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But the owner of this charm string is not looking for love—she's desperate to donate the piece to a museum and be rid of it. She believes the string is far from charmed—it's cursed. When Josie finds the woman strangled with the charm string, she doesn't know whether the curse is real...but the killer certainly is.

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✳ Jennifer says

First off, avoid the acknowledgments until after you've read the book. I wouldn't say there are spoilers in it, but she does say enough that a plot point is totally given away and the book lost a little something for me because of it. Plus, I sort of guessed the murderer early although Ms. Logan provided many suspects and motivations.

Still, this is an enjoyable read, with good characters and I like the dynamic between Josie and Nev - it's refreshing to see the romantic interest work together instead of always butting heads. I very much enjoyed the story line about Ardent Lake and the reservoir, but I would have enjoyed it even more had I not spoiled it for myself by reading the acknowledgements at the beginning - I missed out on the build up, I think.

A good entry in a good series, I look forward to the next book.

Mary says

Josie gets involved in yet another murder after a woman brings her a rare Victorian charm string for appraisal, then winds up dead not far from the shop. Who knew buttons could be so deadly?

Di says

Good plot, good pace, and interesting characters deliver another good read from Kylie Logan! Josie is in the thick of it again and her friends are there to help her out. Kylie kept me guessing all the way. Good job!

Trish says

A neat little cozy series that's quite fun.

LORI CASWELL says

Josie Giancola, owner of the Button Box shop, knows her buttons. But when she comes into contact with a rare charm string, she never imagines it will lead to murder...

In Victorian times, girls would string buttons, no two alike, in long chains to make charms. When the string reached 1000 buttons the legend was that the owner would meet the love of her life. A customer of Josie's is not looking for love. She inherited a charm string and she will do anything to get rid of it. She believes the string is cursed. She has decided to donate it to a local museum as soon as Josie can appraise its value. Unfortunately before she can deliver it to the museum the owner is found strangled with the charming string

of buttons. Josie doesn't know if the curse is real but there is a real killer on the loose.

Dollycas's Thoughts

My favorite in this series so far!!! I have to be careful because I don't want to give anything away but the history of the small town Ardent Lake was so interesting and plays a major role in this story. I really enjoy books that take us a few steps back into the past even for fictional places. As a reader I become more engaged in the setting and characters. The charm string history was intriguing as well. Manna for button lovers.

Josie's ex Kaz was mostly absent in this installment. I did miss his antics a bit, but the character that stole my heart this time was Stan. He has helped out Josie in the store before but after Josie is almost mugged outside her store Nev and Stan feel she needs a little protection and Stan steps up to stay with her at the store. While Josie is a little miffed that they think she needs a babysitter she realizes it's nice to have someone around. They are very comfortable around each other and have each other's back. A wonderful friendship.

Nev and Josie's relationship continues to grow. Some of the residents of Ardent Lake are a little more than peculiar and by the end of the story LaSalle makes a new friend.

Kylie Logan strings words together to create a masterful mystery that is a pure pleasure to read.

Jeanie Harper says

What an amazing story!! I had no idea that button collectors had conventions, nor, that someone could be murdered over a button!!

Who knew!! Was a great story and the reveal wasn't until the last chapter!

K. East says

I will say at the onset that I did not finish this book. There aren't many I don't finish so that says as much about this book as it does about me. I read lots of cozy mysteries and the button theme at the center of this one is a subject I am very interested in. But I couldn't deal with the storekeeper who makes it her business to travel to another town to snoop into the background of a customer who happens to die outside her door. I tried. I got half way through and then I just said, "Enough!" Not only was this woman intrusive and belligerent to those she "interviewed", we're also supposed to believe that a police officer would actually ask her to insert herself into a murder investigation. I'm willing to forgive a lot in the name of fiction, but this one stretched credibility waaaaaay too far.

Miriam says

It's a crazy set of clues and a murder that set Josie, button expert, and Neville Riley on the path of a killer. In addition to the usual cozy mystery, you'll learn more about buttons, their history, and the Victorian hobby of stringing them as good luck charms.

