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Law school drop-out-turned-flower shop owner Abby Knight has been asked to be a bridesmaid by her cousin. But before the couple says "I do," a groomsman disappears-and another member of the wedding party is found dead. Abby has to hurry down an aisle of suspects to unveil the truth-and make sure the bride still gets to the church on time.

Slay It with Flowers Details

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Barbara Campbell says

This is book 1 of the Flower Shop Mysteries... a series of secular mysteries.

I enjoyed this book thoroughly and look forward to reading the others in the series.

Abby Knight enjoys driving her vintage yellow 'Vette, working in her flower shop (Bloomers) and meddling! Her friends have tried to reform her, but they have given up. Abby is a meddler at heart and will be until the day she dies. Which could be sooner than later if she isn't careful!

Slay It With Flowers mixes together an upcoming wedding (not Abby's).... a budding romance.... a missing groomsman... a dead groomsman (not the same as the missing one!)...mysterious happenings at the new "massage" parlor... Chinese ladies sneaking in and out of the parlor and a local restaurant... odd sculpted creations by Abby's mother... and a hunky bar owner determined to keep Abby close.

This is a fun to read mystery that doesn't tax your brain, but does tickle your funny bone and warm your heart.

Jonathan says

Wow, the first book was simply okay, but this book was stellar. It was action-filled and left me wanting more!

I really liked Abby a whole lot more than in the first book, she seemed more real and smarter in this one. Her mother was still slightly annoying, but a lot less so than in the first book.

The mystery, however, was the star of this book. From foreign scandals to mysterious massage parlors it all was scattered in the beginning but fit together nicely in the end. I wasn't really surprised with the killer, but by the time you find out who the killer is a lot of other secrets have been exposed.

Overall a great book, I'll be reading the next one soon!

Luffy says

A more than promising beginning leading to a tempered middle and a nefarious end. That's how I sum up the essence of this book. Something undefinable took me out of the story. I could see how the author began this book. She had the idea of the plot lacing elements with the subplot.

The actual execution lacked punch (no pun) and it was obvious that the author ran out of steam midway. There was no concealed villain working in the shadows, plotting intricately. The murder revolves round a cruel but big fat dumb slave ring cartel.

This book also had the distinction of being the first murder mystery where the killer left prints on the weapon. And still the police and the FBI couldn't do anything. I needn't say more. But I will. This book is stupid.

Erin L says

Review of the audiobook.

I don't usually give cozy mysteries a 1 star rating but this year, I'm trying to be more consistent in my reviews/rating so here we are. This book actually gave me a visceral reaction - I disliked it that much. I just felt like Abby knowingly does really really stupid things while ignoring the people who care about her and it got old in this one.

I also was a little taken aback by the romance between her and Marco. I thought it wasn't developed all that much and then all of a sudden there are heated looks, etc passing between them and I had to make sure that this was book two - just in case I read them out of order and missed a few books.

Finally, a bit part of the meddling was based around a new massage parlor in town and the belief that it was a front for prostitution. I don't know why but I just hated the way they talked about it and got so suspicious because the women working there were Asian/Chinese. It just struck me wrong.

Overall, this book just didn't give me any happy, cozy mystery feelings. It just made me annoyed and confused.

*** Jennifer says**

I liked this book more than the first - but still find the constant admonition from all the other characters to "stop meddling" really annoying. Makes me feel like I'm cheering on the local busybody (who is usually the victim of cozies, not the protagonist). Still, I did enjoy this one more and I'm ready to start the third after a short break.

Jeanette says

I enjoyed reading this book. I like the characters and story. Will read more of this series.

Susie says

I liked this book much better than the first, but I do have one big gripe with it: the use of the word Oriental used to describe a person. In 1995, I was told by an Asian-American woman, "Oriental is a rug, not a person. We are Asian." This book was written 10 years later, so clearly this misconception should have been cleared up, and reading it 20 years after being told about this, I found it outdated. Again, I liked the story a lot, but this was off-putting. I hope the author reads this and learns for the future (if she hasn't already).

Kellanselle says

Terrible, terrible book. I'm embarrassed to say I read it. If I could give it no stars, I would. I'm keeping it on my list to make sure I don't accidentally pick it up again or anything else by this author.

