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The honeymoon's not over yet! Kim and Brien's excellent adventure at the swanky Sanctuary Resort & Spa continues when an unwelcome visitor drops in on New Year's Eve. An elusive marine GPS device found and lost again, unleashes another wave of murder and mayhem in Corsario Cove! What is it about that thing? Stooges, Krugerrands, twitchy detectives, and monks—oh my! Will it be a Gnarly New Year for Kim and Brien?

## **Gnarly New Year Details**

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### **Andrea Stoeckel says**

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" It's too bad when things don't work out nice and neat like that. Mean and dirty is what makes a crime a crime."

"Meanwhile, back at the honeymoon...." it's New Year's Eve. Not a good memory for Kim Williams. She was certainly hoping that she and her new husband Brien would turn that memory around. That is, if the annoying Santas employed by the resort would simply leave them alone.....especially the one banging on their door at the moment!

When they answer the door in falls their friend Mick, who's been AWOL since the death of their friend Owen("Opie") less than a week before. After cleaning him up he tells them a fairly unbelieveable story that if it were even partially true might get them in a whole lot of trouble, or even worse killed.

So, tag along with Kim, Brien and Mick for a lost and found adventure in true surfer style, with caves and bats and gold and other twists and turns that might make this the.

Anna Celeste Burke's own backstory could rival one of her books. As someone who grew up with a completely different New England background, I appreciate her style, wit and ability to write what she knows and lead us on a romp in the surf that celebrates California and her love of it.

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### **Doward Wilson says**

Serious girl Kim and surfer boy Brian are still on their honeymoon at the Sanctuary Resort & Spa in Southern California. The week between Christmas and New Years Eve has been busy for them. Tying up loose ends from a murdered Santa impersonator, taking down a smuggling ring of knock off high end products hasn't kept them from enjoying the surfing or getting involved in solving another murder. While trying to find the elusive GPS device that the murdered Santa had hidden, after telling his girl friend that it would lead to a treasure, Kim and Brian have their hands full. Dealing with dead bodies, kidnappings and trying to discover the big wig investor behind the smuggling ring keeps them busy right up to New Years Eve. This is another wacky adventure starring the most mismatched pair of newlyweds, modern day pirate's gold, bats, tunnels, caves and an ancient abbey full of monks and secrets. For a laugh out loud evening's adventure this is a must read series for any cozy fan.

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### **P.S. Winn says**

If you haven't read a cozy mystery before, this is a great one to start with. After that, you'll be hooked. I

didn't read book one yet in this series, but immediately knew that although linked the story can be read as a stand alone. Kim and Brien are on their honeymoon in Corsario Cove. Expecting a quiet time as newlyweds isn't what the two find. On New Year's Eve they find Santa standing outside their door and the honeymoon turns upside down as Kim and Brien find themselves in the middle of a murder, mystery and a hunt for treasure. This fun story is written with humor and suspense rolled up in just the right combination that will have the reader turning the pages as fast as they can. A cozy mystery, when written well, like this book is a delightful way to spend some time.

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### **Vicki Highley says**

What can I say it was gnarly. I loved that the story answered questions I had at the end of Cowabunga Christmas. Book is fine as a stand alone, but if you are like me when you read a book and they drop hints about things that happened in previous books in the series, you have to read them. I had read the previous book, so there was no need to go and get the previous book. I have stopped reading a book and read all of the previous books in a series because I had to know what was going on with all the mentions of past experiences. I can't wait for Epic Easter, there are a few unanswered questions I have.

I received a copy of the book for a fair and honest review. It is a great read for a sunny afternoon.

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### **Marsha says**

Gnarly New Year (Corsario Cove #2) by Anna Celeste Burke

I so love Kim and Brien. This mystery series has played out so well, I was completely sucked into the crazy events. It really is fun to read.

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### **Bev says**

With the New Year, the newly married couple find themselves among murder and mayhem! This story is written very well and will keep the reader very interested in how it will all end. This is the 2nd book in a series. I received a copy of this book for an honest opinion. Will be reading the 1st and more from this author

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### **3 no 7 says**

Gnarly New Year Corsario by Anna Celeste Burke.

The plot and the main characters in this cozy mystery continue from book 1, but it is not necessary to have read the previous book to enjoy this one. The New Year's Eve celebration goes from fun to pandemonium in this fast-moving book. It is a fun, easy book to read with mystery and murder without the blood and gore.

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## **Bonnie Dale Keck says**

All of Anna Celeste Burke books seem to be available on kindle unlimited, although think at first came across her in one of the Happy anthologies she is in. Also after reading a freebie or something as well, went and bought every book out, pre-ordered #4 out now and have pre-ordered #5 out now. There are blurbs at the start of every book if you want to know about characters, plots and all that. My rating is 5 and 5, everything else is rather up to the personal tastes of each reader. Below is a list of her series, with titles, in order. Try them on ku or buy them in sets or individually as I did; ku is nice, but owning can be better. Honeymoons can be murder, just not necessarily starting with your own.

