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In the latest from the nationally bestselling author of The Candy Cane Cupcake Killer, Phyllis Newsom returns with a blackberry and blueberry pie recipe that's to die for...

It's late summer in Weatherford, Texas and Mike Newsom's childhood friend is sweltering in prison for a crime he claims he didn't commit, murdering his wife. So instead of asking his mother to please stop investigating a murder, as he usually does, he asks her and Sam to please help his friend.

Danny Jackson, found guilty of beating his wife Roxanne to death at the ritzy hair salon where she works, was sentenced to prison for 30 years. His pleas of innocence fell on deaf ears, so it's up to Phyllis to find what actually happened. She finds there are a lot of secrets and lies being told, and Roxanne was in the middle of them all.

Though Phyllis doesn't want to get mixed up in another murder investigation, her son rarely asks for favors, and certainly not favors like this. She has to untangle the lies and comb out the facts to find what happened that dark night.

Includes recipes!

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Linda Smatzny says

In this book, Phyllis Newsom is asked by her son, Mike, to investigate a murder. A friend of Mike's has been convicted of murdering his wife but Mike who is a deputy doesn't think the friend did it. Phyllis also knew the man when he was growing up and doubts he did the crime. She begins to ask questions but can't seem to find the lead she needs. The book was a quick easy read.

Deb Sharp says

Another great book in this wonderful series

I had no idea who the murderer was in this book, it had me guessing all the way through the book. Going to start the next book in th series now.

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

Retirees Phyllis Newsome and Sam Fletcher are asked to help a convicted man appeal his murder case. The fact that Phyllis and Sam have solved over a dozen murder cases makes this request even more attractive to the convicted man and his attorney.

This man is convicted of murdering his wife. The fact that Danny is also Phyllis' son Mike's friend from school makes the cause more important. Phyllis can't see Danny as a killer, although, it has been years since the two boys hung out together in school.

We learn secrets about the school days, friendships, relationships, and gossip within the hallowed halls of a beauty salon.

This book had delectable foods, real puzzles, and it took me to the ending to figure out, with Phyllis who the killer was.

This book includes recipes as a bonus at the ending. They are good ones too! Enjoy this book!

Shilo says

If you want to read a book that keeps you on the edge of your seat, this book is for you. Livia uses very descriptive language and plot twists that make you not want to put this book down! Looking forward to the next adventure with Phyllis Newsome and the gang.

Laura says

Somehow after the last book-the candy cane cupcake killer, I stopped reading this series and I don't understand how I missed this book and the next!?! I've been waiting on the author to write morewas I in a "readers coma??? This book/series is delightful and now I'll play "catch up" by starting the next book-ha!

Vanessa Holloway says

Great read. Good recipes! Keep this series going Livia!

Carey says

Excellent book!

I would recommend Black and Blueberry Die to everyone . I always enjoy reading fresh-naked mystery. I love the characters Phyllis and Sam. I even saw a few recipes I would like to try. They sound great!

Robyn says

Phyllis Newsom and Sam Fletcher are back and better than ever! Phyllis has helped solve murders in the past, so when her son Mike, a deputy sheriff, asked her to please help prove his friend Danny's innocence, she reluctantly agreed. Danny has been accused of murdering his wife Roxanne. Phyllis and Sam, working with Danny's attorney Mr. D'Angelo, do everything they possibly can to find the real killer. I love this series and I highly recommend it! Livia J. Washburn is a phenomenal author and I can't wait for the next book!

Gretchen says

This series is always a nice, easy read that makes you think but provides all the clues you need to follow along to solve it. This time Phyllis tries to find the real murderer when her son's childhood best friend is convicted of murdering his wife.

Amber says

A fun who done it summer read.

Danni says

fun

Luffy says

What I will keep in my memory for some time regarding this book is the content feeling of domesticity. Some banter, some warmth, lots of food, a secure roof over their heads, a level brain under, and a long, lingering look from the characters' POV over their past lives.

Livia J. Washburn herself is an example of success that flies under the radar. She isn't instantly recognizable, she isn't a NYT bestselling author. She is, however quite talented and successful. These days she has been branching out from this series. I want to try her new books, but I'm reluctant to quit this series.

The trick leading to the outcome of this story is that the main character and amateur sleuth, notices something that escapes everyone else's notice. This trick is tricky to pull off, but the author knows how this is vital to her readers' needs. The story is not much inspired here, but it kept me occupied, and I enjoyed it on some level.

Natasha says

Phyllis and Sam are at it again solving another murder and getting better at it. A easy book full of banter and a mystery not to hard to solve.

Cheryl says

Phyllis and her friend Sam are trying to get through a sweltering summer. Phyllis's son Mike's friend, Danny, is in prison for killing his wife at the ritzy beauty salon where she works. Mike doesn't think he did it and instead of his usual asking his mother to stay out of things, he asks her to investigate. Phillips doesn't want to but she wants to help her son and his friend. Phyllis starts by asking questions at the salon and the garage where Danny was part owner. It was a little confusing how Phyllis figured out who the real murderer was.

Marsha Campbell says

Another great story with Phyllis! The food alone is enough to bring readers back but add to the plots and characters and you have a fun, interesting read.