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Murder or suicide? Journalist Leah Nash chases down clues in the death of a local physician and discovers a dangerous web of secrets and lies. Breaking through to the truth, Leah puts herself in harm's way in this fast-paced mystery with an unexpected twist.

Dangerous Mistakes Details

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Joan says

I am thoroughly enjoying these Leah Nash mysteries. It's because Leah is a character that Hunter has crafted well. Leah is so strong willed, she spurns warnings and gets herself in danger. She is not satisfied with the quick investigation by the authorities in this novel. She is determined to find the truth and I so like that about her. Leah is quick tempered but she is also pretty quick to offer an apology. She is a feisty investigative reporter and a good, if flawed, heroine.

I like that the novel has Leah's point of view. We find out information as Leah does. I like that Hunter provides hints and clues within the plot, as well as a red herring or two. I like the good balance between the narrative of Leah's private life and the ongoing investigation into the murder.

This is the second book in this series I've read. This novel builds a little on the first one but it would be a fine read on its own.

I recommend this novel to readers who enjoy a well crafted character driven mystery. I look forward to reading the next in the series.

I received a complimentary digital copy of this book through Partners in Crime Virtual Book Tours. My comments are an independent and honest review.

bonnie kirchner says

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This is the second book in the Leah Nash mystery series. I really have enjoyed this series. The next book in the series will not be available till fall of 16. I can't wait . I recommend this series.

Deanna Powers says

Great book

Loved this book. Can't wait for book #3. @This book was interesting from th beginning to the end. Great story.

Amelia Autin says

4.5 Stars rounded up to 5.0 Stars

I bought this book when it was a Bookbub freebie, and loved it so much I went out and bought books one

and three long before I finished reading it (this is book two in the series, although each book can be read as a standalone).

Having now completed reading all five books in the series, all I can say is...wow. Each one is a powerful, well-written story, and I have to figuratively tip my hat to the author, Susan Hunter.

I don't want to get into the specifics of DANGEROUS MISTAKES' storyline, and I definitely don't want to disclose any spoilers. Suffice it to say that the ending will knock your socks off even if you see it coming (which I did and didn't). The twists and turns of the plot and the heroine's thought processes are compelling, which kept me reading long past my bedtime. Leah Nash is a snarky, far-from-perfect heroine, but I couldn't help thinking I could be friends with her.

DANGEROUS MISTAKES is a classic whodunit, and even though I now know the ending, I can easily see myself re-reading it the way I re-read Agatha Christie, Rex Stout, and Dorothy L. Sayers. It's that good.

Cats of Ulthar February Weird Fiction says

Review: DANGEROUS MISTAKES by Susan Hunter
(Leah Nash Mysteries Book 2)

DANGEROUS MISTAKES is the second in an intriguing series set in small-town Wisconsin on the declining edge of a failing economy, starring a smart, dedicated, obstinate, sarcastic, protagonist with whom I readily identified. Leah Nash is a journalist in her early 30's, a native of Himmel, Wisconsin, with a university degree, who has worked at print journalism in Grand Rapids and Miami. Probably still would be, except she does not suffer fools gladly (not at all) and refused to let a neurotic boss unjustly accuse her of a potentially criminal act. So Leah finds herself back home in a shrinking community, covering small-town events. The six months she allotted herself for a stay in her home town has extended to more than a year, and metaphorically, a ton of water has passed under the bridge. Seems like nearly the entire town has been upended; folks have died, others moved away, secrets and horrifying crimes were revealed. Some things, though, never change: the Sheriff's Deputy and the chauvinistic police officer with whom Leah constantly butts heads, and her lifelong friendship with police Lieutenant Coop, suddenly increasingly unavailable. Fellow reporter Miguel is still trying to fix Leah up...and suddenly there's an unexpected and intrusive blast from the past.

Leah is writing a True Crime account of her youngest sister Lacey's life and untimely death, and is suddenly presented with a new investigation, one which once again will place her at odds with the local municipal police department and Sheriff's Department as she determines to find the truth about a supposed suicide. Before she can succeed, Leah will repeatedly go "where angels fear to tread," finding herself in multiple dangerous situations and facing sociopaths with criminal connections and a remarkably clever killer who just can't resist taunting Leah as she uncovers more and more of the truth despite the killer's continued misdirections.

I found this mystery totally compelling, as I did the first in the series, DANGEROUS HABITS, and the third, DANGEROUS PLACES. If you're looking for convoluted, emotionally involving, and psychologically compelling, Susan Hunter's Leah Nash Mysteries is a superb choice.

Gina Smith says

What a great mystery. Ms. Hunter is able to weave a complex mystery in a very interesting and easy to understand way. There will be surprises along the way. This is the second book in the series but is a stand alone story. Leah Nash is working for the local paper when she is contacted by the daughter of a surgeon whose death was attributed to suicide by the police. Isabel wants Leah to investigate and prove her father did not commit suicide but that it was murder. What she uncovers is an amazing plot that spans different areas and people. I highly recommend reading this book if you like interesting mysteries with great characters. I will be eagerly awaiting the next book in the series.

* I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Cheryl says

I struggled to find that connection with the characters. This led to me connecting with the story as well. In fact, I thought the first third of the story moved slowly. It did pick up some about midway. Although, I still couldn't keep my focus on the story. A few times I had to re-read passages. Yet, Leah did have some charm about her that I liked. I would like to get to know her better.

Don't get me wrong about this book. It is a nice one. For me it just didn't grab me and keep my attention as I wanted. Although, if all of the other elements I had commented on previously had all come together for me, I would have been into this book so much more.

