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Writing murder mysteries is all in a day's work until an obsessed fan brings Phoebe's stories to life.

Mystery writer, Phoebe Anderson, owes her success to killing her first husband on paper seventeen years earlier. Now, someone has actually done it. When she decides to take a few days away on the ranch of her best friend's brother-in-law, she doesn't expect romance to find her...or murder to follow her.

Mason Meadowlark is happy with his wild cowboy ways, avoiding love since the death of his baby and the end of his marriage twenty years ago. When Phoebe shows up, he fights to control his emotions, but soon wonders if she just might be worth the risk of opening his heart again.

With an obsessed fan close on her heels, Phoebe is thrown into her own murder mystery...and the next target on his list is Mason.

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From Reader Review *Southwest of Love and Murder* for online ebook

Joyce says

Southwest of Love and Murder may just be my favorite in Brenda Whiteside's *Love and Murder* series. The author does a great job building and weaving the elements of suspense and romance throughout the story, and anchors it in beautiful descriptions of the southwest. At first, it seemed the main characters had little in common, except their belief in the joys of a permanent single life. Phoebe Anderson is an urban based, arty, free-wheeling writer to Mason Meadowlark's love'em and leave'em rancher persona. Yet all the dissimilarities mean little when they find themselves connecting on a deeper level they never intended or expected. Add to this new arrangement a crazy fan willing to kill to achieve his goal, and things get deadly. The story is fast-paced and satisfying. Check it out.

Jane Reads says

I just read a really good book, y'all! Let me tell you a little about it.

Southwest of Love and Murder, by Brenda Whiteside, is a romantic suspense novel about Phoebe, a suspense novelist who, in the guise of doing some research on ranching for her next book, is looking for romance by

Getting away from the city, spending time on a ranch with a handsome — no, a damned sexy cowboy....

Phoebe's romantic research with her cowboy Mason is going well (except he prefers the term rancher), until she realizes that she has been followed by a stalker from the city to the country. The book's point of view alternates between Phoebe, Mason, and her stalker (whose identity is not revealed to the reader, until Phoebe becomes aware that she is being stalked). At this point, the book transitions from a romance with mystery and just a touch of suspense, to a suspenseful mystery with a side of romance.

No matter whether the romance or the suspense is predominating at the moment, the result is a very good read. I recommend this one, y'all — if you like romance, and suspense, I think you'll really like *Southwest of Love and Murder*.

Southwest of Love and Murder received Four Kitties from *Jane Reads* Blog. I really enjoyed it!

Note: I received a complimentary copy of *Southwest of Love and Murder* from the author and Goddess Fish Book Tours, in exchange for an honest opinion of the book.

This review was originally published on Jane Reads.

Tina Susedik says

There have been many books written about psychopaths recreating murders from authors' books. Southwest of Love and Murder is one of those books, but even though you know up front who is the murderer, the way Whiteside gets inside of his mind has the reader on the edge of her seat. There were times I wanted to scream, "No, please don't murder her."

This is the first book I've read from this author, and even though I finished reading this book late at night, I almost immediately downloaded "The Art of Love and Murder." Common sense prevailed and I waited until the morning.

Samie Sands says

I am a big fan of Brenda Whiteside and really enjoyed her first book 'The Art of Love and Murder' so I was very excited to read her new book and it does not disappoint! The story is complex and the twists and turns are very unexpected. I don't think it's like anything else within the same genre and that's what makes it stand out from the crowd. If you like romance, mystery, thriller...or just something a little different, then I strongly recommend this book!

Paula Harp says

I received this book as an arc for a honest review. This book is a great murder mystery. Phoebe is an author that writes murder mysteries. She had a wedding party one night stand with Mason a month ago and can't stop thinking about him so she decides to call him up and ask to visit his ranch for research for her next book. Little does she know murder will follow her. She has a stalker who wants to recreate the murders in her books, he calls himself "The Next Great Author". He murders her ex-husband the same way she did in her first book, then murders a waitress same as the second book. But now he wants to write a new book with a new murder as her co-author. It takes a while for her to figure she is being stalked and I did think the stalkers identity came out to early even though I had already figured it out. Lots of romance with Mason and mystery. Great read that was hard to put down.

Peggy says

WOW!!!! Never have read anything from Brenda Whiteside until now and let me say, I can't wait for more from her! This book takes you on a ride you sure as heck don't see coming! A plot that will give you turns that will blindside and twist that will leaving you asking, "what the...." This book is that dang good! Hard to put down once you start and had you on the edge of your seat needing more!

Received for honest review

Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by Robin

Book provided by Brenda Whiteside

Review originally posted at [Romancing the Book](#)

Although a part of a series this book can be read on its own. Romance, Murder and Suspense fill this story, keeping me once again captivated.

Phoebe a suspense novelist whose husband was murdered needs a break. She ends up on her best friend's brother in laws ranch. I don't want to have to say that another time. She is going to do research for her next book. It won't be hard research when you have a sexy cowboy at your disposal.

The characters are spot on giving us ones that we end up caring about. From the beginning you fall for the easy banter between Phoebe and Mason as you feel the chemistry coming off the pages. You can't help but feel for the stalker whom we get to know from the beginning making him more realistic from the beginning. He is a real person with real problems.

At first the story is all about the romance but once the stalker a real creeper comes into the picture it is more about the mystery and less about the romance. This stalker has decided to murder just like in Phoebe's books. Finding out that since she used her husband in her first book that is the reason for his murder and of course it isn't stopping there.

Ms. Whiteside gives us plenty of twists and turns that keep us anticipating the next move...but as I tried guessing I would come up wrong and have to start all over.

The story was very well written with more vivid pictures painted with the words that Ms. Whiteside used on her canvas. Characters that were easy to relate to, very realistic, fast paced, and overall a very entertaining story of another couple getting a second chance.
