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Allyson Brown, the Girl Gatsby, is a woman of wealth, hostess of fabled parties, patron of the arts-- especially of poets. Found floating in her own swimming pool, shot to death.

Poet and fledgling detective Talba Wallis gets an urgent call from the sister she barely knows: Janessa. To Girl Gatsby Janessa is close friend. But this call isn't an invitation to an elegant literary salon. Janessa wants off the hook as the principal murder suspect. Investigating, Talba and her irascible boss, Eddie, find the reality behind the Gatsby glamour. Allyson was widely hated, a con artist who neglected her children, failed to pay her bills, and lied to everyone she wanted something from. The one person she loved may have ushered her to her death. The case takes Talba and Eddie from literary parties to Gulf Coast bait shops, from biker bars to abandoned wharves, and finally, to the story of another Gatsby, which may yield answers, or greater mysteries. Louisiana Lament is Talba's journey through the not-so-genteel Southern literary scene, where backbiting and petty jealousies abound, and mint juleps are served with canapeacute;s of carnage.

Louisiana Lament Details

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Greg Ballinger says

Fun read but a convoluted plot.

I enjoyed the characters and it had an interesting feel to it. While there were moments of humor, I'm not sure I'd call it humorous. As I said in the plot and motivation were more convoluted than I liked.

Chande says

This was a fun mystery but never answer your phone in a Hurricane. You never know who it will be and what will happen after.

Lorraine says

Louisiana Lament was ABSOLUTELY AMAZING READ!!

First, I have to say, that I am pretty sure, that I had already read this book. Probably some time ago. But, I love this Author's writing! I found lots of things I forgot, especially the ending!! Lots of new people for Talba and of course murders to solve!! Can never miss, picking up a book by Julie Smith!!!

C.A. Knutsen says

"Never answer the phone on the night of a hurricane."

This is the second book I've read in the Talba Wallis series. Ms. Wallis' character is superbly further developed. The poetry of the "Baroness", Ms. Wallis' other role, is woven into the story and the character becomes more important. the mystery kept me guessing right along with all the characters who were trying to solve it.

Debbie says

Enjoyable reading. Kind of long though. And I got lost in some of the language. But the story had some quirky characters, you either love them or hate them.

Gerry Kelly says

Another fun read....Talba Wallis, PI, showcasing New Orleans...very much fun to read..interesting plot.
Recommenmed A+++

Roger says

Found it to be an enjoyable read, recommend consideration.

Eileen O'neill says

New Orleans mystery

A good story intelligently written, funny with a neat twist at the end. Written in such a way you feel like your in Louisiana, great for holiday read or easy weekend cosy, funny and heartwarming.

barbara conroy says

Enjoyed the book. Talba is one of my favorite characters. The author does a good job writing the series. Each book could also stand alone. Will continue with this series.

Kathy says

Talba once again encounters her sister, Janessa. This time Janessa has been accused of killing her boss and has turned to Talba for help. Luckily, Talba works with a PI and solicits his help. This is a very good book with a wealth of surprises. I promise you'll enjoy it!

Joan says

Talba

I really like Julie Smith and her new Orleans series and this one was a good read. This one was about the sexy, smart ppl talba wallas!. she discovered that she has a half sister who is in trouble! I did miss skip Langdon!

Diane Worthen says

Talba does it again!

I loved it. You never know what to expect when there's a hurricane coming to NOLA. And the fact that

Talba uses her poetry to explain her life and even the murder mysteries, is terrific! I can't wait to read the next book.

Charlene L. Steele says

Thoroughly enjoyed this book

Oh man, the scene in the class room, the one with the guns, awsome! Brilliant! I like to read series in order and back to back, and had already enjoyed the first two, but I really don't care to take time to do reviews. But I have to share how much I enjoyed Louisiana Lament. Miz Smith can shore wip up some characters.

Laurie Hanan says

This is the first book I've read in this new spinoff, and I know I'm approaching them out of order. I'm thoroughly enjoyed the colorful, talented, and resourceful Talba, who we first met in the Skip Langdon series. In this book Talba and her boss Eddie investigate a very perplexing double murder that kept me guessing to the end. The only thing that bothered me was the profusion of characters whose names start with A: Audrey, Allyson, Austin, Angie, and Arnelle. I had to think a little harder to keep them all straight.

Kathleen says

If you enjoy a good who-done-it, you will love this book. Unfortunately for me, I had not read the first two books in the series but I will continue reading the others. Talba is a poet and she works for Eddie as a PI. Talba's half sister, Janessa; who she recently found out about and only met once called her for help because she had just found a dead body. Talba, her boss Eddie and his daughter Angela; a lawyer work pro bono for Janessa who is one of the police's main suspects in the murder. What follows is the discovery of another body, two missing suspects and clues that keep leading to different people. One victim was hated by all and the other, her daughter; was loved by all. The book kept you intrigued and completely confused on who was the murderer and with some family dynamics, humor and poetry.
