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Nobody suspects little old ladies of doing bad things... like sedating their house guests and strangling them with a machine knitted garrotte! Hilda Hopkins hits the road and outwits the police and everyone chasing her, but no one can run forever, especially not at her age and in those stockings!

Hilda can't help knitting a lifelike effigy of each of her 'Gentlemen' and it could be her passion for wool brings her undone.

## **Hilda Hopkins, Murder She Knit Details**

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## **From Reader Review Hilda Hopkins, Murder She Knit for online ebook**

### **Ukgardenfiend says**

Don't bother unless you like books with knitting in it. I was hopeful and rather liked the police in the story but it was a weak storyline and almost read as though there had been a challenge at a knitting group to write a mystery/murder about a knitter. Or it was written for Women's Weekly... am I being dismissive there of a magazine? Maybe - at least in the stories it prints - it used, many years ago, to have some good recipes or knitting patterns though, but haven't read it for many years.

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### **Angie Kariofilli says**

Περνῶ αρκετῆς ῥεσ μῶσα στα αστικῆ και ῥτσι εκμεταλεῶμαι αυτῆς τις "νεκρῆς" ῥεσ διαβῆζοντας... Μπορῆ να πω πως ῥταν εῖμαι σπῆτι δεν διαβῆζω τῶσο πολῆ. ῥσως εῖναι απλῆ θῆμα συνῆειας.

Στο θῆμα μας ῆμως.

ῥρχικῆ να πω ῆτι το βιβλῶ το κατεβασα δωρεαν απῆ το Kiddle. Μιλῆει για μια κυρῆα μεγῆλης ηλικῆας που φιλοξενεῆ ηλικιωμῆνους στο σπῆτι της (κῆτι σαν ενοικιαζῆμενα δωμῆτια)και καταλῆγει να τους δολοφονεῆ.

Λοιπῆν το βιβλῶ μιλῆει για φῆνους αλλῆ σῆγουρα δεν ανοῆκει στην κατηγορῆα θρῆλερ και προσωπικῆ δε θα μποροῆσα να το εντῆξω οῆτε στην κατηγορῆα μυστηρῆου.

Παρῆλα αυτῆ εῖναι ῆνα βιβλῶ που διαβῆζεται εῆκολα και γρῆγορα. Τα κεφῆλαια εῖναι μικρῆ και κυρῆως οι περιγραφῆς δεν κουρῆζουν με λεπτομῆρειες.

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### **sherryn brooks says**

#### **Great fun with a wit and flare of retirement**

When thinking of the retired there is often a sense of what do they do? This is a fast moving, thoughtful, witty accounting of just a wonderful knitter. Lots of twists, smiles and giggles. Fun to read, great to share with friends who are looking to supplement their retirement.

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### **Christina Potter Bieloh says**

Darkly humorous and very entertaining!

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### **LizH says**

Took me longer to read than it should have, and I think it was just too “British” for me, and I am not overly fond of short books, which this is. Will not continue with series.

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### **Heather Marchand says**

#### **Quick read**

Fun suspense to while away a few hours. Wonder how many other seniors have a bent towards these actions. Think I'll pass.

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### **Maureen Vincent-Northam says**

I thoroughly enjoyed Hilda Hopkins, Murder, She Knit and only wish it had been longer! The main character in this novella kills off her elderly male paying guests and then hides the bodies in her coal shed, her garden and in quiet spots along the local towpath. And to commemorate them, she knits lifelike replicas!

We follow Hilda as she tries to outwit the police and, although murdering old men isn't something to applaud, the reader does rather hope she gets away with it, if only so we can read more of her exploits. Loved it.

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### **Leanne Hunt says**

This book is the first in the Hilda Hopkins machine-knitting serial killer series. Short and light-hearted, it is an enjoyable read from start to finish. I found the character of Hilda immensely likeable in spite of the heinous murders she has committed, and I found myself rooting for her against the police as they chased her down from one small English town to the next.

For me, the knitting link was key in my selection of the book, and the author's knowledge of machine knitting comes through strongly, which is nice. All in all, a pleasant cosy read with a good cliff-hanger at the end, prompting me to read the next book in the series to find out whether Hilda will continue to kill again.

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### **Norma Huss says**

This isn't the cozy with a knitting circle that I expected from the title, but a nice read anyway. The difference is that the knitter is the villain - and the reader learns that immediately (so I'm not giving any secrets away here). This is very British-sounding with pounds instead of dollars, but published in Australia. The reader, by turns, lives in the knitter's skin as well as the skin of the police woman out to find her. However, the evil-doer's mind isn't pure evil, so she doesn't give me the willies.

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### **Georgiann Hennelly says**

I absolutley loved murder she knit it reminded me a little of an old movie Arsenic and Old lace . Hilda murders her male boarders than drains their bank accounts. She than hides their bodies in different places like her garden, her coal shed or along the local tow path in a quiet spot. She does however knit replica dolls of her victims to remember them by. The story follows Hilda as she tries to outwit the police. Full of black humor, It was a quick fun read i look forward to reading more books by Vivienne Fagan.

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### **Julie says**

Aside from being too silly to finish, the writing is not very competent and I just couldn't slog through any further.

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### **Ingrid says**

**FABULOUS,**

The story was fast reading with many new twist and turns to the plan of the killer. Very good at not knowing what she would do next.

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### **Jack says**

Amusing little story about an elderly woman who has an interesting way of funding her hobby.

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### **Perry Gamsby says**

This is a fabulous crime thriller and excellent guide to machine knitting! The author, a handy machine knitter herself, has her anti-heroine use her craft skills to make lifelike effigies of her victims. Yes, Hilda Hopkins is a serial killer, albeit retired and widowed! As a fun black comedy like story of murder and machine knitting it can;t be beaten. It reads well and cracks along at a great pace. The police procedures are spot on and the nitty gritty details, from death by knitted garrotte to disposal of bodies are all plausible and accurate. Plus there is the knitting instruction!

This book will appeal to anyone who likes a good laugh or even a malevolent smirk. If you ever felt ignored or overlooked, judged poorly due to your outward appearances, then you will associate with Hilda. Forever overlooked as some harmless little old lady, this woman is lethal! She is also cunning and clever, but perhaps a little too clever for her own good as she escapes from police custody and keeps one step ahead of the lwa with her wits and street-smarts... and her knitting!

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## Lauren K says

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This is not typically a genre that I review, but it being a novella I thought it would be a fun, quick read- and I was right. Hilda Hopkins has finally found her calling in life- as a serial killer preying on elderly men who board at her home and then she drains them of their bank accounts. What she loves about her new career is that she can combine it with her love of knitting and she creates replica dolls in memory of the victims. Murder She Knit is a witty, fast paced novella about a serial killing granny who is on the run from the authorities and by 'run' I mean that she shuffles along at a leisurely pace.

Hilda is certainly mentally unstable but the author creatively makes the reader feel sympathy for her as the old lady that no one pays any attention to. Well, she shows them! Hilda is quite often chuffed with her escapades-if not slightly grandiose but there's also something about her that is quite endearing.

The author has a succinct, witty writing style and provides just enough background information on Hilda to make sense of her without the unnecessary waffling. This is a great mystery, crime novella with a splash of humour that any age (ok not children!) will enjoy.

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