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Arah-Lynda says

You know I do not think that I have ever really read a cozy mystery, as I can recall. I have seen the cozy mystery movies on the telly but did not consider that to be a good yardstick from which to measure this genre.

That said I was looking for something that would introduce me, without committing me to one particular author. I needed to sample some of what was out there. Biff, boom, bang and here you go, this one fit the bill perfectly and for that alone I award two stars.

Being a newbie I just dove in from the beginning. If I could not feel it, I moved on but I gotta tell you I was surprised by how many I wanted to keep reading. Perhaps these would be tasty little treats to visit in between other reads, you know kind of like I what I did with Sherlock and am want to do with King's short stories and my personal favourite Rex Stout with my pal Archie. So this really helped me develop a better understanding of what appealed to me in this genre.

That said, I believe that means it met its objective, at least for this reader. If like me you are looking to see where your interest might lay then you cannot go wrong with this sampler. :)

Oh yeah and samplers in general suck because you never get to read the whole thing , duh.

My thanks to St. Martin's Press and NetGalley as well as all these talented authors.

Jeannie says

This sampler is a collection of the first chapters of the cozy mysteries that will be released in the Spring and Summer of 2017. I really enjoyed all the stories and look forward to reading the full length novels. I always enjoy finding the new authors and this also has some favorite authors as well.

Sarah says

This is nice sampler of 14 cozy mysteries published by St. Martin's Press in the spring/summer of 2017. I had only read books by a few of the authors with excerpts in this book, so it was a nice introduction to the other authors' work.

This sampler did as it was intended, and whetted my appetite for these new releases. Of course, now I am quite impatient to read the complete stories, haha.

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book provided by the publisher, via NetGalley

Rumeur says

This is a collection of EXCERPTS by 14 different cozy mystery authors. It's a nice collection of samples esp. if you're looking to find a new cozy author to read, which you may or may not have ever read their books, but wondered what their books are about

In my case, I had only known of 1 of the authors, unless some authors are writing under a different pseudonym. Gave me some new authors to look what else they've written and/or how many other books are in their series, for the excerpts I enjoyed. I'll admit, I was disappointed when I saw it was a sampler, on the plus side, I found some authors I'd like to follow up in future, reading their full length books

I'd recommend this book of samples for those who may not have ever read a cozy mystery, they can read this collection & see if it's a genre they'd enjoy. Also, for those that already enjoy the cozy genre, to read & find new authors they'd like to add to their cozy mystery list

I received a digital copy from Net Galley & St. Martin's Press/Minotaur Publishing. In return I wrote an honest review

Lisa Morin says

This was a cute sample of several new cozy mysteries that will be released over the next few months. They all share a few chapters of their books, giving the reader a chance to discover a new author or become reacquainted with an old author. It's an ideal situation for everyone.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book provided by the publisher using NetGalley.

Lin says

Ellie Alexander, Ellen Hart, Michelle Kelly, Auralee Wallace, Tracee De Hahn, Frances Brody, Maggie McConnon, Tessa Arlen, Marla Cooper, Mandy Morton, Julia Chapman, Paige Shelton and G.M. Malliet are the authors in this first volume.

A compilation of cozy mystery writers who entice you with sneak peeps into some of their books. This book gives you a "taste" of the author's style to determine if it is a good fit or not. Some of the authors I have not read but after reading the excerpts of their books, I bought them.

Each author's style is fun, fast paced and their characters seem very developed. You would not be disappointed in reading any one of these authors!

Denyece Roberts says

The stories in the book were awesome the book was a little lengthy so it took me a wild to read it

DelAnne Frazee says

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My rating of " " is out of 5 stars.

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Leith Devine says

This sampler is a collection of the first few chapters of cozy mysteries due to be released in the Spring/Summer of 2017. It's a good way to find books you may want to read but might not otherwise consider. There are 14 mysteries included, all by different authors. Some of the authors are more well known than others. I enjoyed reading the different writing styles and getting to know a little about the characters. Out of the 14 authors, I've read four and plan on reading their next book. Out of the remaining 10 authors, I'm interested in three of them and plan on reading their next book.

Thanks to NetGalley for a copy of this book.

elaine m. suda says

Mystery Samplers 1 thru 14

Enjoyed all the different sample stories. The storyline and characters were interesting and drew you into the stories. It seemed that just as you got into the story, the next story began.
