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Don't marry into murder...

Catering her childhood friend's beachfront wedding was a dream come true for Everly Swan—and, with hundreds of guests in attendance, great exposure for her new iced tea shop and café. But when the well-to-do groom is found floating facedown in the surf, the locals of Charm, North Carolina turn their suspicions on his new bride. Could she have been so desperate to lay hands on his fortune that she arranged for his murder even before they set off on their honeymoon?

Everly knows her lovestruck friend couldn't be behind the murder, but with clues pointing in several directions, she can't decide which wedding guest is the most likely culprit. Meanwhile, the frustratingly handsome Detective Hays has made it clear that Everly should stay out of the investigation altogether. But with a killer on the loose and a feeling that someone is watching her café very closely, Everly knows that if she can't solve this murder soon, her cake might be iced for good.

## **No Good Tea Goes Unpunished Details**

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## **From Reader Review No Good Tea Goes Unpunished for online ebook**

### **Rima Aiello says**

The idea of the main character and her occupation is something new yet familiar which makes for an interesting read. This second installment has all the charm of the first, but just gives more with the development of characters. It is so great to see a series really hit its stride, and the author definitely hit it out of the park with this one. Iced Tea, a beautiful setting, and murder is definitely a winning recipe for a great read!

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### **Bookgyrl says**

Very nice cozy mystery! The main character, Everly, has a tea shop in Charm. When she is attending the wedding of a childhood friend the groom is murdered and the friend, Judy, is a suspect.

All the cozy ingredients are there: likeable heroine who has returned to her hometown after a couple of years away, the running of a teashop and a handsome detective who warns her to stay away from the case. But it is done very well. I have not read book 1, but that is not necessary at all.

I received an ARC via Netgalley and this is my honest and voluntary review.

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### **Dana-Adriana B. says**

Like all the cozy mysteries, in a small town, there are lots of suspects for the murder of the well-to-do groom, including the bride. Everly Swan the local tea shop owner is going to solve the mystery. the characters are really cute and I enjoyed the plot.

Thank you Netgalley for this nice story.

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### **Ann says**

This is book 2 in the Seaside Cafe Mystery series and can easily be read as a stand alone. Everly Swan has her tea store up and running and is catering a wedding on the beach for a childhood friend. It's fun to return to Charm, North Carolina and catch up on the progress of Everly and her friends. When the groom turns up dead the first suspect is the bride and Everly wants to help clear her so the reputation of of the bakery and tea shop is untarnished. This is a fun read and the mystery is well plotted. I received a copy of this ARC in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Linda says**

Imagine living close to the beach in Charm, North Carolina where you can relax and sip iced tea made fresh daily in Everly Swan's Sun, Sand & Tea Seaside Cafe. It's as wonderful as it sounds until a beachside wedding ends in the groom's mysterious murder and the bride's dress soaked and bloodied. Everly wastes no time checking into the groom's past to see if she can figure out who may have had it in for him.

This exciting cozy mystery is steadily paced; the cast of characters entertaining; and the mystery engrossing. This is the second book in this series and I enjoyed it as much as I did the first one. Everly's great aunts—Clara and Fran—provide chuckles throughout the storyline. An entertaining cozy mystery to read and relax with anytime. The author shares delicious recipes for readers to make at home.

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### **Kim says**

What a fun book! After moving home to Charm, NC, Everly buys the home of her dreams and turns it into a luncheon cafe serving organic food and a variety of ice tea. As a favor to a high school friend, Everly hosts and caters her wedding at her North Carolina beachside home. The wedding goes off without a hitch, until the groom disappears during the reception and Everly stumbles on his body near the shoreline. It's a whodunnit with several red herrings thrown into the mix of suspects.

Light mystery, romance and beach reading, this is a great book for fun, uncomplicated reading. The characters are fun and quirky - Everly's aunts remind of the aunts in Alice Hoffman's Practical Magic, but the subject is not quite as intense. It's a sweet read without aggressive language or overly illicit or romantic language. I'm looking forward to reading more of the series, and I am grateful to NetGalley for an advance copy in exchange for a review.

