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From New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Jana DeLeon, the third book in the Miss Fortune Mystery series.

When only a crack shot will do...

In the two weeks CIA assassin Fortune Redding has been hiding in Sinful, Louisiana, she's been harassed, poisoned, and shot at...and that was the easy part. But now, she's about to face her biggest challenge since setting foot in the tiny bayou town.

When mayoral candidate Ted Williams is murdered, everyone is surprised. Ted was a blowhole and a Yankee, but those usually weren't good reasons to kill someone. When Sinful Ladies Society leader Ida Belle becomes the lead suspect in the crime, Fortune knows she's got to solve a murder and save one of the only friends she's ever had.

But as the investigation begins, more and more secrets surface, and Fortune realizes that sometimes nothing is as it seems.

Praise for Jana DeLeon:

"DeLeon is excellent at weaving comedy, suspense and spicy romance into one compelling story." – RT Book Reviews

"I don't know where she comes up with this funny stuff, but I can't wait to read the next book..." – Night Owl Reviews

"Jana DeLeon has a breezy style with enough of a comic touch to leave you smiling." – The Romance Reader

"Son of a gun, we're having fun in the bayou!" – Fresh Fiction

"The quirky characters keep the action moving..." – Barbara Vey, Publisher's Weekly Blogger

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## **Swamp Sniper Details**

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## From Reader Review Swamp Sniper for online ebook

### Deanna says

*Swamp Sniper* by DeLeon is the third hilarious installment in the Miss Fortune mystery series. After a near brush with death, Fortune tries to keep out of trouble by trying to assist Ida Belle with her run for mayor. When Ida's competition turns up poisoned and the same poison is found in a bottle of "cough syrup" given to him by Ida, the trio resorts to their usual antics to insure that Ida Belle is cleared. It doesn't take long to figure that the list of people with reason to kill Tom is quite lengthy. The hard part will be narrowing the field down to the correct culprit before Deputy Carter is forced to arrest Ida. 5 stars.

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### Deborah Schultz says

I really get a kick out of these books. I laugh a lot at the escapades that Miss Fortune and the little old ladies get into. I like that they have romance, but it's more of a side note. These are a great light read and I highly recommend to anyone who wants to be entertained.

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### Shirleen Miller says

- OH WOW this is good. Even if you have not read the other two it is a stand alone. BUT do read the other two as one of the very few authors out there who does not have half of previous book in the next. And each book is more like coming home to good family. You will fall in love with Fortune, Gertie and Ida Bell and maybe a bit of drool over Carter. But the most important thing that will happen is you will laugh and laugh and laugh out loud. Jana can spin a tale that you are right in the scene with the characters. I love Jana's books and cannot wait to get a new one read it so fast that I would get sad that I am finishing but am laughing so hard. Very good author and what an imagination.

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### Sonia Cristina says

Vá, 3,5 estrelas.

Foi o que menos me cativou, mas também andei com as ideias dispersas por outros lados, admito. Mesmo assim consegui rir-me com Gertir, Ida Belle e Fortune. Ah, sim, e Carter! Coitado, cheguei a ter pena de tão banana que o fazem. Lol Quando ele souber de tudo sobre Fortune, não sei como vai reagir.

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### Anita says

This series is laugh out loud funny and, although, it is a little unbelievable it has a very worthy suspense/mystery plot. In only three weeks in the little town of Sinful, Louisiana there has been a string of murders and mayhem. The only new element in town is Miss Fortune, who is a librarian who has come to

town to settle her aunt's estate, at least that is her "cover". Fortune is actually a CIA assassin who is in hiding from a terrorist who wants her dead. I cannot wait to see what happens in the next installment for Fortune, and the Geratol Mafia, Gertie, and Ida Belle.

Ida Belle is running for mayor of Sinful and her opponent, Ken, has been murdered. The evidence points to Ida Belle, but Fortune and Gertie are determined to prove her innocence. Deputy Carter has told them, very explicitly, to butt out, but that is not going to stop them.

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### **Katherine says**

I was listening to this book early this morning in bed. I couldn't contain my laughter and my husband thought I was ill. Then I couldn't tell him I was fine, because I couldn't catch my breath. This series is so fun you really need to give it a try.

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### **Amy says**

When the author is *not* trying to force chemistry on her main couple, they are adorable. When she does...well, it comes across more awkward and less sexy. But Gertie is still #goals so extra star.

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### **JoAn says**

Swamp Sniper by Jana DeLeon was not a disappointment. I couldn't get book #2 from my library so I skipped on to this one. I know I missed another fun romp with Fortune, Ida Belle and Gertie with book #2 but I'll go back and get it when it's available. Ms. DeLeon's imagination is amazing when it comes to what she puts these ladies up to and I'm glad. Another wild ride as Fortune, Ida Belle and Gertie are now investigating a murder that has implicated Ida Belle. I laughed till I cried at their strategies and the twists and turns almost made me dizzy - in a good way.

