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Eerie violin music, flashing lights, a battered security guard, a dead music teacher....more than Susan Wiles bargained for when she flew to Florida to meet her newly found birth mother, Audrey Roberts, for the first time. Audrey is in charge of Hemingway High School for the Performing Arts, a tony private school in Banyan Beach, Florida. The bad publicity surrounding the school jeopardizes its existence when donors threaten to withhold funding, and parents begin withdrawing their students. Lucky for Audrey, Susan happens to be a retired music teacher...and an amateur sleuth extraordinaire. Against the wishes of Susan's detective daughter who has accompanied her on the trip, Susan volunteers to substitute for the dead choral teacher, and uses her new position to work on solving the case.

Murder is Private Details

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Mona McBride says

I loved this book. It's the book of this series I have read. I couldn't put it down. I would recommend this book to everyone!

Krystyna says

Getting back to your roots.

Another great read. A private school and she's been let loose to bring her own chaotic brand of sleuthing into play. Loved the way the characters are chat with the new family dynamics. Another one that ends with a cliffhanger.

The meeting with her brother scared her witless but knowing her birth mother needs her help has her, her daughter and granddaughter flying to Florida. A teacher has been murdered and now not only is a killer on the loose but a replacement music teacher is urgently required. She steps in and immediately starts asking questions. Meanwhile her son comes down to join them. How will she react when her 'mother' starts giving advice to her son about his placement and holiday destinations? Throw in a crooked doctor, drugs prescribed without question, getting dumped in the sea, a Gardner brother who hasn't a clue about gardening, a murder and threats. Will the school stay open? Why was the teacher killed? Why did the teacher have an old newspaper cutting about a home invasion where she shot and killed a man? Who is her mother having secret conversations with? What is going on between her daughter and an old flame (now the lead detective on this case)?

Kathy says

Great read

So glad I found Diane Weiner's books if you love a great cozy with characters you will love and a storyline that keeps you turning the page then you have to add these to your to read list I'm getting book 5 now

Lisa Morin says

Perfect Summer Book!

Susan is embarking on a very personal journey! She is off to Florida to finally meet her birth mother. Susan is traveling with daughter Lynette and her baby granddaughter.

They have just arrived at the performing arts high school where Susan's birth mother, Audrey, is acting principal, and have stumbled right into a murder.

Susan volunteers to be a substitute teacher while hoping to do a little investigating of her own. There are a lot

of bizarre things going on in this school and Susan is determined to find the truth. While investigating, Susan discovers an illegal drug ring, suspects her daughter may be trying to rekindle an old flame and is trying to come to terms with her relationship with the woman who abandoned her 62 years ago. She has many unanswered questions, including if her brother is a landscaper, why is he mowing the lawn in the rain? Things just don't add up and Susan is willing to risk it all just to find the answers. I loved this book and cannot wait to read the next one! The ending was perfect and I have a few questions of my own!!!!

Michele bookloverforever says

in the midst of an emotional reunion with her long lost birth mother, Susan still manages to uncover a drug ring and solve a murder. and wonder who and where her biological dad is.

Julie says

Murder is Private by Diane Weiner picks up where her last book left off. I feel this is by far her best book. The information we now know about the familiar characters from Diane Weiner's other books in this series, makes us feel as if Susan Wiles is an old friend. This mystery takes place out of Susan's home town on a quest to get to know the mother she has never met, introducing some new and quirky characters to the mix. Along with a new family comes a mystery that leads you through twists and turns keeping a reader turning the pages and coming back for more.

Jane Firebaugh says

Very enjoyable read! Fun and cozy. Five Stars!

Andrea Stoeckel says

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"Retirement was wonderful. Isn't that what everybody said?"

I had been quite startled when Susan Wiles, the main character in Diane Weiner's book was abducted at the end of her last book, leaving readers with reactions of "what next?". Now, she and her daughter Lynette Green and granddaughter Annalise are headed down to Florida to meet her birth mother, and fall into yet another murder.

Audrey, Susan's biological mother has returned to her old job at Hemingway High School as the murder of the choral master has everyone wondering if the school will stay open. Susan offers to substitute for the dead

teacher to help her out and to try to find out just what may have been the motive for the death. There begins a rather puzzling story of smuggling, unrequited love and antiques that reads more like the front page of the newspaper than a cosy mystery. And in Weiner's style, not everything is all tied up at the end.

All in all, a very well written book that I will happily recommend.

Bradette Michel says

Readers will continue to enjoy Susan's sleuthing in *Murder Is Private*, but this time Weiner adds more personal layers to Susan's obsession with investigation. She solves the crime, but finding her long sought-after mother creates even more mystery. As usual, we must read the next in the series to find all the answers. Well done.

Paula Corregan says

Good book!

This book was interesting, had a good plot and believable characters. I highly recommend it to other mystery readers, and I look forward to reading more books in the series.

Roberta Amann says

Music & Retirement?

Read the series of 4 adventures of Susan & her daughter Lynette (the cop) who keeps telling her to stay out of trouble! Well easier said than done! Wherever whenever Susan seems to be in trouble, murder happens! Retirement hasn't turned out the way Susan thought, but she made up for it by solving all those murders! (In each book) much to her family's chagrin! All four books were very good real page turners with some surprise endings! Would definitely recommend this author's work!
