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The future looks promising for Holly Winter. Her regular column in Dog's Life magazine is going strong. Her successful new dog-treat cookbook - 101 Ways to Cook Liver - has canine-lovers (and her own Alaskan malamutes) panting in anticipation. And she's about to marry Steve Delaney, her handsome veterinarian (and a Best of Breed himself). More the pity that murder is spoiling the mood. And Holly can't help but take it personally...

The first victim is an anesthesiologist, murdered in a Cambridge hotel only a mile from Holly's home. The second victim is a friend of Holly's who published a canine version of the tarot. The third is an expert who used touch to heal traumatized animals. And the fourth was a fellow dog writer. What's more, they were all female, and each with a connection to Holly. Now, the killer has promised a next victim. Who will it be? Holly fears that she herself fits the profile. How can she stop him from killing again? If she wants to make it to her wedding day, she'd better get a clue.

## Bride & Groom Details

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## From Reader Review Bride & Groom for online ebook

### Kim says

So excited for the wedding. It was fun, but the alter story was sad. An intriguing ending.

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### Kae Cheatham says

A Mystery? I didn't think so. More it was an overwritten, trying-to-be-funny story that focused more on dogs than the mystery. I skipped paragraphs and pages, and didn't lose a thing, except the paragraphs that went on forever and were poorly written.

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### Karen Baadsgaard says

BORING- DIDN'T READ

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### Shazza Maddog says

About halfway through this novel, I thought, "This sounds familiar," so I am thinking I read this before. Which is no surprise, I've been reading Ms. Conant's Dog Lover Mysteries for a long time. And it didn't stop my enjoyment of the read, so there's that.

Holly Winter and her beloved Steve are finally getting married. Holly's book, *101 Ways to Cook Liver*, has been published. And Mac, one of her erstwhile friends, who is a popular published author, is determined to help Holly out with her promotion of her book.

The story more or less revolves around this - Holly and Mac and their books - and women who are all on the periphery of Holly's life. Women she's known (though not necessarily liked) are turning up dead. Bludgeoned to death, then injected with a drug used mostly by veterinarians. Holly figures she's not in danger, though Steve and her neighbor, Kevin, think differently - all of the women are associated with dogs and have a reputation regarding them in one way or another.

The ending didn't come as a shock (as I said, I've read it before and about halfway through, I remembered, "Oh, *this* story") but was a wrenching-in-it's-own-way shock.

Good for fans of cozies and/or dogs.

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### Barbara says

Amusing; one of a series about dog writer Holly Winter: this time she's getting married to long-time beau



Steve Delaney, a marriage that combines their menageries.

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**Suzanne says**

A sleuth who loves dogs is perfect for me. The mystery was somewhat unpredictable and the descriptions of the heroine's life with her dogs were very enjoyable and familiar.

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**Cindy says**

I just read this one today and I enjoyed it. The mystery element sort of takes back seat as Holly plans out her long awaited wedding to Steve. The dogs were fun in this book without taking over (yes, I know they are a major part of this series, but I think that's overdone sometimes). I wasn't really taken completely by surprise by the identity of the murderer, but I enjoyed the book anyway.

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**Natalie says**

This was a cute book...I liked the characters and the mystery was logical with clues. Well written, easy read!

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**Lauren says**

Another in the fun, light hearted dog mystery series featuring Holly Winter and her dynamic dog duo. These books are total fluff, but for a fun read to take your mind off stress, I recommend this series. Simple. Fun. Cozy mystery. Need I say more?

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**Brenda (b) says**

I thought the blurb was a tad misleading. I enjoyed the story and was glad to read about Holly, Steve and their canine companions again. The theme of marriage and fidelity runs strongly throughout the story.

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**Cathi95 says**

(Mystery, dogs, romance 2004) Another on-going series. I really have to stop reading things out of order because there's always that feeling of not quite knowing what's going on, and a lot of plot space is used up going over past points. Holly and Steve, both very involved with dogs (she's an author of dog-related articles and now a book, he's a vet) are about to get married. Women with connections to the dog world are being murdered. Possible suspects abound, as do quirky characters. A pleasant read, nonetheless. I do like the various characters and their relationships.



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**Brandy says**

Meh. Not very dramatic in terms of suspense it was pretty predictable.

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**Debi Emerson says**

Outstanding!!

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**Jen says**

I found this one kind of wishy-washy...

I was pleased when a friend informed me of Conant's dog/detective series. Growing up with a grandmother who devoured every "The Cat Who..." story, which never interested me, I have long wanted dog-themed books of same.

The author does not disappoint. The books are witty, informational, and quick-reads, without being too predictable.

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**Julie says**

Nothing earth-shattering, but a solid, entertaining cozy.

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