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Sheila says

Murder By the Way is the third book in the Kennedy Killingsworth series. It is just as good as the first two books in the series. I love the inclusion of the familiar and comfortable characters that Betsy Brannon Green's readers have come to know and love. Some examples are Miss Eugena, Miss Ida Jean, Winston, Mark and Kate. These are characters from The Haggerty Series that I absolutely love!

Once again Betsy's books are full of mystery, intrigue, humor, and of course a lot of good food that the characters are cooking and eating. Recipes are always included at the end of the book. One that I want to try the most is, Miss Eugenia's S'More Cookies. In the book she deep fries them, but I think I will bake them the normal way. I also want to try, Miss Iris's Lemon Chicken, which is a little bit healthier than the cookies.

I really like Kennedy in this book, but I wish that there had been more of her new husband, Luke. He has become one of my favorite characters. There wasn't as much action as there had been in book two, but there was plenty of "interaction" with the characters. The characters had more opportunities to figure out things mentally this time around. The ending played out almost how I have been figuring it would, but with some added twists and turns. I wasn't disappointed in the end, and it just made me look forward to the next book in the series. At least I hope that there is more to come. I am adding this book to my list of quick, summer reads. You can read this alone, but I highly suggest that you read book one and two in the series first. I give this book 4 stars.

Ines says

I knew it! I was hoping it wouldn't be him, but it was. Still a great read though!

Kathryn says

a mystery murder that isn't one you would guess. Kennedy is finally going to marry Luke Scoggins and live happily ever after...yet Luke gets called away for a marine's trial and is whisked away right after the "i do" is said. Kennedy gets a surprising offer from Drake Langston about becoming part of his "team" that will be doing a quick finish up job there in Midway Georgia. She decides to take the advising job because the pay will allow her and Luke a honeymoon in Hawaii. What she doesn't realize is that the murder of a cat loving lady, the prisoner escapees, and this job offer all boil down to Drake wanting to force her into becoming a permanent part of his team through threatening the lives of not only her but Luke (getting him on another tour), her dad (mailcarrier accident), her mother and sisters (grocery parking lot hit and run) and kidnapping her nieces and nephews. She feels that she can't live with herself if she does go free and keep the secret of Drake's manipulation of others. She turns Drake down and Sloan saves her from being thrown in an empty

pool hole. Drake and Newell another of his team members who had had enough of drake's power, didn't get so lucky. Sloan turns himself in for crimes he did commit because of Drake's control. Miss Eugenia and Mark (the FBI guy) help to solve the mystery of the murder of Nola. This is a twisted story about how one man's money enables him to use it to control other's lives by using their love for other's as their motivator.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

Another great book in the Kennedy series. It's always a jolly adventure in the small southern town with Kennedy and gang. My only complaint is that there is NEVER enough of Luke AND Kennedy. Never. Other than that, a fun read. :) LDS fiction.

Ranee says

I really liked this book & the author's style of writing. Loved that it's a "clean" book. I also found a type of role model on how to nicely handle not so nice situations. :)

Sandy says

As Kennedy Killingsworth prepares to step into the next phase of her life alongside her soon-to-be husband, Luke, the past reemerges and interrupts with full force. Luke is suddenly called away to testify at a Marine Corps trial and is forced to leave Kennedy soon after they are declared husband and wife. Then an old business associate, Drake Langston, announces he is returning to Midway to finish renovating the town and needs Kennedy's help to smooth things over with the locals. Kennedy jumps on board to distract herself from Luke's absence. Little does she know that there will soon be plenty to distract her. After an unexplainable prison van accident leaves a woman dead and three prisoners missing, the town feels rattled and worried.

Shanda says

I really enjoyed the first two books in this series (Murder By the Book and Murder By Design) so I was excited to receive Murder By the Way for review. The beginning of the story was more "tell" than the rest as Kennedy reviews the events of the last little while, but the writing is good. Once things got going, it didn't take long for me to find the rhythm of the story.

While Kennedy is an interesting character to me, and I've enjoyed seeing a bit of her toughness soften with her love for Luke, it is Luke that is my favorite character. Due to a sudden military trial, their wedding is rushed and Luke must leave to testify immediately after the reception. This means that he is "physically" gone for a large portion of the story, but with phone calls and texts to Kennedy he remains peripherally involved.

Another favorite character is Sloan. He is a former FBI agent, and I liked not knowing if he was a good guy or a bad guy. His actions could lead either way, and it isn't until the end that the reader learns whether he is good or bad. (I'm not saying!)

One thing I was glad to see was that Cade, Kennedy's ex-husband, steps up and we get to see the better side of him. He has a hunch and follows through, setting the mystery in motion.

Several of the well-known characters from Betsy's previous novels are back, as frustrating as ever. And what would a Betsy Brannon Green mystery be without Miss Eugenia?

I enjoyed the story and was happy to be surprised by the twist at the end. It played out differently than I thought it would and I was satisfied with how the story ended. The last few pages of the book are recipes and I can't wait to try Miss Eugenia's S'more Cookies. All in all, a great third installment of the Kennedy Killingsworth series.

