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Vicky Simmons and her friends have to dig deep again, when a serial in the local newspaper describes a murder that really takes place...

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From Reader Review Written into the Grave for online ebook

Leith Devine says

Thanks to HQ Digital and NetGalley for the ARC of this book in exchange for an honest opinion.

Another winner from Vivian Conroy in the Country Gift Shop series. The books get better and better with each installment as the characters continue to develop and grow.

In this book, Written into the Grave, Vicki Simmons, the owner of the Country Gift Shop, sees the latest entry in a serialized mystery series in the newspaper one morning. The entry is disturbing in its graphic description of a murder. Vicki is shocked when she comes upon a death later that morning that seems to match description of the murder in the newspaper exactly.

The local police chief, Cash, gets Vicki involved when he takes her to notify the next of kin. There are family dynamics swirling around the case, and Vicki's old friend Michael, the editor of the local paper, gets involved when one of his reporters begins to act suspiciously. The triangle between Vicki, Cash and Michael is interesting, although Vicki isn't dating either of them.

As in the other books, the characters are interesting and the writing is engaging. I didn't guess the culprit until the very end, which is always a bonus in a cozy mystery.

I really enjoyed this book and highly recommend it. It can be read as a standalone book, but the other books in the series are equally enjoyable.

Mr Kenneth L Mullen says

Great Story

Another fantastic so in the Country gift shop cozy mystery series. As it lots of twists and turns and a great ending.

Phyllis says

This is the 3rd book of this charming British Country Gift Shop series set in coastal Maine. The main character, Vicky Simmons, recently returned from London to her hometown is involved in yet another murder mystery. This one has a twist, however, with the murder itself having been described in the morning edition of the local paper. This books picks up where the last one left off. If you're new to the series, I suggest you start with book 1 to familiarize yourself with the characters and setting of these books. I would like to thank Net Galley and the publisher for an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Karen says

This third book in the series was a quick, enjoyable read.

In this series, I enjoy the characters, the small town setting, and the really good whodunits. All the elements of a good cozy are included. I recommend this book and look forward to reading more in the series. I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Lisa Morin says

The concept of this story is quite clever. A book group writes their own story and it gets published in weekly segments in the local newspaper.

Each member writes their own piece and I found the idea fun. It reminded me of a modern day radio show.

The fun quickly turns to shock as one published story turns out to be a true crime!

Was the author of the story crazy enough to be guilty or did someone set him up?

This was a really interesting story and I can't wait to read the next book.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book provided by the publisher and NetGalley.

DelAnne Frazee says

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Reviewer: DelAnne

Rating: 4.25 Stars

Life seems to imitate art when Vicki Simmons, while walking Coco and Mr. Pug, finds a body on the beach that seems to resemble in great detail the body of the recent serial written in her local newspaper. Which came first, the story or the murder? Once again Vicki turns her detective skills into solving a murder.

I have so enjoyed Vivian Conroy's Gift Shop Mysteries. She has developed a town using only words to bring it to life. It seems so real I can imagine it in my mind and want to visit often. The characters are vivid and likeable. They vary in personalities just like any town one might visit. This is a wonderful series for those who enjoy cozy mysteries who have both humor and suspense.

My rating of "Written into the Grave - Country Gift Shop Cozy Mystery Book 3" is 4.25 out of 5 stars.

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Rachel Gilbey says

Easily the best book in the series to date. Was gripped incredibly early on and found the book to be full of action and red herrings, and kept me thinking the whole way through.

In Written into the Grave you are transported to the heart of the action, within the first few chapters, and before you get to the real murder, I was gripped by Vicky reading out a part of a story serial in the newspaper that describes in great detail a murder being committed. So when Vicky notices police action at the cliffs in Glen Cove, she can't help but get a feeling that reality was mirroring fiction.

On the surface it should have been a very easy crime to solve, until you start thinking and digging into the people potentially involved, at which point there suddenly are a whole range of potential suspects which could have the motivation for murder.

What surprised me a bit was how fast Cash, the local police, starts to lean on Vicky for support with the case, going as far as to ask for help and discuss theories with her, whereas in the previous two books in the series he seemed rather reluctant for any help at all.

It's not just Cash that Vicky is helping with investigating, but also Michael who runs the local paper. The three of them seem locked in a weird triangle involving jealousy despite Vicky not going out with either man.

This may be book three in the A Country Gift Shop series but it could definitely be read as a standalone, although if you want to understand the full depths of the Cash - Michael - Vicky conundrum, then reading the other books which are equally enjoyable would be a good idea.

I was engaged in the story from the start and really enjoyed reading the book and seeing how it all panned out. I am marginally frustrated that Vivian Conroy managed to outwit me yet again for so far into the story, but loved trying to work it out.

Thank you so much to Netgalley and HQ Digital for this copy which I have reviewed honestly and voluntarily.

Cindy says

This is the second book that I have read in this series. While it most definitely may be read as a standalone, if you want to get into the dynamics of the characters and their relationships I would read it as a series.

This book starts out running and does not slow down the pace. Vicky immediately gets involved in the murder investigation. Cash the local police chief seems to rely on Vicky quite a bit and I cannot decide if I want him or Michael, the reporter for Vicky's love interest. I think Cash may be the one for Vicky. The author put quite a few red herrings in this book and I found myself falling for a few of them.

I love the setting of Glen Cove. The premise of this book was very clever and the murder itself very difficult for me to solve. This review was originally posted on Cindy's Book Binge

Holly says

*3.5 stars

I enjoyed this one so much more than the last, #2, of the series. Although, I was hoping Vivian Conroy would write more about Lady Alkmene. In this one, Vicky is involved in another murder after someone apparently falls over a cliff. The twist is, that the "murder" was written in that morning's paper! I liked the concept of this mystery and it kept me interested. The only thing that bothers me is Vicky. She really overtakes the investigation even from the sheriff. It's not that she's even butting her nose into things. She actually tells the sheriff what to do, what questions to ask, and who to look at!! There's no subtlety to her when it comes to her investigating. Other than that, I do enjoy sitting down and relaxing with a cozy and this one was nice to do that with. However, I do prefer Conroy's Lady Alkmene series better.

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Lori says

First I would like to thank Netgalley and Harper Collins UK for allowing me to read this story for my review.

When I first received this book I realized that it was the third in the series so I immediately had to buy the first 2 stories so that I was familiar with the characters and the basic story line. From the first book I enjoyed the premise of someone coming back home and opening her dream shop. The murder and choice of 2 seemingly handsome men were an added bonus!

I have found that the writer has stayed true to her characters and I feel as though I get to know them a little more, and like them even more, with every new book. This is definitely a series I will keep up with and an author I will watch.

Laura Salas says

I loved the premise--a fiction story appearing in the paper seems to foreshadow a murder that happens that very morning, but at 10% in, the stilted dialog and (for me) unengaging storytelling jsut isn't holding my interest. Vicky as a main character just doesn't seem ... forceful enough, I guess, is the best way I can put it. She's doing what other people tell her, and I find myself just not caring...

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