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Movies. Muffins. Murder.

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Georgette says

A tome that features a protagonist/former cop (Maggie) fleeing a bad situation in SF to visit her Aunt Noreen who runs a SupperClub with various themes depending on the day on lovely Inish Whisper, off the coast of Ireland. Never mind that Maggie can't cook a whit, but the first evening of featuring the Movie Club for the Islanders, Dial M for Murder...what could go wrong? Maggie spent many a summer visiting her Aunt as a teen, so she was familiar with many of the townspeople from that time. Now most of those memories come flooding back, but an Islander who has run gossip pieces in the local rag, has fate catch up with her. Maggie has a constant struggle with reminding herself that she is no longer on the job..but Garda O'Shea prefers to spend his time on the golf course rather than solve the crime. Oh there are so many potential's but of course Mr. Lazy goes the easy route and hauls in Aunt Noreen, which leaves the regular visitors to the eatery in the hands of Maggie who learns on the job- but she has friends and enemies come to her aide albeit quirks and all. This is a fun romp with many detours but makes for an engaging read for all to enjoy. And yes, I am hooked on Zara Keane's series.

Janine says

This was one of the best cozy mysteries I have read. It helped that the main sleuth had a Police background.

DelAnne Frazee says

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Reviewer: DelAnne

Rating: 4.25 Starts

You can take the girl out of the force, but you can't keep her away from the action...

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aunt's name. Can she catch the murderer before they strike again? Or will her terrible baking skills burn down the cafe first?

Includes a recipe for the fatal cocktail—minus the deadly ingredient!

Maggie Doyle is a character I love to read about. She is personable, uses her experience and nous to step up and face any challenge head on. The sheriff showed a lack of enthusiasm for his work. I was pleased to see a chance for a romantic interest. A thought out plot keeps this fast paced novel flowing smoothly. A fun read for all lovers of cozy mysteries.

My rating of "Dial P For Poison" is 4.25 out of 5 stars.

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Lacey says

Star rating: 4.5 stars

After filing for divorce from her cheating ex-husband and quitting her job at the San Francisco PD, Maggie Doyle decides she's overdue for a vacation and flies overseas to help her aunt run her movie theater cafe. What Maggie wasn't expecting was for Whisper Island's most hated gossip columnist to be found murdered in her aunt's cafe, and for her aunt to become the main suspect. With an incompetent chief of police unwilling to look at other suspects, Maggie will have to rely on her own background of police training to uncover the real culprit before her aunt winds up behind bars.

I had so much fun reading this cozy mystery. Maggie is a great main character and I found myself relating to her very easily. Due to her background as a police officer, Maggie is a more than believable amateur sleuth. And even though we have the typical mystery trope of an incompetent main detective, Maggie handles him with aplomb. I also genuinely enjoyed the supporting cast, especially her Aunt Noreen and UFO-enthusiast Lenny. The mystery *really* left me guessing and when I thought I had figured out who the murderer was... It turned out I was wrong! I love being thrown a curve ball in mysteries, especially when it's as well written as this one. I'll definitely be picking up the next book in this series sometime soon.

Marisa says

Lyn says

This is the first in the Movie Club Mysteries Series and the first Zara Keane book I'd read. WHAT FUN! I loved the heroine who is sassy and offbeat and very believable.

Maggie has just lost her snake of a husband and her job as a San Fran cop so she goes back to her father's village on Whisper Island, Ireland, to spend a few months recovering from the twin disappointments.

Her aunt Noreen welcomes her with open arms and immediately puts her to work in the Movie Club cafe. Too bad Maggie can't cook or make coffee. However she does make a mean cocktail and unfortunately her aunt's sworn enemy dies of poison during the first movie club she bartends for.

So Maggie can't resist investigating and it's good she does because the Garda on the island is none too sharp! FUN! FUN! FUN! I'd rate this as PG13 but I wasn't offended. I was entertained.

Diane says

Love this author, she has a very good sense of humour that shows up in her characters. Maggie Doyle is a wonderful character that has her strengths and weaknesses. Lots of lies and secrets that come out in this book. You meet Sergeant Hottie aka Liam Reynolds, can't wait to read more about him. Each character you meet brings more to the story. This series is going to be fun.

Nancy Haddock says

Fun Setting and Story

Another book I bought on a whim a while back and another winner. I loved Maggie and the supporting cast, and I'm eager to read the next installment in the series !

Doward Wilson says

Maggie Doyle has left her life in San Francisco to help her Aunt Noreen with her Movie Theater Cafe in Smuggler's Cove on Whisper Island off the coast of Ireland. Maggie had to arrest her wealthy lawyer husband for DUI. At the time of his arrest she discovered he was sleeping with his paralegal and proceeded to kick him where it hurts the most. Not waiting for her superiors in the San Francisco Police Department to stick her on desk duty, she quit and started divorce proceedings. Noreen's cafe provided space for small groups to have meetings. The Movie Club rotated weeks with the Book Club and showcased classic films. When the most disliked woman on the island is found dead after the film is over, Noreen becomes a prime suspect. With all her police training, Maggie is determined to find the real killer and save her aunt's business. I really enjoyed meeting all these lovable characters and following the clues to find the killer in this well

plotted murder mystery. This is a series to be enjoyed by everyone and I am looking forward to the next book.

