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A Faux Van Gogh

When North Carolina antique dealer Abigail Timberlake makes a bid of \$150.99 on a truly awful copy of Van Gogh's *The Starry Night*, she's just trying to win Mama's approval by supporting the church auction. Hopefully, she'll make her money back on the beautiful gold antique frame. Little does she expect she's bought herself a fortune...and a lot of trouble.

A masterpiece to kill for

When her ex-boyfriend shows up and offers ten bucks for the ugly *Starry Night*, Abby pops the frame and is stunned to discover hidden behind the faux Van Gogh canvas a multi-million dollar lost art treasure. Suddenly she's a popular lady in her old hometown, and her first visit is from Gilbert Sweeney, her schoolyard sweetheart (according to him), who claims the family's painting was donated by mistake. But social calls quickly turn from nice to nasty as it's revealed that the mysterious masterpiece conceals a dark and deadly past and some modern-day misconduct that threatens to rock the Rock Hill social structure to its core. Someone apparently thinks the art is worth killing for, and Abby knows she better get to the bottom of the secret scandal and multiple murders before she ends up buried six feet under a starry night.

## Estate of Mind Details

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## **From Reader Review Estate of Mind for online ebook**

### **Lollyletsgo says**

While I love Abby, this outing wasn't my favorite. The actual murder occurred some 260 pages into the novel. Yes, there was another mystery around, but since I wasn't gettin' any of the moolah; I wasn't as interested as the rest of the characters in the book! Though I have to say she is so quick with the quips I almost forgive her her faults, almost! ;]

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### **Debbie says**

Abby just gets into more crazy things. I enjoy the characters in this series very much.

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### **Sara says**

i am so glad that i bought this book at a library sale, although it took me a while to read i realy enjoyed it!

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### **Raymond says**

The story had an interesting plot and resolution, but the heroine, Abby, was too greedy, petty and judgmental.

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### **VJ says**

Again, what is with cozy authors making up ridiculous names for characters? Mouse Trap? Who names their kid Mouse with a last name like Trap?!

It's been a few days (weeks?) since my last Den of Antiquity novel. I was really rooting for Abby to get to keep the painting. Drats! Oh well.

This was an interesting story. I'm a little annoyed that Greg popped up again. Hasn't he caused enough trouble yet?

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### **Lois Hecksel says**

Tamar Meyers again writes a fun easy humorous read. Her cosy mysteries have enough twists and turns to make things exciting and this one is no exception. Her characters are dimensional and human.

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### **Linda C says**

Abby Timberlake, divorced antique dealer, bids on a terrible painting for the frame, wins it and then discovers a rare painting beneath it. The painting suddenly has great interest and causes strains on some of her friendships. When an old school friend claims he sold it by mistake and then is murdered, Abby starts looking for connections. I had trouble finishing it. I was turned off by the heroine and most of the side characters. I really have no interest in reading any more in the series.

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### **ChrisGA says**

Abby's dark side comes out when it appears when she finds a multimillion dollar treasure. Enjoyable cozy.

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### **Cathy says**

A missing Van Gogh, a mother learning Tshiluba (I never heard of it either), stringing popcorn and a 4'9" antique shop owner all come together in this cozy.

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### **Donna Davis says**

I used to read Tamar Myers' work and couldn't recall why I stopped. I think I just forgot about her. It's light reading, a cross between cozy mystery and humor that is great when you just want to sit back and be entertained. It's not air-headed or insulting to the intelligence, but it also doesn't require a lot of analysis and synthesis on the part of the reader.

I found this at the local library--looked promising--and I am glad I did not buy it instead, because I got a short way into it, having a pretty good time, and then (have you done this?) it began to look familiar. TOO familiar. It wasn't merely fond characters easing back into my reading routine; I had already purchased this, read it, and given it to a friend years ago. Oh, what a crying shame!

I'm going back to the library, and this time I am going to look for this writer in a more recent publication. Wish me well. And for you? If you want a good cozy mystery that amuses--a good beach read, or for a good stormy night by the fire--I recommend this book.

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### **Cindy says**

I think everyone dreams of finding treasure at a yard sale. This was a fun read but the ending was too abrupt.

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### **Michele Selwood says**

Funny book with a twist at the end.

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### **\* Jennifer says**

Writing style just didn't work for me: Abby "wailed" and I had Magdalena Yoder flashbacks. The story looked like it could have been a good one though: white elephant sales, WWII era art thefts, missing paintings. Just a style issue for me.

Full review: <http://jenn.booklikes.com/post/106699...>

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### **Clyde says**

cute, I will look up her other books.

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### **Dharia Scarab says**

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more. But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It had earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

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