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Frothy fun. --*Publishers Weekly* on *Ninja Soccer Moms*

If only life came with operating instructions. Samantha Shaw's dating service, Heart Mates, is barely paying the bills, and her relationship with private investigator Gabe Pulizzi isn't exactly a ringing endorsement of her knack for romance. And now Sam's friend Angel has disappeared just as she was about to launch a new lingerie business, leaving behind a ransacked, bloodstained house. Detective Logan Vance--alias romance novelist R.V. Logan--is busy fending off the advances of a lovesick fan so, with Gabe in tow, Sam questions Angel's ex-husband, Hugh Crimson. Sam knows her friend's divorce has been filed under "unpleasant" but she can't believe Hugh's capable of ex-wife-napping--or murder. If Hugh isn't a killer, who messed up Angel's house--and why? Where is Angel? And what's Sam going to say when Gabe insists she make a decision about their relationship? Solving this case will require every ounce of energy Sam's got, and she's going to unearth some high-voltage surprises along the way. . .

**Jennifer Apodaca** grew up in southern California and still makes it her home. She loves creating characters with attitude and then getting them into all kinds of trouble. The unlimited support of her husband and three sons has made writing a joy. Jennifer is hard at work on the next Samantha Shaw book.

## **Batteries Required Details**

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## From Reader Review Batteries Required for online ebook

### **Alissa says**

Another fun entry. Really liked seeing more of Angel, Sam's best friend. And finally got some traction on her romantic life.

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### **Laina says**

This book was dreadful. The plot was obvious from the beginning. And the heroine was so annoying. She was constantly pissed off at her boyfriend for reasons I couldn't understand. Her attitude about his hiring an assistant, for example, is why guys think women are petty and catty. UGH! While it's not the worst I've ever read, I certainly wouldn't recommend it.

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### **Ciara says**

The characters in this series are becoming more repetitive every book. What bothers me the most is how suspicious the main character is about her boyfriend's intentions. After a while the main character becomes very annoying and tiresome. Definitely won't be reading any other books in this series.

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### **Mandy Huot says**

This book bored me to death. It held my attention for the short moments where Angel appeared to be kidnapped, but once she was found, I lost all interest. Not planning to read any other of her books.

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### **Janet says**

Really Good. Kindle

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### **Marti says**

This book reminded me a LITTLE of the popular series by Janet Evanovich, starring Stephanie Plum--but it isn't as good as those books are. There is a mish mash factor here. Ms Apodaca has saddled her character with two sons. She ends up seeming to be a neglectful mother. Rather than commit to a man who is clearly in love with her, she dithers about other men. Her grandfather character is quite helpful, but he can't compete with Stephanie's grandmother. The same action seems to be repeated, ad nauseum--find the necklace, lose

the necklace. I'll be passing this paperback on to a friend with the admonition--it is not another Stephanie Plum!

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### **Kim says**

Just not an attention grabber.

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### **Lynne Page says**

I give this novel two stars, not because I didn't enjoy the progression, but because I felt there were things that could be worked on.

For instance, Apodaca has her characters repeat things to the point where I feel like skipping over the repetition. As well, her characters did a few monotonous things that I felt weren't needed within the book.

Other than certain issues like that, I enjoyed the book, although I did find the characters just that - characters. I couldn't believe that they were real people.

That being said, I wouldn't be against reading more in this series, and it's nice that I didn't need to start the series from the beginning to get the general gist of everything that was going on.

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### **Mysterious says**

lite fun read.

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### **Pamela says**

This was a great and fun mystery romp. Jennifer can certainly entertain between the covers.

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### **Peggy says**

I always enjoy her books.

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### **colleen says**

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### **Teena in Toronto says**

I enjoy mysteries. I enjoy comedies. This was a combination of both. I'd never read any by this author but I'll be checking out the others in the series. The supporting characters are funny, especially Grandpa and Ali, the beer drinking ex-police dog.

Blog review: <http://www.teenaintoronto.com/2007/02...>

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