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Augusta Goodnight, heavenly sleuth and guardian angel, is a welcome boarder with longtime resident Lucy Nan Pilgrim in the seemingly tranquil town of Stone's Throw, South Carolina. And Augusta's divine intervention is needed now more than ever. The local college is the kind of safe place where students don't even lock their doors. At least it used to be, until girls started mysteriously disappearing.

When the body of another student, D. C. Hunter, is found in a shed by the lake, Lucy and Augusta must race to figure out if her murder is connected to the deaths of two other girls. Should Augusta focus on the English professor who was having an affair with D.C.? Or on the seemingly cheerful caretaker who happened to discover two of the bodies? And what is the meaning of the "Jabberwocky" clues that keep turning up around campus?

It will take some heavenly help---and a little home cooking---to restore the peace of the town.

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Jayci Reeder says

Cute story of old ladies who investigate murders on the college campus with the help of a strawberry scented angel.

Mandolin says

Small town life is anything but dull, as Lucy Nan Pilgrim is beginning to learn. Things have settled down since her guardian angel, August Goodnight, came into her life and helped her through a difficult mystery involving the history of her home and a few suspicious deaths in town. Life has settled back into its routine, brightened just a bit by Lucy's blossoming relationship with Ben and the slow healing she's finding in the connection with her daughter. Things don't stay quiet for long, however. Lucy, who has recently accepted a part-time teaching assignment at the local college, finds herself in the middle of another bizarre mystery when a young girl at the school is found brutally murdered. A look into the past reveals that this recent death isn't the only suspect one in the college's history. Several girls have, in fact, lost their lives in strange ways. The tenuous connection between the three deaths is strengthened when similar letters quoting Lewis Carroll's poem about the Jabberwocky are uncovered in their possessions. What do these veiled clues mean? Can Lucy and Augusta solve the mystery before another student ends up dead?

As with every truly great series, this one keeps getting better with each new book. Now that Augusta has found a temporary "home" surrounded by a constant cast of characters, the books have become richer due to the greater character development and more complex plots. As in the previous books, Augusta remains on the edges of the story while the main action focuses on Lucy Nan and her friends. I like this aspect, for it avoids the "silliness" that the novels could fall into with too much focus on a quirky angelic character. As she explains to Lucy, Augusta is only there to provide support and guidance not protection from danger or an easy answer to all of the questions of life. She does her job well, cooking amazing desserts, giving gentle clues and providing a nice dose of humor with all of her mis-quoted idioms. The mystery in this book is well-plotted and, though hints are provided throughout the book, is just difficult enough to solve to make it absorbing. All in all, a delightful read!

Vanessa says

I didn't really get into this book. I liked the fact that the Angel and two people who live in the same house were in a book group where they were reading a Jane Austen novel. I liked the small town and small college setting. I didn't ever really get into the mystery and trying to figure out who. I think its partially due to trying to read a lot the last few weeks and not giving time to a story that doesn't grab me immediately. Try this author. I will try her again on some other book.

Kelly says

I love this series. It is a good hometown mystery series.

Susan Webb says

I should probably find the first book in this series so that I can familiarize myself with the relationship between Lucy and Augusta, her resident ghost-guardian angel. Might help me understand the books better. Fairly decent story.

Michele Minor says

This book in the Augusta Goodnight series is about a murder that happens at a local college. She helps Lucy Nan Pilgram a local widow who is assisting in teaching a class at the local college in solving the mystery. This is an interesting setup since not too many people can see Augusta. The book is full of suspense until the end where you want to see what happens to the bad guy and who killed the girl.

Beth says

this is an ok read when you want to read something but don't want to have to think. but otherwise- eh

Dianne says

3.5 stars

good story line, although was confusing at first because of the characters unusual names.

the story kept me interested and twisted at the end when the murderer was exposed in the last chapter, being someone unexpected with no leading clues throughout.

Marjorie says

Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky poem features importantly in this mystery. Very cleverly written to steer you away from the real murderer. I did not expect it to be the one it was.

Tarrant Figlio says

A light cozy of a mystery with some great sounding recipes (something that sounds like a cheese straw wrapped around an olive!)

Sheri says

Slow moving and the ending left many loose ends.

Susan says

Guardian angel Augusta Goodnight is on hand when widowed Lucy Nan starts to teach a class at the local college. The first class session is marred when Lucy learns that one of her students has disappeared--and D.C. is not the first missing girl. But Lucy and Augusta soon learn that there's a real problem on the quiet campus--a problem with roots deep in the past.

Billie Clackum says

I really enjoyed this murder mystery. Ballads books are simply delightful to read.
