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Fireworks are supposed to light up the night sky on the Fourth of July. They're not supposed to come flying into the front lawn of the Happy Haven Retirement Home and strike one of the residents in his keister.

But that's just what happens to gallant Lester Mills, new resident, and charming gentleman, who has risen to offer his seat to fellow resident and amateur sleuth Essie Cobb, when the rocket's red glare smashes into both of them.

As the unconscious Lester is hailed a hero for saving Essie and hauled off to the local hospital, Essie is left to wonder how and why the firecracker landed so precisely on both of them.

Was it really an accident? Did a rocket from the nearby city fireworks' display go awry? Or is there something more sinister behind the explosion?

Essie is determined to find out—after all, what else is Reardon's most prolific senior citizen/detective to do when she's been FIRECRACKED?

Patricia Rockwell's fifth book in her Essie Cobb senior sleuth mystery series. A light, humorous cozy mystery!

Firecracked Details

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From Reader Review Firecracked for online ebook

Jean Kovats says

I spotted the vital clue pages before Essie did and that is annoying. She is 10 years older than I am and sounds like a child at times, that is insulting. The basic story is not bad but I found Essie up setting.

Susan Spencer-Smith says

Patricia Rockwell's charming Essie Cobb, a crime-solver who lives at the Happy Haven retirement center, demonstrates the kind of sass and persistence that could entertain a grandchild as much as a grandparent. Essie's a firecracker herself, and when she sets her sights on culprits who thought they could outmaneuver and outsmart their seniors, well, let's just say there are lessons learned as well as laughs enjoyed. Great job, Patricia!

Rosemary says

I really like the storyline in this series. Four elderly women who live in a retirement home, are the best of friends work together to solve crimes. The problem I really had was with one of the characters named Essie. She was very bossy and wanted to have her way a lot. Sometimes I got the feeling that she was a mean woman...otherwise as I said, the storyline and the setting in the book was good

Lesley Hewitt says

Lovely cozy mysteries

Love these books, the main characters are lovely old ladies that like to solve mysteries. There's no sex or swearing or violence in them. They are just a really nice set of books. I hope there will be some more.

Becky Corwin-Adams says

Senior Sleuths Solve Another One

I am enjoying this well written series. I am intrigued by these four senior ladies' ability to solve mysteries that even the police cannot figure out. Even though two of the ladies are wheelchair bound and one is mute, they always find a way to crack the case. They may be old but they are not senile or bored. There is never a dull moment with Essie and company.

Paula Corregan says

Good book!

This book was interesting and fun to read. It featured an unlikely set of sleuths (four elderly ladies who live in a retirement home). I highly recommend it to other cozy mystery readers.

Lauraann says

Lovely cozy.

Ms. Rockwell captures today's retirement center vibe with her Essie series. This series shows how vibrant older adults really are.

Bree says

Essie is the Golden Girl of the cozy world. I found myself laughing at all the hysterical moments, and the scenes that cause you to well, laugh out loud are the reason you should read this book. Picture Sophia within her nursing home, murder and some great moments of wit!

Essie is a Senior sleuth, and this was a new type of cozy sleuth to me. I haven't read of older sleuths before but Essie is amazing! I found myself without knowing the who done it till the end.

I loved that I couldn't guess with in the first half of the book the suspect and motives. I adored the humor, and as this was my first chance reading any of Patricia Rockwell's work it set the standard high for other books by her. I look forward to reading and laughing my way through this charming series.

I received a copy of this book for a fair and honest review.