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Kathy says

I read this series out of order. Covenant sent me a copy of *Murder by the Way* for review. I really enjoyed it but when I started it I didn't realize it was book 3 in a series. Once done I went back and started over with the first book to catch up on what I missed. So yes this can be read as a stand alone but I recommend reading from the start of the series.

I enjoyed not knowing who was the good guy and who was the bad guy throughout these books. There were enough twist and turns to keep me guessing even having read the third book first. I was still interested in the story line from the first two books despite knowing that Kennedy and Luke ended up together. It was fun to learn the how and why of their relationship.

These books are classified as LDS fiction and there is an LDS character or two in them but it's something on the sidelines, not the focus of the story. I think they could easily be read and enjoyed by anyone who enjoys a good clean, humorous mystery.

Content: Clean

Jennie says

I love Betsy Green's southern voice. The dialog is great and the mystery was fun to unravel.

Dan says

I didn't realize when I picked up this book that it was the third in a series. But I didn't feel like I was missing out too much because Ms. Green did a good job filling in the essential details. I'm not typically a mystery person, but I found this book enjoyable. However, I felt awkward for Kennedy who, as a married woman, spent way too much time with other men who were obviously romantically interested in her. It just didn't feel right. What stood out to me though, was the emphasis on food. Most books don't really worry about feeding their characters, but this one made me feel fatter just for listening to the descriptions of food throughout. And

if that's not enough, there's a list of recipes at the end for the food in the book.

R. says

I love Green's books, and this one wasn't any different. It's been awhile since I read her last book from this series, but this recent installation didn't disappoint, drawing me right back in and refreshing the characters easily. Makes a lot more sense why Drake made people's skin crawl and grew more bad will despite his supposed "good intentions" by the end of this book. Especially didn't like the insinuations with how powerful he was that he was also the reason why Luke was called off so close to their wedding - good thing they pushed up the time rather than letting him leave and reschedule. Hate to think what Drake might have done on top of his current schemes in that situation. Good for Kennedy sticking to her morals - I like her and Luke more and more with each book. Not as much with Kate and Mark, the original favorites from Haggerty, but Miss Eugenia still has a leading roll. Also struck by the awkward situation with HannaLeigh at the end of the book - could she get any farther off track? Oh well. At least Cade isn't as much of a concern.

Cristy says

Overall it was a good series. However, Betsy Brannon Green tends to keep the same character in peril for way too many books! Come on how many times in a three or four month period can one person be around murder in a sleepy town? Change it up have new characters come into play, have her move to a different or bigger city, for crying out loud! Or move onto a different series don't make it sound so far fetched! That being said this was the best book of the series and it tied everything up nicely! However, I didn't laugh out loud or cry at all, that means the author did not pull me in enough! Or it means that she just hurried and wrote the book and figured because it all comes together in a neat little package then it works. Ha no it does not work for me!! I read to escape or feel not just to read words on a page! I want to connect with the characters. I have read news reports that draw me in more then this book!

Oh one more thing! How many times does Kennedy have to remind us about what her mother would want her to do in this situation! We get it all ready! I swear at least in every chapter if not more we are reminded that she only does it this way because of her mother. We end up hearing the same this twice. Kennedy says something then in her head she explains why she said that, like we can't remember two pages ago.

Angie says

I would give this 3.5 stars...

To me personally not quite as good as the other 2 "Kennedy" books but still a good read! I missed Kennedy's love of books that made me instantly identify with her in the first book. I did like the twist and turns and was a satisfying book over all. :)

Cindi says

This was not my favorite book...it really wasn't even my favorite series but it was still entertaining. The first book deals with Drake Langston who comes in to make a small southern community better - he builds new housing developments and relocates the library to improve it. But then someone gets murdered... In this book Langston is back to finish his job - something he doesn't normally do. Then strange things end up happening again: another murder, old ladies sent to old folks homes, house fires and job losses. So in this book we find out that Langston is the mastermind behind everything! And he wants the main character Kennedy to work for him. She of course doesn't want to and he basically tells her that her loved ones will not be safe if she refuses him. The ending felt totally unrealistic and unbelievable...of course Kennedy is saved and everything is good in the end but Langston is able to do ridiculous things! Kennedy's new husband Luke is called by the Marines to testify in a trial and it was Langston who pulled some strings at the Pentagon...get real! So overall, it was an all right boom but was not my favorite! Ages 13+

Rachael says

I don't know what to say about my favorite mystery novel author. I have loved her stories since her first book was published when I read it as a demo copy from the bookstore I worked at. I somehow, life has been crazy, missed her second book in this series and look forward to catching up on some 'middle' story. I also picked up the first in this series and look forward to re-reading it, um now.

The only thing I had a problem with was the editing. But that wouldn't let me keep the story below 5 stars! Several times I was reading I had to add a word to a sentence and in a one case add a word. I'm not great with words which is why I read books not write them. But these small editing errors make me sad because they take me away from the story and make me focus on the editing. It happens in almost all books and I only mention it during this review because it happened more than once.