Brenda says

When Maggie Doyle's marriage crumbled, and she filed for divorce, she also left her job with the San Francisco police department – she needed a break; a fresh start and when her Aunt Noreen offered her sanctuary at her home on Whisper Island, Maggie immediately accepted. She'd never worked in a café before, but the Movie Theatre Café which her aunt owned was a balm to Maggie's soul. Until the night the group of islanders were together and one of them ended up dead...

The island's local cop was more interested in his golf game than solving a crime, so Maggie decided to find the answers. With her aunt as the main suspect, Maggie had much more incentive to find the killer – but could she? What would be the outcome on this little island where the residents all knew and trusted each other?

Dial P for Poison – first in the Movie Club Mystery series - was a thoroughly enjoyable cosy mystery by Irish author Zara Keane. I had absolutely no idea who the perpetrator was until the reveal – and then I was shocked! Intriguing, mysterious, with great characters, I'll be looking for the next in the series as soon as I can. Highly recommended.

Sue Lutz says

Great Start to, hopefully, a successful series

I enjoy cozy mysteries with a quirky cast of characters. I am currently reading and enjoying Zara Keane's Ballybogs series and decided to read this in between. Maggie Doyle is a young woman from San Francisco whose life has recently imploded. After she finds herself without a husband or job she decides to take a trip to Ireland to visit her family and re-evaluate her life. She's helping her aunt Noreen run her business and after a gathering of most of the odd ball characters in town, Maggie discovers one of them dead. She suspects murder but the local policeman in charge disagrees. Having to investigate a murder would interfere with his golf game. So, Maggie decides to investigate on her own and suspicion lands on Noreen. Now Maggie has to search for the real killer and clear her aunt's name. Before she can solve the crime she also has to deal with the new policeman, "Sergeant Hottie", who warns her off the case but easily accepts all the evidence she's collected. This was a good story and I look forward to continuing the series.

Jennifer says

Maggie Doyle needs a break from her big city life. Her cheating ex and career as a police officer in San Fransico have her jumping at the opportunity to help her Aunt Noreen. So she flies to Whisper Island to help while her Aunt has dental surgery. While there, her police skills are quickly put to use when Aunt Noreen's rival ends up dead.

Sergeant O'Shea believes Sandra died of natural causes, so he doesn't pursue an autopsy or collect any evidence. Thinking that the Sergeant is just being lazy, Maggie collects a glass and its contents from the scene. Maggie takes it to her friend, the town pharmacist/forensic man, for evaluation. When it comes back positive for drugs, Maggie "forces" Sergeant O'Shea to investigate further. When evidence stacks up against Maggie's Aunt Noreen, Maggie frantically investigates to clear her Aunt Noreen's name, making many enemies along the way.

I really enjoyed this novel. I loved Maggie's quirky UFO fanatic friend, her cousins, and the animals at her Aunt's "petting zoo". I loved how angry Maggie makes Sergeant O'Shea and how she gets under his skin. I think this is a wonderful way to start a new series! I can't wait to read more about the quirky people living on Whisper Island. I read a gifted copy and all opinions stated above are my own.

☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆Janeane ☆ says

ARC received for an honest review

A new series from Zara Keane? Let me at it!

I have been reading Ms Keane since I first stumbled across her with the Ballybeg series, and I have enjoyed everything I have read since, and Dial P For Poison is no exception.

I adored Maggie from when we first meet her. I like her take no prisoner, don't mess with me attitude. I love that she doesn't take any of the small town crap that is thrown at her.

There is a rag tag bunch of characters that are just a hoot. Some I just loved, some, well, let's just say I felt that may get what the deserve.

There were so many twists and turns in this whodunnit, that we are kept guessing right up until the last minute who our culprit is.

This book is just the right mix of humour, drama, mystery and suspense. There wasn't any romance in this story, which I was kind of expected. However, it looks like we are getting set up for some in the next book in the series, The Postman Always Dies Twice.

Can't wait to see what adventures Ms Keane takes us on next.

Penny Watson says

Charming introduction to this cozy mystery series! I can't wait to read the next installment.

Keane is a lovely writer, and she does a wonderful job bringing this quaint Irish town to life. It includes plenty of quirky characters, a likable protagonist (Maggie), and an engaging mystery to solve. The pace is brisk and the story doesn't get bogged down with too many mystery-solving details (my pet peeve with many cozy mysteries).

I am hooked!

Grade: A

Trader (RedHotBlueReads) says

4.5 Stars

In this new release from Zara Keane, she crafts a delicious little mystery around what she does best -- small town life. Maggie Doyle runs back to Ireland after a rather nasty divorce, hoping to get her life back together, and help her aunt while she's taking care of some minor medical issues. It's all very calm, that is until someone is murdered in the Movie Theater Cafe.

Maggie can't stay out of it as a former police officer. When the local garda doesn't really want to investigate, Maggie decides she needs to take the situation in hand and investigate herself, which ruffles quite a few feathers.

I thought this was a great start to this series. The characters were quirky and fun (including Maggie) and the mystery was well crafted. I thought I knew who had done the crime, but there are enough twists that I was surprised by the end result. I like that in a mystery.

There are also some hints to a potential romantic entanglement for Maggie, which is awesome and I can't wait to see how that all works out for her too after the final scenes in Dial P for Poison. I wish there had been more of the romantic tension earlier in the book, and that's really the only critical thing I can say about this book. Zara Keane writes about small town life in a way that makes you want to be there with the characters and I love that.

I'm ready for the next book in this series, like now!

ARC provided for review.
