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The new Blackbird Sisters mystery from the bestselling author of *A Crazy Little Thing Called Death*.

Down-to-earth debutante Nora Blackbird is having a meltdown-and it isn't because of Philadelphia's heat wave, or an overdose at the city's Chocolate Festival. A noted Philly philanthropist has taken a swan dive from an office balcony-and Nora's friend Lexie stands accused of the murder. Then Nora's scheming parents reappear, sending all three Blackbird sisters into a panic. Now Nora must uncover the scandalous hijinks her parents are plotting-before she winds up taking all the heat and strangling her father with his own ascot.

## **Murder Melts in Your Mouth Details**

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## **From Reader Review Murder Melts in Your Mouth for online ebook**

### **Ewa says**

It was quite OK, rather light reading. However I didn't like any characters, either too posh, or egoistic, or rich and spoiled. Not my world of course.

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### **Dharia Scarab says**

If I hadn't already picked up the entire series, I'd have stopped reading after 4. This series reads more like an adult version of "A Series of Unfortunate Events" than mystery novels. Nora, Mick, and her friends and family just can't catch a break as things are always going from bad to worse.

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 has 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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### **Joan Horkey says**

Silly fun!

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### **Christine says**

This was really heavy on the character development, and pushing the personal stories forward, and a lot lighter on the murder aspect. It's not a bad thing, but it's worth noting that if the characters don't really grab you in this series, this isn't the entry for you. That being said, if you do love the characters you're really going to like how this one develops.

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## **Eileen says**

This one has a lot more relationship drama, and more new members of the Blackbird family come home to roost. Nora gets kidnapped twice, Emily's in trouble, and Libby is AWOL at the Ritz with someone who hit her with his car.

There is a chocolate festival, but that's hardly a main plot point. It made me hungry.

I liked the book, and I was impressed with how the author handled hiding the killer until the last second. It started a lot quicker than the previous one did, which I thought started kind of slow. The ending was very satisfying, and I'm a little nervous to see what's new in the next book. I hope everyone stays happy, but that's not likely or we wouldn't have anything to read!

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## **Devon says**

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'MURDER MELTS IN YOUR MOUTH' really IS the best Blackbird sisters mystery yet!! If you are a fan of this series you will be more than pleased with the direction Nancy Martin has taken our favorite heroine and her kooky gang in this seventh installment. All of our favorites have returned, Emma, Libby & kids & Mick with a focus on some of the more minor characters that we love such as Lexie and Crewe but one of the highlights of the story was finally getting to meet the eccentric characters that are Nora's parents! They cast a hilariously whimsical air over the entire book and I hope to see much more of the senior Blackbirds in the future!

Readers will be pleased to finally see so many aspects of the Blackbird sister's story come together after all of these years. Fans of this series will finally get all that they have been asking for and more! Nora and Mick finally come to an understanding, there is potential for more of a story involving the ever mysterious yet lovable sister Emma and Libby is...well, she is still the same Libby we've grown to know and love. Also, this novel's mystery involving the death of Lexie Paine's partner Hoyt Cavendish, who is seemingly pushed from his office window after being accused of stealing millions from clients is by far the best mystery to date.

Nancy has set the tone in this novel for big things to come down the line and I officially cannot wait for the eighth installment in this series which is sure to be fantastic!

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## **Loretta says**

In this book Nora's childhood friend, Lexie, not only becomes a murder suspect but her entire life takes a complete tailspin. It is so hard to see this happen because Lexie is the type of friend I would love to have had. However, there are always snakes in the grass even in the tallest corporate buildings. And, Nora knows her friend is not capable of murder and so begins to root out the real killer. However, there is one very unexpected surprise-the appearance of their parents. And, Nora finds their father smack in the middle of the murder scene! Their parents end up moving back into the old family homestead with their mysterious

freedom from tax evasion charges. Much to Nora's chagrin they also start making plans to convert the old home into a family business and expecting Nora to quit her current job as a social column journalist, which she has no intention of doing. By the time Nora finishes her sleuthing there secrets galore are brought out into the open-many involving her own family no less.

I gave this book 5-stars because it kept me reading. The mystery of the killer kept really well to the end. Her parents aren't too bad but her mother is pretty zany and one can see where Libby gets her character traits from. My favorite part is when the family is being held hostage at the farm house which Nora and her nephew Rawlins walk into. The dialogue and interactions of the characters is pretty funny-if such a thing can be. But, Nancy Martin's talent certainly carries it off. Her sister, Emma really gets on my nerves in this book, though-not Libby for once. But, at the end, they are all together as a family and happy.

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## **Lisa says**

An entertaining "who done it" with a zany cast of characters that make for a lively plotline. Set in the Philadelphia area, it connects Main Line Philly to the criminal underworld. A fun, quick and entertaining read with a twist that I never expected.

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## **Cherisse says**

3.5

Less zany/funny/crazy than the earlier works in the series. Time/location: just before Fourth of July; Chocolate Festival in the Convention Center

Various parallels: Emma is pregnant (like Nora was in #5); Nora's two friends are going to Spain to adopt a child and years earlier, Hoyt and his wife get Nora's father's help to have a child (Tierney)--(parallels Nora's donating eggs 10 years ago so friend can have a child). (Also shows the differing attitudes from 2 decades ago vs. today: Hoyt had to conceal his/her true gender; Nora's two gay friends can now openly adopt.)

