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Return to Broward's Rock in *Laughed 'Til He Died*, Carolyn Hart's landmark 20th novel in her much loved and critically acclaimed Death on Demand mystery series. Island sleuths Annie and Max Darling must solve three related local murders in this wonderful new whodunit by the multiple Agatha, Anthony, and Macavity Award-winner—a must for fans of Diane Mott Davidson and Lillian Jackson Braun.

Laughed 'Til He Died Details

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Denise says

I was happy to visit with Max and Annie and see what they were up to, the only thing I hate about it is that I read too fast and now I have to wait AGAIN for the next episode. The only thing that I have to say about the Death on Demand series and I am probably in the minority here but I think Max is the sleuth and Annie just seems to stumble into trouble of which Max then has to rescue her. Yes, you can usually figure out who the murderer is before the end of the book but so can you in a lot of mystery series. I was pretty sure I knew who did the dastardly deed but I think that Hart keeps the story moving along and throws in a few curve balls so you just might have a little bit of a doubt. There is a nice surprise at the end of the book. I have commented in the Cozy Mystery group that I feel that it is time that Max and Annie add a new little "Darling" to the mix, we will have to see if Carolyn Hart agrees.

Kimberly says

This is one of my favorite mystery series. A crime occurs within the confines of a youth center on Broward's Rock. Annie and Max have to find out who the killer is before any more youth are murdered.

Carolyn says

I'd forgotten how much I enjoy this series. This is the latest book. Always some humor, romance, and lots of mystery with plots, sub-plots and more!

Carol K. says

Good story. Interesting series with good characters.

Deborah Lind says

I know that I read some of the earlier books in the series, but I do not remember them that well.

I liked the characters in the story, which makes me come back to a series time and time again.

However, the author likes going into details about some of her suspects, but not all. In the end, the culprit is easy to pick out, but not a very good way to wrap up the story.

Rachelle Ayala says

This one was not so obvious and had me guessing until the end. Very clever. And as always, I enjoyed the antics of Emma, Henny, and Laurel. The police chief was a dunderhead, of course.

Al says

Took me a while to get into author's style, but once I did book picked up. will read others by her.

Jennifer says

Carolyn Hart's Death on Demand series has been a favorite cozy series of mine for many years. Annie Darling owns a mystery bookstore (Death on Demand, obviously) and mystery is the main theme throughout the series, both up front with the murders and in the background through the books Annie sells. The novels are full of mystery references which is sure to delight fans of the genre.

In Laughed 'Til He Died, the 20th installment of the series, Hart offers up a mystery that boggles the mind in the best way possible. By the middle of the novel, I was utterly convinced of the killer's identity. I was off base, but looking back, the clues were right there. I have read all the previous books in the Death on Demand series and feel rather acquainted with Hart's style, so it was a fantastic surprise to find myself so far off base.

The prime suspect in the murder comes to Max, Annie's husband, for help on another matter before the victim was killed. I loved how Annie and Max had a legitimate reason to be as involved in the investigation as they were. The island's famous mystery author, Death on Demand's best customer and Max's mom were all there to lend their specialized viewpoints as well.

Oh, how I wish there was a real Death on Demand close to home. A store full of nothing but mysteries, the coffee in mugs adorned with mystery titles, a big stuffed raven; the image sound like a place I would never want to leave. A scene where Annie was setting up themed displays, mentioning both famous and new to me authors and titles made me want to be Annie. What fun it would be to own Death on Demand (you know, without all the murders.)

Laughed 'Til He Died contains a great mystery surrounded by mysteries and was great fun. Actually, it was one of the very best in the series and if Carolyn Hart can entertain this well after 20 books, I would love to read at least 20 more.

Betty Day says

Fun read but the good guys are too good and the bad guys just a little cardboardy . . . island life . . . characters who have nothing to do and enough money to lounge around doing whatever they want to . . . power . . . evil . . . money . . . wives . . . ex-wives . . . children . . . stepchildren . . . one asshole man in the middle of it . . .

Michele says

Again, love the series (....if I didn't, I wouldn't keep reading!!) This one was up to the same standars, however, the usual suspects weren't as prevalent. The characters directly involved in this particular story were more prominently used than some of the other stories. Agatha, Henny, Laurel, Emma and even Ingrid were not as "front and center" as they usually are. However, that did ot have a detrimental impact on the plot at all. Unlike the other stories, as this one unfolded, the more that was uncovered about the victim, the less sympathy I felt for him. (the murder takes place in the beginning of the book. Letting it slip that it is male will not ruin the story) Usually, the victims are in the wrong place at the wrong time or make one horrid mistake. In this case, the victim was a total douche and I found zero positive things to think about him. Makes a book more enjoyable when the murder victim is the most hated character in the book (well, until you get to the ending find out who committed the murder...but there was a reason. I don't agree with murder, but at least the killer felt they had no choice, didn't go around being mean and spiteful for entertainment)

Una Tiers says

Not my cup of tea due to too much repetition.

Linda says

I do love the Death on Demand mysteries and being with my island friends again. This one twisted and turned and came to a chilling conclusion.

Hali Jacobs says

great mystery until the end

Kathi Olsen says

A fun who-done-it. Good plot development, easy enjoyable read.

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

What can I say about a 'Death on Demand' book? It was as good as she gets. I love the characters and would love to have them as neighbors. I want to own the bookstore and eat lunch each day with them.

The mystery was solid and I was confused which is just what I want in a mystery. I do not want to know who did it at the beginning.

Now, I have to await her next book...I'm waiting...