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### **JadeShea says**

When the mayor candidate is killed, everyone thinks that Ida Belle did it since she was running for mayor as well. However, that is not at all what happened. Fortune and her friends must do everything they can to try to clear Ida Belle, even if that puts someone else at risk.

This was another great addition to the series. I thought Fortune was awesome in this one, and she is finally starting to realize that she enjoys what she is doing now, and is learning to have close feelings for all those new people around her.

After reading another great book, I'm excited for more. Fortune is an amazing hilarious character, and the two old ladies are also funny.

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## **Tammie says**

**In the two weeks CIA assassin Fortune Redding has been hiding in Sinful, Louisiana, she's been harassed, poisoned, and shot at...and that was the easy part. But now, she's about to face her biggest challenge since setting foot in the tiny bayou town.**

This is the third book in the Miss Fortune series, set in Louisiana. I have no idea why I'm still reading these. They are mediocre at best and not nearly as funny as they could be. I felt like the comedic relief in this one was all done in the previous book. There are only so many times the same scenario is going to work. There was one mildly funny scene that involved the bathroom at the police department, but other than that it didn't really make me laugh at all. And really, how many people can get murdered in one tiny town in just two weeks? It's very far-fetched, but it is light reading that isn't supposed to be taken too seriously. At this point though, I'm really not sure if I'm going to continue on with this series.

Review also posted at Writings of a Reader

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## **Valerie Downs says**

### **A funny and fun read**

I usually read more complex mysteries and thrillers, but don't let the humor and light hearted set of this book steer you away from an opportunity to enjoy the efforts of this very able author. This is my third or fourth book by this author. For me it's not just about the mystery, it's about the eccentric, odd but totally believable characters, and the wild ride that takes you sliding and squealing to the conclusion. I have only read her Miss Fortune series so far, but I have every reason to believe that her talents will shine through in her other books as well. But don't take my word for it, take one for a spin yourself and see if your speedometer takes on some extra highs.

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## **Joan Rose says**

These books about the small town of Sinful, LA. are such fun to read. The characters are lively with a great sense of humor and the mysteries convoluted and not always so easy to figure out. Very enjoyable books by Jana Deleon.

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## **Tasula says**

I read the Miss Fortune series when I need a light hearted, amusing mystery. I like the Miss Fortune character, a trained assassin on the run to avoid a high level hit, holed up in a very small quirky town called Sinful. The old ladies who "adopted" her are a bit cutsey and improbable, and there is quite a bit of inane banter that can get tedious. But the shenanigans are amusing.

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## Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says

I can't help but adore this cozy mystery series! Finally things are getting traction between Carter and Fortune. I was wondering how many books it would take before a hint of a romance would start between those two. :)

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### Veronica says

#### 3.75 stars

If you're a citizen of Sinful, Louisiana, your odds of dying before nature intends are pretty high. Fortune Redding has only been in town, hiding out from an arms dealer she pissed off on one of her missions as a CIA agent, for three weeks but already there have been three murders...in a town of just about 300 people. Clearly, reading this series demands a complete suspension of disbelief...especially when you have to account for the utterly crazy "missions" that Fortune and her two over-seventy accomplices, Gertie and Ida Belle, get up to. Their misadventures reach Lucy Ricardo and Ethel Mertz level of epicness in their absurdity. Gertie is emerging as my favorite and it's a wonder she hasn't broken a hip by now. The lying to Deputy Carter is starting to get frustrating especially since the rationale for it doesn't make much sense. Fortune doesn't want Carter to know her real identity but I can't help wondering why it would be such a bad thing if he knew. It'd be one thing if he had been shown to be lazy, inept, or corrupt in his job as law enforcement but he's none of those things. He's the exact opposite in fact. I think it could only be a benefit for Fortune if the trustworthy local law officer knew of her special circumstances. But, whatever, it's all played for laughs and at least Fortune is starting to feel guilty about it as she grows to like Carter more than she ever intended to.

This time around we find Sinful in the midst of a mayoral campaign. Ida Belle is running for election but when her opponent ends up dead with her special ~~homemade moonshine~~ cough syrup as the agent of delivery for arsenic poisoning, things don't look so good for the old girl. Of course, neither Fortune or Gertie can just sit by while suspicious eyes turn towards their friend. Cue the whackadoodle shenanigans. I'm rounding my rating up to four stars because it certainly delivers on the chuckles and that's just what I've been in the mood for.

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