### Jessica Huntington Desert Cities Mystery

.5 Love a Foot Above the Ground A Dead Husband 1 A Dead Sister 2 A Dead Daughter 3 A Dead Mother 4

A Dead Cousin 5

Jessica Huntington Desert Cities Mystery Series (Books 1-5)

A Dead Nephew 6 {2019}\*

### Corsario Cove Cozy Mystery

Cowabunga Christmas #1 Gnarly New Year #2

Heinous Habits (Corsario Cove Cozy Mystery, #3) {in summer collection only first}

Radical Regatta Corsario Cove Cozy Mystery #4 {2019}\*

### Georgie Shaw Cozy Mystery Series

Murder at Catmando Mountain #1 Love Notes in the Key of Sea #2 All Hallows' Eve Heist #3 A Merry Christmas Wedding Mystery

Georgie Shaw Cozy Mystery Series: Novellas 1-3

#4 Murder at Sea of Passenger X #5 Murder of the Maestro #6 A Tango Before Dying #7 A Canary in the Canal #8 {2019}\*

### Seaview Cottages Cozy Mystery

A Body at Fitzgerald's Bluff 1 {was in Summer Snoops and Cozy Crimes: 12 Mysteries for the Dog Days of Summer which between typos and WTH stuff actually cancelled, just waited for this separately}

The Murder of Shakespeare's Ghost 2 {out March 2019}\*

Grave Expectations on Dickens' #3 {2019}\*

### The CALLA LILY MYSTERY Series

Lily's Homecoming Under Fire #1

{was only in collection Love Under Fire collection, now standalone}

Tangled Vines, Buried Secrets #2 {2019}\*

see goodreads/amazon for full listing of books, in various collections

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## **Molly says**

This is a delightful sequel to the Christmas one (and I see there will be one set around Easter)

We're hearing the story from Kim, who has been through a turbulent Christmas and looks forward to a little piece of peace and quiet with her new husband Brien. Fat chance, with yet another Santa Claus throwing a spanner in the works. The chaotic amateur investigation that follows the 'murder and mayhem in Corsario Cove' is great fun to read. The characters are interesting, the pace fast and, as I said before, the narrative/perspective of Kim is highly entertaining.

The kind of cosy mystery that you will want by the beach and feel sorry it is over too soon.  
Great stuff.

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### **Karen says**

#### **GNARLY NEW YEAR ANNA CELESTE BURKE**

#### **HARDY BOYS AND NANCY DREW MEET THE THREE STOOGES**

It looks like all Brien and Kim's plans for a gnarly new year go astray when an assumed missing Mick shows up at their hotel room after being beaten by the goons after the same GPS everyone is after.

The bodies are piling up and Brien, Kim, Mick and twitchin' Mitchum try to keep the stooges and their bosses from getting what they want. They might have gotten away with it too if it weren't for those meddling newlyweds.

Ms. Burke has done it again with her sense of humor and the creation of great characters who become friends to the reader. The story is suspenseful yet humorous and deserves 5 gold kruggerands for a great story and one that leaves the reader wanting more.

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### **Jeanie Jackson says**

Gnarly New Year offers a complex mystery with a light touch. I love the pairing of sweet, not-as-naive-as he seems surfer dude Brien with smart, savvy, and cynical Kim. Murder and treasure seem to be the theme of their honeymoon.

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### **Dharia Scarab says**

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It has earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

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### **Roslyn Donohoe says**

#### **A good author.**

I've only read a few of her books books so far but what I've read so far I've thoroughly enjoyed. Great stories. Well worth reading.

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### **Anna Burke says**

I hope you enjoy reading their new adventure as Kim and Brien's honeymoon continues. More thrills and spills, of course, as well as encounters with the annoying Kahuna, their old friend "Twitchin' Mitchum," stooges, Krugerrands, monks and more. After a Cowabunga Christmas, you know it just has to be a Gnarly New Year for these two.

I had such fun writing this story--getting Kim and Brien in over their heads in murder, mayhem, and mischief! Enjoy!

#### **HEINOUS HABITS! Find it now...where?**

The honeymoon may be over, but these two twenty-something newlyweds have more excellent adventures ahead. Heinous Habits is out NOW in Paperback on Amazon and as an eBook in the SUMMER WHODUNNITS box set. Out OCT 1st as a stand alone eBook on all your favorite eBook platforms. Thanks for reading!

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### **Sherry Fundin says**

Gnarly New Year by Ann Celeste Burke is Book II in the Corsario Cove cozy mystery series. I would recommend started with Book I, Cowabunga Christmas.

Cozies have such fun titles and covers, I find them irresistible, even though they are not the hardcore mystery, thriller and suspense reading that I love the most.

Gnarly New Year by Ann Celeste Burke picks up where Cowabunga Christmas left off. The murderer had been found, but there were many unanswered questions.

We have the small town cop with an attitude and lots of surfers. Kim and Brien partake of the sport as they follow the trail to the...treasure. It's not really a treasure, per se, but it is the object everyone is looking for.

The dialogue is fun and the characters entertaining, especially with all of Brien's little quirks. He's such a

sweetie pie.

I received a copy of Gnarly New Year from Ann Celeste Burke in return for an honest review.

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