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When her car gets run into a ditch, Jolie knows someone is seriously mad at her. Soon she's getting less work. Who wants a possible murder suspect appraising their house? Scoobie's pirate limericks can't solve a crime, so Jolie and her sometimes buddy local reporter George Winters look for the murderer and try to figure out who's trying to frame Jolie. They need to stay ahead of whoever's mad at her and off the radar of the local police who tell Jolie -- for the hundredth time -- to butt out.

Put on your pirate bandana and eye patch and join the fun in Ocean Alley -- with Jolie, Scobie, Aunt Madge, and George. And let's not forget the dogs (Mister Rogers and Miss Piggy) and Jolie's cat, Jazz. And do batten down the hatches -- a hurricane's approaching.

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From Reader Review Any Port in a Storm for online ebook

Sonia says

It was fairly predictable, but fun.

Betty says

Hate At Its Worse

Appraising houses Jolie Gentil finds break-ins and she recognize one person that disturbs her very much. A tropical storm ends the SPEAK LIKE A PIRATE day and the next morning a man is found murder at the site. Clues point to Jolie and her curiosity wants to know who hates so much they are trying to frame her. The events take strange turns that keep you guessing. The ending surprise me. I am reading this series out of order and have no trouble understanding as there is enough of a back story to understand it.

Jeanie Jackson says

I am really have fun with the Jolie Gentil series. The mysteries are intriguing but what I love most is the character interaction.

A young man who has been hanging around young teens including a friend of Jolie's is murder the day after Jolie is seen having and angry exchange with the young man. It soon looks as if Jolie is being frame for the murder so of course she sets out to find who really killed him. Her friends are split on helping her or pushing to leave it in the hands of the police. On the nicer side, a little romance grows for the appraiser.

A says

This author has created one of the best story series. You got your usual murder, suspects, a handsome protector, escaping possible death brought on by a deranged woman, the ah-ha moment when you realize who the murder is, and finally solving the case.

Nancy says

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One of the homeless men accidentally killed the bad boyfriend of the young girl working in the soup kitchen. He eventually confessed.

Karen says

I was very impressed with the characters and the writing in this book. I haven't read the earlier books but I will. Jolie's career (house appraiser) and volunteer work (in a food pantry) bring her in contact with interesting characters and situations. Her aunt, George, Scoobie, and the two homeless men, Max and Josh, are great regular members of the cast. Orr's writing style flows very well and dialogue is also a strong point.

Jenny Falcone says

"As the top left corner [of the pirate ship shaped plywood] came toward me, I steadied it and walked a couple steps back. "Yeeeeee!" I screamed and sat down in the mud, hands splayed at my side. It was a horrible place to sit, as I could stare into xxx's dead eyes."

This is the fourth book in the Jolie Gentil series. Someone is breaking into vacant, for-sale houses and Jolie is trying to figure out what is going on while getting ready for the upcoming fundraising event she is in charge of organizing. Someone dies and she is blamed for it. The break-in's end but other things go wrong for Jolie while she is trying to figure out who has framed her.

The beginning quarter of this book is very slow moving. At this point the pace gets faster as we begin to figure out what everything prior has meant. We do not know the actions of other characters and have to wait for them to tell Jolie about thibgs since the book is written in the first person from Julie's perspective. Our author does a good job of describing her characters and we get a feel for everyone's emotions but it takes some time to get this feeling.

This is an interesting book and I would recommend it. This is not a christian book but Jolie makes some references to God and that she should give her problems to Him a couple times. Nothing even remotely explicit happens other than a reference to Jolie's aunt's boyfriend coming out of the house at a late hour and Jolie and her new boyfriend making out on the living room floor after a movie. 3 out of 5 stars. It will be interesting to see what happens with Jolie next.

Anne says

I enjoyed this book as well as the others in the series.

Book-Lover Book Blog says

Another incredible addition to the Jolie Gentil cozy mystery series. A story packed with drama, busybodies, complex characters and an officer of the law who may end up having a coronary because of Jolie's antics.

The characters in this one can be quite irritating. Though I found Madge has calmed her 'tantrum' ways in this one. I love Jolie and George; though I really wish they'd stop acting like 14 year olds and get together already. They're absolutely hilarious and I'm gutted Scoobie wasn't in this one very much. Maybe Ain't Madge's attitude (for an 80+ woman, she certainly gets the PMS moods!) has toned down due to a certain gentleman called Harry?

The story, the mystery, and the general investigation was an interesting one, and talk like a pirate day? Sign me up! Sounds fun! I'm really starting to wish I lived in Ocean Alley so I can join the fun.

I'm absolutely loving this series and can't wait to dig into the next one!!

Jeanne says

One of her better books. Fun mystery

Glenda says

5th book in the Jolie Gentil mystery series. i have read them all and will read the next one released.

Kaye says

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