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Sexy film star. Long-held secrets. Murder by poison.

When international stage and film star Miles Elliot comes to Stratford Upon Avondale to play Macbeth, Maggie O'Flynn is thrilled. He's been her actor crush for years. But when Miles ends up at the center of a murder investigation Maggie finds herself slipping back into the role of amateur sleuth. Before long many of her friends become suspects in not just one murder, but two. Maggie must discover who's poisoning people associated with the Shakespeare Festival before one of her friends gets slapped with a murder charge. And she must do so while dodging paparazzi that are stalking her due to a supposed love affair she's having with Miles Elliot.

With a bit of Shakespeare, copious amounts of tea, and a faux-English setting to rival anything the real England has to offer, COME, BITTER POISON is the second book in THE STRATFORD UPON AVONDALE mystery series. Though part of a series, COME, BITTER POISON can be read and enjoyed as a standalone. Lovers of cozy mysteries will find a cozy home in Stratford Upon Avondale.

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Ellen White says

Excitement was in the air, the town famous actor, would be the lead. For Maggie it was a crush for years , and soon rumors will abound of a love affair. Then a murder during the festival, once again she is an amateur sleuth. Nice enjoyable read.

Barbara Otto says

i am really enjoying the stratford upon avondale set of books.

looking forward to more of ms. knightly's excellent mysteries. i don't like having to write a certain amount of words before you accept the review. that is why i don't write reviews often.

CHERYL YEAGER says

Poison

What a wonderful story. The characters were so interesting. I liked how the story was so well written. I hated for the story to end.

Cyndi says

Not a bad cozy mystery. Quick and light read.

stephanie huntington says

Enjoyed it and now reading the best in the series.

Susan says

While attending a reception dinner the man sitting next to Maggie O'Flynn dies - poisoned. But this is not the last one, what is the connection between the deaths.

This one didn't catch my imagination unfortunately

LuAnn says

Ah yes, "The Scottish Play". I've only heard that it is applicable when people are in a theatre building, but there are varied interpretations of the curse. All I really remember is that it involves turning around a couple of times and spitting a couple of times. But the mention of the word "M" can send believers into a tizzy and perhaps cause others with nefarious plans to take advantage of the situation that results.

Such is the case with *Come, Bitter Poison*, by new-to-me author Monica Knightley. I was a bit confused at one point, because after Maggie triggered the curse by saying that word during a welcome dinner for the actors, and her learning (and performing) the slightly embarrassing curse removal ritual ... well, she must have forgotten about all that because when it is brought up later, she seems not to know once again.

There's a bit of fun for Mags when Miles (famous stage and movie star and sex symbol) squires her around town. Maggie has had a star crush on Miles for years, and it is like a dream come true. Until the paparazzi find out and begin following her around town, disrupting her life and her business. There's also another tall, dark and handsome in town with interest in Maggie, so her romantic plate is f.u.l.l.!

Maggie's friends, both the old ones and the new ones are under suspicion of a murder at the theatre. And if that wasn't enough, there's another murder in town, of a man with ties to the theatre as well. So our intrepid heroine gets to work on two mysteries as well! (I guess this is Maggie's book for two-fers, eh?)

It's no secret I love the theatre and am obsessed with all things Scottish. What you may not know is that my favorite playwright EVER is William Shakespeare. All three of them are in *Come, Bitter Poison*, so I was pretty stoked to begin with. Even better, the book lived up to its promise; I thoroughly enjoyed reading it, and can't wait to get back to Stratford-upon-Avon!

Now that my own fandom has been established I charge the book *Come Bitter Poison* ... to "do thy work" so more readers can enjoy a great series!

(Disclosure: I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.)

Hannah Marie says

Just a fun, lighthearted read, especially if you like British culture! I'm in grad school and have been reading heavy books; this book was the perfect mental detox. If you just need a nice distraction, the Stratford-Upon-Avon series is it!

Nancy Haddock says

Kept me guessing

Fun setting and characters. Some of the heroine's internal dialogue and actions made me laugh out loud. I'll be back for the next book!

Mary A Moon says**Fantastic**

Once again, a truly incredible book. I enjoyed it at least as much as number one in the series. Recommended!

Lillie says

The mystery intrigued me enough to keep reading to find out whodunit. I found it rather implausible that the sex symbol movie star couldn't talk to Maggie without the paparazzi chasing them, but he had a secret life that he had kept hidden. Finding out the murderers was disappointing--not who this reader wanted to be the bad guys.

Linda Cole says**Good book**

I enjoyed reading all about Maggie and her adventures. She is quite the character but I think she needs another boyfriend.
