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She's Named After A Motorcycle. Her Dad's An Elvis Impersonator. Her Mom Talks To Spirit Guides. Someone's Kidnapped The Family Dog Named King, in Elvis's Honor. There's a Ransom Note. And Then Things Really Get Weird.

Memphis tour guide, Harley Jean Davidson, is about to enjoy a rare day off when her parents call with news that King, their border collie, has been dognapped. Harley Jean's mom insists the culprit is Bruno Jett, their next door neighbor. Harley Jean would rather run over her own foot with a motorcycle than talk to him. He's drop-dead gorgeous with a dangerous attitude she'd like to avoid.

But King has to be rescued, so she sets off to find him. Harley Jean gets more than she bargains for when she finds a body, as well. Bruno Jett is definitely involved, but how?

The Memphis P.D. wants to pin the murder on Harley Jean's dad. Now it's up to her to clear his name . . . and avoid becoming the killer's next victim.

Virginia Brown is the author of more than fifty novels, including the bestselling Dixie Diva mystery series."

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Aaron Ash says

I picked up this free book because I am traveling through Memphis this summer, and thought it might inspire a spot or two to stop. It did not. This reminds me very much of a teenage detective novel, only instead of teenagers they are slightly perverse adults. But the astoundingly dumb interactions are the same idea of the adults don't respect the opinions of teenagers, so we'll have to explore all this stuff ourselves. Only there are no teenagers, just youngish adults doing unreasonable things.

Tomi says

Fun read with outrageous characters. I know there are more books in the series, so I put them on my "want to read" list.

Shaineinok says

Free on Amazon 4/18/12

The description on Amazon reads like a murder mystery with possible romantic elements.

I've started trying some of these new authors, occasionally you can find a gem...

Linda says

Great book! Held my interest all the way through!

TAMMY CUEVAS says

Harley Jean Davidson is a Memphis tour guide who spend most of her time driving conventioners and tourists to Graceland and Beale Street. Her parents, Yogi and Diva, are old hippies who never quite gave up the flower child lifestyle. When their dog, King (named, of course, for Elvis) is dognapped, they call Harley for help. While searching for King, she finds their elderly neighbor murdered. When Yogi and Diva go missing, the police leap to the conclusion that Yogi must be guilty. Harley makes it her mission to find her parents before the police do.

Any novel that is set in Memphis, has a protagonist named after the iconic motorcycle, features the Peabody, Beale Street, and barbecue, has to be good. Add two characters named Yogi and Diva and you know it's going to be a fun read. Because I don't believe in "spoilers", I won't explain this next part, but by the time Harley started carrying a wooden phallus, I knew this was a series I would return to again and again. It has a good plot, entertaining dialogue, offbeat characters, and again, I have to say it, a wooden phallus.

If I could, I would give it more than 5 stars. Thank you, thank you very much....

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Kimberly says

If you're up for comedy mystery, this is your book!

You **MUST** have a sense of humor if you plan to dive into a Memphis-based mystery in which the main character, Harley Jean Davidson, yes, she is named after a motorcycle, has an Elvis-impersonating father named Yogi, a mom, named Diva, who talks to spirit guides and the family dog, King (named after the King of Rock and Roll) is nabbed.

This is simply a fun, purely entertaining read - light, easy to put down and pick up again if you have small bits of time to read or are interrupted often.

I volunteered to listen to this book when the main narrator offered it on Goodreads with no review necessary. I was surprised that a review was not being asked, but I now understand. Getting the book "out there" is the hard part because once it is begun, you don't want to not finish the book (even if you find it a fairly predictable conclusion). There is plenty of entertainment to keep your interest to the end.

I have a great preference for audiobooks as I find narrators add so much more to a story than my internal reading voice. Not only do narrators read all of the words (you laugh, but I am sure I am not alone, when I am carried by a story, to find that I skim to get to the highlight of scenes), but experienced narrators capture the appropriate tone in their voice as well as the correct accent called for by the author. My inner reading voice doesn't do accents well, and tags for the verbal tone of a character often come after the dialogue. It is not overly helpful to read the dialogue, and then read that the words were spoken with laughter or with tears or in a whisper or with a shaky voice. Good narrators and good preparation, though, allow for the dialogue to be spoken with the intended emotion. Furthermore, I enjoy multiple narrators when the author writes their story with multiple points of view, though, good narrators can read more than one POV well, even when the POVs include both genders.

In this case, I am moved by the story to post this review, though not particularly moved by the narrators' performance to seek the next books in audio form. I recommend this book, but have caution to communicate about the audiobook form.

The book is told from one POV, Harley Jean, read by Karen Commins. When the story comes to male dialogue, Drew Commins, Karen's husband, speaks the dialogue rather than Karen. His narration seemed forced and stilted. I believe Karen should have been the sole narrator as the book is written in one POV -- the male voice for male dialogue was not seamless, but actually a bit of a distraction as it did not sound as natural as the lead narrator.

Karin says

I think this was retitled from King's Ransom. They have the exact same description.