Rosemary says

Dangerous Mistakes - a review by Rosemary Kenny

Leah Nash is an investigative journalist with the small-town Himmel Times Weekly. The only other journalist is Miguel Santos who acts as Leah's confidant and photographer when not covering his own stories, in this unusual multi-faceted murder-mystery with many, many twists, turns and lies, by Susan Hunter, #2 in the Leah Nash Mysteries.

When well-to-do Doctor Garrett Whiting is found dead, with a seemingly self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, the police are quick to close the case. However Leah is later surprised to be called in to investigate the background into her father's death, by his adopted daughter Isabel, who's convinced it was definitely murder.

What will Leah uncover once she starts probing into the matter and whose toes will she tread on as she does so? Also in the frame are Isabel's brother Jamie, a former drug addict and Dr Whiting's crooked partner at the practice, found to have been selling off prescriptions and samples of drugs under the counter. After being viciously attacked by a hooded stranger and warned to keep clear by her Coop, her policeman ex-lover, (now dating Leah's obnoxious new boss, Rebecca) Leah must decide where her priorities lie - or face the consequences!

I received a complimentary copy of this book and voluntarily chose to review it.

Brooke Showalter (Brooke Blogs) says

Dangerous Mistakes by Susan Hunter is the second book in the Leah Nash Mysteries series. This installment finds Leah following leads on a suicide that doesn't seem like just a suicide. This compelling mystery had me totally sucked in within the first chapter. Leah is solidly one of my favorite mystery characters. The author has written a book with incredible characters that feel like people you would know in your day-to-day life. They're easy to relate to, and the mystery just sweeps you up. Dangerous Mistakes is one of those books you won't want to put down.

While I have read the first book, you could read this one without having read Dangerous Habits. However, I thoroughly enjoyed that mystery and think that you will enjoy Dangerous Mistakes even more if you read it after reading Dangerous Habits. Dangerous Habits is free on Amazon.

4.5 Stars

I received this book for free and am voluntarily sharing my honest review.

Linda Cole says

Amazing

I enjoyed reading this book very much. It was full of twists and turns. I am still surprised at the ending.

Darcia Helle says

This book and the series reminds me of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series, in that we have a cast of colorful characters and family drama to offset the murder and misery. Throughout the story, there are fun, comedic exchanges, along with heartfelt moments with emotional depth.

Leah is a tenacious investigative journalist, which is sadly lacking now in most real-life news sources. The author's own experience in this field lends authenticity to the story, so that it feels like the events could all play out exactly as written. I love that we get to investigate along with Leah, putting the pieces together as the case grows in complexity.

Pacing builds as the story moves along. We readers, along with Leah, are kept slightly off balance throughout. Just when you think you've figured out the whodunit, a new tidbit is tossed into the mix and you begin to question everything all over again.

This is the second Leah Nash Mystery, but it does work well as a stand-alone. The author does a great job of weaving in enough backstory from the first book for new readers to understand the history, while also not overloading us with so much detail that we feel like we're rereading the first book. As with most series, though, I do think it's always better to start at the beginning if possible. That way you get all the subtleties of relationships and personalities. Plus, Dangerous Habits, book 1, is really good!

I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

SylviaV says

Dangerous Mistakes (Leah Nash Mysteries, #2) by Susan Hunter. Kindle edition.

Got this as a free e-book on amazon.com Have not read Book 1, but there is enough background information for this to be a standalone book.

I enjoyed the overall story arc. I like a main character who is strong willed and assertive, but Leah has an attitude that is not very appealing. Nice read if you can put up with an annoying opinionated know it all, who has a total disregard for other people's feelings and opinions. Despite the fact that she is portrayed as a experienced journalist she throws out wild accusations without any solid evidence, is completely self absorbed and has little pity parties when things do not go her way and/or people are not at her beck and call. She is like a 30 year old toddler throwing tantrums.

Based on the 4+ stars the books in this series rated, I kept on reading hoping that by the end of this book , I would like her a bit better. No, at the end of the book she is still smug and self absorbed. I will not be reading any more books in this series. 3 stars.

Richard says

Worked for me... The story was definitely enjoyable and I found it somewhat low-key and cozy. It's a first-person narrative from the point of view of Leah, a small-town newspaper reporter who isn't very happy with her job, or rather with her new boss who's sort of an ice queen. The reader gets to know the protagonist pretty well; following her thought processes and her sleuthing around to figure out whether a supposed suicide is actually murder.

When I read the first of the series, there were a few copy-editing issues, but this second book was much more polished editorially. There is a short section early on that gives some background info which could fill in for readers who haven't read the first volume. I'll probably go on to read the next book at some point.

Oh, one thing I forgot... I obtained this book free on one of those 'Zon promotion days, but would certainly have paid full retail price for it. This is the second free book I've enjoyed by this author, so at this point I'm setting aside a fiver to buy her a fancy coffee drink next time she rolls through town.

Anita says

The clean, pithy style of this contemporary crime series drew me in from the beginning, so when I finished this one in the space of a few days, I bought the whole series. Leah Nash is a reporter who refuses to let anyone's opinion, or the evidence get in the way of her instinct something isn't right about a death. She's tenacious and brave, but also admits she's headstrong, impulsive and doesn't know when to give up. But then we wouldn't want her to or Susan Hunter's stories wouldn't be so engaging. I'm onto the second in the series and intend to work through them all.

Nancy Mikos says

Surprised

I really had the bad guy wrong. Totally surprised me. Guess that makes it for good reading. Totally recommend it.