Katherine says

I had forgotten about this series until I went to my tbr list to see which books had been on the longest. "A flower shop mystery" was one of the first I had added to my GR's account. It was about time I read the second in the series. This story was fun, witty and best of entertaining. The heroine's family members are crazy, her friends are concerned, and the police just wish she would stay in her flower shop. There's mystery, romance (slight), and laughter. I will look forward to reading the next in the series.

Stormi (BMReviewsohmy) says

Slay it with Flowers was the second book in the Flower Shop mysteries and it was pretty interesting. I think I like that it's so totally different than the Hallmark version because reading/listening is like getting something totally different. I do have to be honest and say I think I like the Marco on the TV movies more than in the book, but he is starting to grow on me. :)

Abby Knight, a former lawyer, now flower shop owner has been asked to be a bridesmaid by her cousin. She is also supplying the flowers and it's a lot of flowers so she needs this wedding to happen. So when one of the groomsmen turns up dead, and another is accused of the murder, her cousin ask her to step in.

Marco wants her to leave things to the police but Abby can't just leave things alone especially when her cousin asked for her help and Abby really needs the wedding to happen. Things get a little dicey at the end when she finally figures out what happens.

I like Abby, I think it takes a lot of courage to leave a very lucrative career and buy a flower shop because it's something you really enjoy. It's not as secure money wise but she loves what she is doing. She has a great group of friends to help her out, among them the former owner. Marco owns a bar and grill in town and used to be a cop turned private detective and he has his hands full trying to keep Abby out of trouble. They start getting a little cozy in this one. ;)

It has a good mystery and I didn't figure it out until the end which is how I like them. It has great characters and I am really enjoying this series.

Barbara says

A cute little cozy. Abby is a typical cozy heroine, in a way; too nosy for her own good; too impetuous and reckless for her own good. Almost TSTL. However, there is something about her I like, so I am patient with her and have a tendency to forgive her foolishness (and yes, stupidity).

I think it's her and her SO, Marco (though he's only a possible love interest in this book), that keeps me coming back. It's certainly not her detective "skills". She's a bit too foolish for me to admire that.

Yet it is a quick, light, fun summer read.

Kimberly says

I shouldn't rate this so low because I read it after reading a book that was heavier in content and the characters weren't so, how should I say this, obnoxious.

Come on! Cozy doesn't mean stupid and silly.

I like to have fun just as much as the next person. But if a building is on fire, I know not to enter said building. Even Admiral Ackbar knew to turn away when he got to the Death Star and saw the Imperial forces waiting for him.

Abby meddles to the point where she needs to be in jail. Why doesn't Marco encourage her to get a P.I. license instead of encouraging her to think like a P.I. then slap her wrist when she goes too far?

To make matters worse, Abby's annoying cousin still isn't married by the end of this book. That means there's another book featuring Jillian. Should I bother with the next book?

BJ Rose says

3.5* really. I will be continuing with this cozy series, even though our heroine has some TSTL moments. What can I say - I like Marco!

Jenny says

I wanted to like this book, but was turned off by the stereotypes about Chinese people. I enjoyed the first book in the series and like the lighthearted antics of the main character, a young, smart-talking florist and amateur detective, who is in love with a sexy private detective. Both happen to be white.

But in this book, the stereotypes bothered me: from what I remember, Chinese characters worked in only three places: Chinese restaurants, as prostitutes in a massage parlor or as members of a Chinese mafia. The book did not include any Chinese characters like the ones I know and work with: doctors, scientists, and upstanding business people.

Worst, SPOILER ALERT, was a scene when one of the characters talks about Chinese children, girls under 17, who were kidnapped and brought to the U.S. to be sex slaves. These children were the victims of kidnapping, rape and human trafficking. The character says the children should be deported. I would hope that some compassion would be shown while authorities figured out how to reunite children and parents, or whether the children had a safe place to go.

The book ends with a white person imitating a Chinese person's accent.

planetkimi says

Abby really doesn't have the sense that God gave little green apples. I found this charming in the first book of the Flower Shop Mystery series, but after reading *Slay it With Flowers*, I find her lack of sense to be a bit tiresome. The climax of the book is driven forward solely by her stupidity.

But I already have the third book on the way, so maybe it will redeem my opinion of Abby. Despite Abby's near-fatal lack of sense, I do enjoy the other characters in the book. Especially Marco, and Simon the cat. :)
