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A spin off from the Kiki Lowenstein Mysteries.

After her parents die within six months of each other and her son goes off to college, savvy entrepreneur Cara Mia Delgatto decides to construct a new life for herself. A road trip leads to her grandfather's home on the picturesque Treasure Coast of Florida, where she impulsively snaps up a "tear down," a building scheduled for the wrecking ball--only to discover it's already occupied by a fresh corpse. While Detective Lou Murray tries to nail the killer to the wall, Cara Mia enlists the help of two new friends to open a store specializing in one-of-a-kind, recycled, and repurposed items. But before she can get down to brass tacks, Cara Mia decides to help Lou figure out "whodunit," because she's been painted into the picture as one of the prime suspects. To make matters more complicated, tensions are building with Cooper Rivers, an old boyfriend. Cara Mia wonders whether her second chance at love will pan out--or if her carefully constructed fantasies will lead her to a new life behind bars. Includes Crafts-Skye Blue's Sparkling Votives and Recipes-MJ Austin's Pineapple Casserole, Skye Blue's Broccoli Soup, and Cara Mia Delgatto's Clams in Garlic Wine Broth.

BONUS: You can win a sea heart necklace.

Plus Bonus Excerpt from "Kiki and Cara Mia's Holiday Celebration"

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Sue says

Cara Mia's plans of visiting her son are derailed when her car breaks down and she must take a detour. She lands in the town of Stuart and must face her grumpy grandfather and a past love she left behind. Along the way, she purchases a business by mistake and gets herself involved in a murder mystery. If you enjoy Joanna's Kiki mysteries, you are going to love her new Cara Mia series.

Sherry McWilliams says

Enjoyed this story, It had great characters, a few plot twists and can be read as a stand alone book in a series. I will be reading more of this author's books.

Betty says

This a new author is a new author for me and the first of new series featuring Cara Mia Delgatto a character from her Scrap-N-Craft series. Car a is driving to Florida to visited her son. She stops of to see her Grandfather in the Treasure Coast of Florida. Due to series of mistakes she buys a tear down old building. Entering it for the first time she stumbles over a corpse. Cara becomes a person of interest. A great deal of background is written and there are turns in the story. She meets new friends, Skye and MJ along with an old boyfriend, Cooper Rivers. Her Grandfather's garage needs work and he is in the hospital. Cara must clear herself, start a new business and help her Grandfather. Will she succeed before someone else is killed? I received a free copy from the author for a honest review and the opinions are my own. I have new books to add to my TBR list.

Cindy says

Fun light mystery series.

Laurie says

This was a cute beginning to a spin-off from the Kiki Lowenstein series. Cara Mia is a fun and engaging leading lady (much like Kiki is) and Campbell Slan does not disappoint with her secondary cast of characters. All of the new players are quirky and engaging and the mystery almost takes a backseat to getting to know these individuals. The suggested potential romance between Cara Mia and Cooper is a nice added bonus and there are plenty of reasons to hope these characters continue on in their own series of books. Here's to more of these pleasant reads!

Nola Arganbright says

First of a new series for me

I finished this book in a one night read through. I just couldn't put it down! There was never a lapse in the story. The characters were great and the reader is rewarded with great development for the first book.

Cara Mia is a great main character and a strong female leader. There is a lot of action, good plot and sub plots.

The flow is excellent although a few errors that could be corrected by a good proofreading. 5 stars and I would recommended it to my Cozy Mystery friends!

Anne says

I wasn't sure if I would like this new series, but I do. I suspected where they were hidden, but not who had hidden them.

Neena Christianson Martin says

Starting over.

On the way to see her son at school in Florida, fate steps in and puts Cara exactly where she doesn't want to be, back in the town she grew up in. Cara has to deal with a new business, her sick grandfather, and being a suspect in the murder of a local businessman. With plenty of twists and turns, this book will keep you on your toes.

elaine m. suda says

Starting Over

Thank you for this exciting story about Cara Mia and the intriguing situations she got into. I enjoyed the fast-moving storyline and the different characters, especially Skye and MJ. I also enjoyed Poppy and his antics.

Sandy Todd says

Ms. Slan was a new-to-me author when I just happened to enter and win a give-a-way on a book blog some months ago. This book had been sitting on my bookshelf for a while until I decided to give it a go & I am really glad I read it.

A true "cozy" mystery with a good storyline, likeable characters and more than a couple twists and surprises. I'll be keeping my eye out for the second installment of the Cara Mia Delgato mystery series.

Lisa Morin says

This was a good book. I really enjoy the Kiki Lowenstein series and this one was just as good. Cara Mia is a fun character and I was able to lose myself completely in the story. For anyone who enjoys a good, well told story, you will want to check this one out.

Kathy says

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Cara Mia Delgatto had decided to make a new start in life once both her parents have passed away,. She had decided to head to Florida. Her son, Tommy is a freshman at the University of Miami and she was heading there for Parents weekend. As she started on her way her car started to putter out and she made it to Stuart, Florida. Her grandfather lived there and she new he will be able to get her car up and running like new. Poppy was happy to see her but he himself has been on the grumpy side and feeling rather ill. Once she had seen his gas station she decided to clean it up for him. She found out that her former boyfriend was going to set up a new gas station across the street in which stands Essie Feldman's store the Treasure Chest. Cara went to Mr. Humberg to try and stop the purchase of sale he thought she was someone else and she signed her name to the contract. Low and behold she owned the Treasure Chest. She had dinner with her grandfather and told him about her news, let's just say he was non to please at the prospect of his granddaughter buying the Treasure Chest and he left in a huff. Instead of staying with Poppy she had decided that she would get her sleeping bag and stay in the apartment above the Treasure Chest. As she walked up and fumbling around in the dark she had tripped over a leg. Once she looked down she realized it was the real estate agent Mr. Humberg who was lying dead on the floor. Cara rushed to Pumpernickel's the place she had dinner to call for the police. Already with her stay in Staurt, Florida she had made a friend in Skye the waitress from the Pumpernickel. Manage to upset her grandfather, surprised a killer, bumped into her old flame and trying to get her new store up in running. Will the police be able to catch the killer before he goes after his next target.

Melissa Dinwiddie says

If You Like Second Chances, You Might Just Love Cara Mia

Cara Mia Delgatto is a character from the Kiki Lowenstein series of mysteries, and Kiki herself makes a cameo appearance here. If you like the Kiki series, you'll likely enjoy this book.

Cara Mia is finding her way at a transition point in her life. Having lost both parents in six months and sold the family restaurant, with her son away at college, she strikes off for Florida, with plans to spend a week in the sun before Parents Weekend at her son's university.

Instead, car troubles send her on a detour that turns into an extended adventure, including stumbling over a dead body!

We learn all sorts of family secrets and character backstories over the course of this novel, and Cara Mia discovers a direction and purpose she never knew she had.

A little soda-pop-fluffy at times, but hey, sometimes that's exactly what the doctor ordered. And Joanna Slan's heroines don't just sit around and wait for a big, strong man to rescue them—gotta love that! Plus I always learn something in a Joanna Slan novel, which I appreciate.

Heartwarming.

g kordbacheh says

Great read

Really enjoyed this book, couldn't put it down. Looking forward to reading the next one. Good storyline, really descriptive. Character's and places brought to life.

PJ Lea says

Nice.

A good range of characters, an interesting mystery that keeps you guessing and a well described setting. A good start to the series.
