interesting part was the bits of flower info throughout and only some of this was interesting. I wouldn't recommend this to anyone.

Sallie says

Another mystery that's been hanging around for awhile in one of my TBR piles. I think I got this from my county library book sale since it was with others books I got there a few years ago. Not the first of the series, and I always prefer to begin at the beginning, but it's here NOW, so I'm reading it.

Well, it's more of a 2.5 stars, but I upped it because I did like the mystery, but I began to be irritated by the sections on gardening when all I wanted to do was read the mystery part of the book. Granted the author tied them into what was happening, somewhat, in the mystery part, but too soon I was just skipping those sections to finish the mystery itself.

Chris Eirschele says

The Garden Tour Affair by Ann Ripley takes place away from Louise Eldridge's home near Washington, D.C. Eldridge takes her television show, and her family, on a road trip to Connecticut's historic Litchfield Falls Inn. In hopes to mix family time with work.

Immediately the proprietor of the inn takes a tumble down the stairs, and it does not seem a mere accident. Then two people are murdered along the hiking trails not far from the inn. Readers may need to keep notes to keep track of the cast of characters, and suspects, in this cozy mystery, but it is worth the effort.

Ripley also adds her signature threads of horticultural intrigue, this time with a story of a hybrid iris and its true ownership. Would an iris be worth killing over?

The book contains a selection of Ripley's nonfiction writing every few chapters, as well. If you like cozy mysteries you will enjoy The Garden Tour Affair. If you enjoy gardening, you will doubly be easily immersed in the story.

Just a caution, Ripley's books have older copyrights and may be difficult to find in print.

Colleen says

Good book. I like gardening and audiobooks; book was available via Hoopla and a perfect way to spend the weekend working in the yard. Not a super thriller, but well done.

Jan says

As a life-long learner and as a gardener, I thoroughly enjoy these gardening mysteries. This one was a little dated with the positive GMO support, but still I learn so much from the inserts. Louise Eldridge is no fluffy government wife supporting her man's dedication and their youngest daughter's emotional roller coasters bring back my memories with a teenage daughter in the house. Louise's new career as a TV gardening host is a wonderful vehicle for taking the show on the road. In this episode it was only up to Connecticut, but the guests for the garden tour and taping brought plenty of baggage and death with them. And...a few hints for future episodes were left.

Betty says

I liked "The Garden Tour Affair" however, I would not say I couldn't put it down. I would read more of this author but wouldn't go out of my way to do so. Her characters don't have a lot of character in my opinion. I didn't feel like they were people I wish I actually knew. Very easy reading!

Ed says

#4 in the Louise Eldridge series. 1999 entry in the series about an organic gardener with her own TV show.

Louise Eldridge travels with her family to the Litchfield Fall Inn in CT to tape two segments for her gardening show. An attempt on the life of the owner is suspected to be an attempt to hasten inheritance. Accusations of the theft of red iris genes, a tough love ministry, and college exam cheating muddy the motives for two subsequent murders. Louise investigates.
