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Still recovering from breaking up with her boyfriend and alienating half the people in town, Skye Denison has sworn off men—but she hires sexy contractor Beau Hamilton to renovate the old house she inherited. After all, who can ignore his qualifications? Golden hair, bronzed chest, muscular thighs—he's just too good to be true.

Sure enough, he has a reputation for conning the ladies. But before the not so naïve Skye can fire the hunk, he turns up dead. Since even bad boys deserve justice, Skye has to juggle more than a passionate police chief, a cagey brother with a secret, and a possibly haunted house. She's got a killer to catch.

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Jenn says

I'm finally caught up. I've read these all out of order and this is my last one. If possible, Skye was even less intelligent here than she's been in other books. I just...I just wanted to hit her.

"Hi. I know you don't know me, but your lawyer friend says I should fix up your house for you. Go ahead and look around your house with me, all by yourself, with no protection, alone without even confirming with your friend that I'm legit. Ooh! And then let me change your lock for you! I know you've been having break-ins and your last contractor was killed out on the river behind your house, but you can totally trust me."

And she does. This was the most glaring incident of her stupidity, but it never seems to end. There were several other things, but I've totally blocked them out of my head. These books are a total guilty pleasure for me. There's not much redeeming about them and most of the plots are terribly transparent. But still I read. A glutton for punishment?

Ooh, I forgot. How in the HELL does sky get hit by the Sheriff and not freaking tell anyone????!?!?

Kristi Lamont says

OK, that May and Bunny stuff? Too silly for words. And, I'm not sure if it was this book or the other I read today, but in the Acknowledgements section in one of them our author thanked her husband for being, among other things, her copy editor. Because she said that, and ONLY because she said that (or proofreader, I can't remember), I'm going to pick a nit: What's with all the stupid typos? As in, cat for eat, and things like that. I dunno, maybe other people don't notice stuff like that as much as me. But for at least the past two, and maybe three, books, it's been quite annoying. But obviously not so much so as to stop me from my binge!

Sheri says

Murder of a Real Bad Boy (Scumble River Mystery, #8)Denise Swanson

Skye is trying to settle into her newly inherited house. She hires a contractor to come and make repairs. Soon he ends up dead. In her investigations she finds he has slighted a lot of people. The suspect list is growing. Skye is on the scene to solve this crime.

Fast paced, light read. I liked hearing more about Bunny, and I am trying to get used to Skye in her new relationship. The same fun characters are back. I look forward to the next Scumble River, Murder of a Botoxed Blonde.

Cindy says

The Scumble River Mystery series is a fun series to read. The books are pretty short and they are fast and funny reads. School psychologist Skye Denison gets into all kinds of trouble when she plays around as an amateur investigator in each book. The mysteries are full of twists, turns and surprises and there are always plenty of suspects to choose from. I almost never know for sure whodunit until fairly close to the end. The whole series makes for excellent pool or beach reads for the summer.

Georgiann Hennelly says

Skye is still recovering from breaking up with her boyfriend and half the town has alienated her. She has sworn off men- but she hires Beau Hamilton a sexy contractor to renovate the old house she has just inherited. He's too good to be true. Sure enough he has a reputation for conning the ladies. But before Skye can fire him, he turns up dead. But even bad boys deserve justice, Skye has more to juggle than a cagey brother with a secret, a possibly haunted house and a passionate police chief, she's got a killer to catch.

Vicky says

Oooooohhhh! A "real bad boy" is defined as a male that rides a motorcycle? OK. How can Skye be seen as the murder solving sleuth the town knows her as when she is a person who constantly backs down from any confrontation? The police are trained and skilled in solving crimes but in every book they have "missed the mark" with such blatant in-your-face clues.

Once again, I purchased the Scumble River books as a set and vow to get through them but I have to voice my disgust with the writing attempt of Ms. Swanson.

Skye, supposedly sooooo intelligent, does too many idiotic things. She is not a likeable heroine. Her house gets "broken into" yet she stays on without reporting it until the next day. There is something always more important on her agenda. She is a flake.

Let's address the fact that the very beginning has a disclaimer concerning the artwork that isn't even mentioned until the very end of the story. That alone gave a clue as to who what and where. Ms. Swanson is a terrible mystery writer and even worse at romance. Is Wally not the right guy because he too likes the Marx Brothers? Get real!

Beau was a real bad boy? Hmmmm. No.

Lindsey says

Yet again, Skye has gotten herself into trouble. By acting like a 15 year old. What a surprise.

Scumble River must be the murder capital of the midwest, and who knows how that happened. Once again, a body drops on Skye's doorstep. Not only that, but the poor girl must deal with having to find alternate ways home from work to avoid her ex-boyfriend. And the hottie contractor she hired was ripping her off.

Skye can do anything she wants and be indignant when people get mad (she barged in on her brother with a

woman, and he has no right to be mad at her), but no one can do the same to her (her mother locks her in a basement in order to get her back with her ex) without facing her wrath.

There are so many problems I have with this book. Her mother is just unbelievable for one thing. I know some moms are desperate for grandchildren, but to pick out her husband and then go the lengths to lock her ADULT daughter in with him so they make up... not playing right. Also, Skye being so mad at said ex for staying at a woman's house when she kissed another dude TWICE while he was gone (though this happened in the previous book). Ugh. Just.... Ugh.

Anastasia says

Murder of a Real Bad Boy by Denise Swanson is the 8th book in A Scumble River Mystery series. Skye finds her housing repair contractor, Beau Hamilton murdered on coming home one day and continuing break ins to her house, get her involved in solving the murder. I love this series and this book is a great addition. The mystery itself is a bit weak and Skye stumbles across the murderer rather than solving the crime. Her relationships are focused on more than the crime and I wish she would just go with Wally rather than pushing him away constantly.

Edel says

This is book eight in the Scumble River mystery series by Denise Swanson. Scumble River is a fictional town and here lies plenty of adventure and secrets. In this book Skye Denison(school Psychologist) hires hunky bad boy Beau Hamilton to do some construction work on her house but this bad boy has a bit of a reputation and it was not long before Skye had to start looking for another contractor.

Poor Skye is really having a heard time in this book with her love life and there seems to be something coming between herself and Wally every time they try and get close. Add some interfering family into the mix , a dead body, more mysteries then you could shake a stick at and you have yourself one very fun read. I listened to this on audible and the narrator was very good and she really makes the scenes and different characters come alive. Skye is one of my favourite cosy mystery heroines. If you have not already, check out this series where you get to meet this awesome lady yourself.

Ann says

Read in one day! Such a great ride - love Denise's series!

Joanna says

This series is so bland and repetitive, I spent a good chunk of time wondering if I had already read this one. Why do I bother? And yet by the end I am invested in the "mystery of the week" enough to forgive lovely Skye for repeating herself, verbatim, book after book. I want to like her and her friends, I really do. It's just

that she explains herself so thoroughly and with such a superior yet sniveling manner that I just want to shake her editor. Plus it's great for when you are zonked on the couch with a headcold and want every little bit spoonfed. More cocoa please!

Lacey says

In many series that I read character occasionally will change tracks in their personal lives. I always find it interesting to see the characters reactions and see how they deal with personal and very real emotions. And in this case Skye Denison was forced face some changes in her life. Some completely out of her control. While attempting to keep up with her regular life. She may find herself knee deep in another murder and another murder as the books continue. But how she manages her responsibilities and her failures is also interesting.

anonymae anonymae says

I read this series to learn how certain writing errors effect a readers experience of a story's narrative. I also read this series to learn about creative similes.

Sheila says

Another fun read!

Beth says

Scumble River Mysteries just keep getting better and better