I could probably go 2.5 stars, but that would be pushing it. It was just "OK". I almost put the book down completely when she called Mike Morgan "Officer" in the bar. I mean, come on! Who would do that to someone if they suspect they are an undercover cop?! Did she want to get him killed? Maybe he was there to meet someone. I eventually finished the book, though it took me days, just because I was already half way through and wanted it to count towards my reading challenge numbers. I just think she did some really stupid stuff, and it really wasn't that funny.

Richard M Stout says

Love Harley

Liking this even better than the Divas. Yes, it is all light reading, but delightful light reading it is. And--I am loving these characters.

Darla Buchwalter says

It took me month to finish this book. So basically that means " it sorta sucked!

Ian says

[Harley's Aunt Darcy finds herself in the middle of an i

Rhonda says

4 STARS

I laughed in Hound Dog Blues. In fact I was even thinking reminds me of I love Lucy. "Then Harley rubbed her head and envisioned them as Lucy and Ethel on speed."

This story is about a couple Diva & Yogi who are worried about thier dog being kidnapped. A daughter Harley Jean Davidson worried that the police are going to arrest her father for murder, So she wants to solve the crime first. Police to solve a murder. Police to solve jewelry robbery ring. Jewel thief to find the diamond necklace that Yogi had last he saw of it.

Harley was named for a motorcycle. She gave up her stressful job working for a bank and now is drives tourists around Memphis. When her mom calls up about their dog King being kidnapped.

King has lots of enemys in their neighborhood. Harley is asking her parents neighbors if they have seen him. When she see into new good looking neighbor a bunch of jewels on his coffee table. another neighbor house she goes into that hates King & Yogi. she finds King their and the neighbor dead. Her father who not supposed to be at that neighbors house was last seen their. If you enjoy funny who dunnit stories this book is for you. I would love to read more books by Virgina Brown. I was given this ebook to read in exchange for honest review from Netgalley. 03/01/2012 PUB Bell Bridge Books

Jen says

Free kindle book. Ok story and characters

Audiothing says

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Who but a hippy, bike lovin' Elvis fan would name his girl child Harley Jean Davidson?

Well, that would be daddy, Yogi, now Yogi also has a dog, King, he loves this dog and feels a great spiritual attachment to him. The dog doesn't care much about all that stuff, as time after time he gets loose and causes chaos in the neighbourhood.

Harley, now a tour guide, gets the call. Find King. A simple enough request you may think, but wait! There's more King hasn't simply gone missing, he has been dog napped! There's even a ransom note, very odd, thinks Harley, as everyone know Yogi and Diva barely make a living selling hippy stuff.

Harley immediately has a suspect in mind, Mrs. Trimble. King had taken to visiting her in the past, and they had developed a very unfortunate relationship. Mrs. Trimble also had no love for Yogi either, and so begins Harleys' outrageous adventure!

There is a body, there are missing jewels, and there is a missing Yogi and Diva who have now become prime suspects in a dreadful crime. It's all left to Harley to put right.

Meanwhile she gets her fashion advice from her coworker Tootsie, who also works part time as a drag artist, he knows everything a girl would want to know about hair and make up. She annoys the heck out of certain officers of the law, takes advantage of friends' homes ... and eats a lot of bean burritos.

This story takes the reader on a rollicking adventure with Harley, naturally, she solves the mysteries providing us with plenty of fun along the way. I enjoyed the characters and I'm hoping to get to know them better. I also enjoyed my visit to Memphis.

Narrator

I must admit, I was a bit concerned, as this book has both a male and female narrators, Karen Commins and Drew Commins. Following a few less than satisfactory experiences I wouldn't normally choose to listen to a book with more than one narrator, I knew Karen would be good, she's always good, but what about this Drew fella? Well, actually he too is very good, excellent distinct characterisation, no overacting, good

timing, pleasant listening.

However, there is a big difference in the listening experience when there is more than one narrator, and I'm still not sure I care for it. There always the feeling that one of them is speaking from another room, or as if we are listening to them on speakerphone, and, for some reason, it's always the male voice. I've noticed this on all my audiobooks that have more than one narrator.

I think it's just a matter of preference though, I do know other listeners love to hear both male and female readers, so, maybe I should just get over it!

Cindi says

Cute story.

The cast of characters was entertaining and eccentric. The main female character (Harley) came across as a little on the ditzy side at times and that got annoying pretty quickly. As a result, she wasn't taken very seriously when she really needed to be.

This is not really a romance. It's more a suspense type (kind of) book though there is a slight love story thrown in. You know it's going to happen but it seems to take forever to get there. There are a few funny moments though nothing really laugh out loud (in my opinion). The suspense part was pretty good though pretty predictable.

Overall a decent book. I am sure I will read the rest in the series.

Julesy says

This mystery did not meet my expectations and failed to keep my interest. I did not warm up to the characters, the setting, or the plot. There was way too much profanity, with a curse word practically every couple of paragraphs. The double narration was mediocre. The male narrator was better than the female narrator.

Won't be continuing with this series, I'm afraid.

Rated this barely 3 stars for both book and narration.