I liked the parts about the history of buttons and about the town buried under the reservoir. Of course, the budding romance between Josie and Nev is fun to watch unfold. Enjoy!

Joy Gerbode says

While buttons don't seem like a very interesting subject, Logan has wound them very successfully into some fun and witty mysteries, and I have truly been enjoying this series. Another good one ... though I'm getting better at "solving" her mysteries, and had the guilty one figured out this time.

Barb says

Kylie Logan's Button Box mystery series just keeps getting better and better. In PANIC BUTTON Josie is approached by a woman who needs an appraisal of her antique charm string, a collection of 1000 buttons, strung by a young lady with the idea that when complete, she would meet her beloved. Although most of the buttons have rather low values, one is exceptionally rare, and many are unusual, however, a complete charm string is very rare, which increases the value. The problem is that the owner swears that her charm string is cursed, and cites several unsettling incidents as proof. As a matter of fact, there are some strange occurrences in Josie's Button Box shop while the string is in her possession. Then, minutes after receiving the charm string from Josie, the owner is murdered, strangled by the very charm string, which has broken and scattered buttons everywhere. Josie and her boyfriend, homicide detective Nevin Riley, investigate the murder in a small town about 50 miles north of Josie's Chicago location.

The descriptions are delightful, the characters well drawn and believable, the prose flows, and the plotting is devious. Altogether an enjoyable read. And I always come away from one of Ms. Logan's books having learned something. This series should be read in order due to the character and relationship development.

Marilyn Slusher says

Loved this book!!

Ed says

#3 in the Button Box mystery series. Josie Giancola is a spunky heroine. A divorcee after she found her husband cheating, she parlayed royalties from costume design for a low budget film that became a cult classic, into opening a button shop and becoming a nationally recognized expert. The cast of characters is very limited: Josie; her septuagenarian neighbor, ex-cop Stan; her freeloading ex-husband, Kaz; and, homicide cop Nevin Riley, who is a tentative love interest. The button lore is interesting and the plotting is adequate but longevity of the series is doubtful.

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Vickie says

This is a nifty series for quite a few reasons. It's a premise [buttons] that could be dull, but isn't. The setting is Chicago and seems very familiar since my mom worked at Vogue Fabrics located in a Chicago neighborhood like Josie's, lots of creativity there. The characters are well-written and it's a very well-told mystery.

It's learning something new, history of a charm string of buttons. A girl collects, trades buttons to string as a charm. Once she has the thousandth one, she will meet her one true love. It was so cool to read about that. There's the town that was drowned to make room for a reservoir, a pirate, museums, button lore, murder, who's good and not-so-much.

I liked this a lot. Each book in the series gets better and better. I look forward to the rest of the series and all that Kylie Logan/Casey Daniels writes.

Definitely recommend.

Karen Holman says

This is the third book in the Button Box Mystery series and I will be reading #4 next. The crazy characters are funny to to react too! The Chicago setting unique and an ending that invites the reader to find the next tale. copy right 2012

Pamela says

Another "whodunit" mystery that's interesting and well-written. Ms. Logan definitely shines when it comes to executing a well thought-out and intricate mystery. However, if you're looking for some romance, good luck as it's almost non-existent. Josie and Nev would make a great couple if they ever expressed any words or feelings of TLC to one other. In other words, they're boooooorrrring. Too bad as the novel's protagonist is a strong, intelligent woman who deserves to be loved. All we get is a glimpse of them holding each other with smiles on their faces. I doubt they've even kissed once and this is Book 3. Yawnfest. What is surprising is how little a presence Kaz has in this book, unlike in "Hot Button" where he was present beginning, middle, and end; almost like he was glued to Josie which I found to be odd in itself. To be honest, I was kind of glad he wasn't around much, but this was only in hope of something happening between Nev and Josie. I don't know if I'll continue reading the series.