Nora's father and mother return with a Treasury agent; Lexie (5 years for manslaughter; reduced to 3 years?) and Michael (6 months? as accessory) are going to jail.

Doesn't really explain Hoyt's motivation for embezzeling \$100 M from his various clients' accounts, thought it sort of parallels Nora's parents' actions/attitude of borrowing money and jewelry then just skipping town leaving their daughters to live with the consequences.

Nora really seems to be taken advantage of: she has the \$2 M in back taxes that she has to pay for, while her sisters have valuable furniture and artwork that they could just sell; Libby foists her children on Nora; Emma foists her ponies, horse and herself on Nora (there's no mention of paying rent to help out when Emma moves to the farm).

Libby and Jacque Petite (star of the Chocolae Festival); Nora doing online videos for her newspaper; Tierney is 1/2 brother to the Blackbird sisters; Lucy has replaced her imaginary friend with a real person, Henry (Michael computer expert); the Blackbird widow curse is no more?

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**Gülsüm M. says**

Serinin 7. kitabı olsa da her kitapta ayrı bir kurgu izlendiğinden bu hiç sıkıntı yaratmıyor size. Yazarın mizah ve polisiyeyi bu denli iyi harmanlaması konunun akıp gitmesini sağlıyor. Karakter kurgusu kadar karakterlerin arasındaki diyaloglar da çok sevdiğimi söylemem gerek. Çok edici bir şey olmaması ve katilin bulunduğu kısmın çarçabuk geçitirilmesi puanımı kırmama neden oldu. Gene de okuyamama döneminden çekmek için ideal kitaplardan biri. 4.5/ Bir Cinayet Bin Sür-Hece Yayınları

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**Jessica says**

I'm a cozy mystery reader who loves when character and plot work together really well. Thankfully, this book does. Nora's working hard at trying to maintain the family lifestyle and properties while her parents are on the run from the US government. Meanwhile her best friend's in a pickle (pesky suspicion of murder charges) and there's a new mystery afoot. In the meantime, she's babysitting her sister Libby's 5 children and trying to watch for younger sister Emma's life. Oh, and to establish or reestablish a dating life with the son of a mobster. No biggie right?

I really appreciated the interactions of show AND tell. The characters didn't necessarily get along but they all worked together to find truths. Ultimately, the WASPy life of a Philadelphia deb worked in her favor and it showed that those with little work experience can make something work. Nora had grit throughout the story, she wasn't easily cowed but she wasn't stupid either. The action worked out and was fast enough to move along the story while offering little insights into the Blackbird world.

I wasn't sure if I liked some of the mystery reveals, however. I think it was an interesting turn, one of the biggest secrets, but I'm not sure it was handled well enough to base a huge part of the resolution on it. That's the only thing causing me to not give the book 5 stars. A solid 4.5, though. I look forward to reading more of the series. Sometimes a random pass by at the library can be useful.

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**Sallee says**

This was another wonderful Blackbird sisters mystery. The main character, Nora is charming, her love interest is a hunk and has ties to a mob family and her sisters and parents are just plain nuts! The murder of Nora's best friend, Lexie's financial partner, Hoyt Cavendish starts this story off and it goes wild from there. There is humor, love, pathos and plenty of quirkiness to keep you interested.

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**Sheryl says**

Great series to read while on vacation.

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## **Jessica Sinn (Books and Trouble) says**

I'm not the biggest fan of heiresses, the Upper East Side elite or celebutantes, which is probably why I've always skipped over Nancy Martin's high society book series. Unable to resist the chocolate-infused murder plot in "Murder Melts in Your Mouth," I decided to give the books a shot and realized that I've been missing out on a real treat!

In this fast-paced Blackbird Sisters adventure, Nora Blackbird – former Philadelphia heiress and high-society It Girl – is teetering on the edge of a nervous breakdown. Her big sister got ran over by a Rolls Royce and left her in charge of five kids while she recuperates at the Ritz. Just when life couldn't get more hectic, Nora's best friend becomes suspect No. 1 after her boss plummets to his death from his high-rise office balcony. Then madcap hijinks ensue when the tax-evading Blackbird parents reappear with their life coach, sending Nora and her two zany sisters into a tizzy.

On a quest to prove her friend's innocence, Nora searches for suspects while covering see-and-be-seen social events for her high society newspaper column. After rubbing elbows with Philly's most notable bluebloods at the annual chocolate festival, she discovers anyone is a suspect – even her own father!

With the help of her old flame, a hunky Jersey tough guy with mafia ties, Nora must root out the truth – even if it means turning in someone she loves.

This book – peppered with witty one-liners, steamy sexual tension and oddball characters – is the perfect antidote for a bad mood. If you're in need of a good laugh, this book will do the trick! The sharp murder plot and entertaining fashion commentary is sure to delight fans of Janet Evonovich, Ellen Byerrum and Jennifer Cruise.

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## **Paula says**

This was another good mystery installment of the Blackbird sisters. And it was nice to see them all working together on a mystery. There were some nice surprises in this book. Thoroughly enjoyable.

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