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### **Rue B says**

The setting of the novel is charming (which is unsurprising, given that the town's name is Charm), the characters are interesting, and the whodunnit mystery will keep you guessing until the end. Everly Swan is an assertive amateur detective without being obnoxious about pursuing leads, meaning that she is invested in solving the crime but makes reasonable attempts to keep herself out of avoidable danger. (It's so annoying when novels create suspense by having the protagonist make obviously terrible decisions.) The lead detective, Grady, is likable, and the electricity between him and Everly is fun to watch unfold. This is a great series for cozy fans.

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### **Laura Salas says**

I really like Everly and her iced tea shop--frankly, it's probably good for my own eating habits to not have every mystery I read revolved around someone who owns a cupcake or pancake shop! I like that she's trying to fit back in to her hometown and build her dream life. Even though the trope of a baker/chef/tea-maker going back to the town she grew up in and opening a little business has been done a ton in recent years, something about this feels a little fresh. Everly is kind, and she feels like a friend.

You have to suspend a LOT of disbelief as a reader to understand how she could possibly run a business and do the things she does in the book. One day, she runs her cafe/tea shop by herself ALL day as well as investigates the murder and watches all the audition videos in the contest her aunts are taking part in. Right. And her best friend owns a bookshop but ALSO stocks numerous Little Libraries, constantly filling them with new books. Um...booksellers can barely stay in business without giving all their books away for free.

Still, for an enjoyable escape read, I'm willing to suspend my disbelief. In this outing, Everly has more than one murder to solve, and the resolution works fine. Solid plotting, a charming setting, and a likeable main character add up to a lovely few hours of escapist mystery reading:>)

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### **Karen Hollins-Stallman says**

No Good Tea Goes Unpunished by Bree Baker is a charming cozy murder mystery. This is the second book in the Seaside Cafe Mystery series and can easily be read as a stand alone. In fact I have not read the first book Live and Let Chai. I must admit the story or setting seemed familiar and I wondered if I had read before, or maybe read the first book. With that said I really enjoyed the book.

Everly's been running Sun, Sand and Tea for several months, and now she's catering an old friend's wedding. When the groom turns up dead the first suspect is the bride and Everly wants to help clear June as well as save the reputation of Sun, Sand and Tea!

The characters are well developed and the way she describes the town of Charm and the seaside setting really makes you want to pack up and move there. I find Everly, her quirky aunts, and friends, people I would love to be friends with. I found myself invested in the story and wanting to know what happens, to the point of staying up all night to finish it.

I'm looking forward to reading more of the series, and I am grateful to NetGalley for an advance copy in exchange for a honest review.

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### **Divya says**

I requested this book on Netgalley as I was looking for a nice beachy, cozy mystery and this totally fit the bill. Charm, the small beach town seems to be attracting more crime than ever and it's a good thing that the new cafe owner and police detective are good at solving the murder mysteries while enjoying some great food and a little bit of flirtation. I really engaged with the characters and the whodunit was presented well with a number of suspects and motives. Overall I would definitely like to read another book in the series and enjoyed my ARC from netgalley.

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### **Lisa Elizabeth says**

A charming setting and engaging characters make this a worthy sequel! With lots of twists and turns and romantic upheavals, I'm really looking forward to the next book and a particular showdown. ??

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### **Barb says**

I received a digital copy of this book from Edelweiss for review purposes. Thanks!

I really like this series so far!

Great setting, likeable characters, and a storyline that has terrific potential.

I hope there are more books to come.

And, I hope the next one has that lemon cake recipe!

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### **Christy says**

No Good Tea Goes Unpunished is a delightful follow up to Live and Let Chai. Everly's been running Sun, Sand and Tea for several months, and now she's catering an old friend's wedding. You'd think that would be pretty safe, right? Not so much! Shortly after the vows are spoken, the groom ends up dead, and his bride is the number one suspect. Everly has other ideas. She knows her friend wouldn't have murdered her new groom, so she sets out to find the real killer.

Of course, Everly's involvement in the investigation doesn't sit well with her new friend Detective Grady Hays. He doesn't want Everly to get hurt...or murdered. But Everly, being Everly, can't stay out of it. It seems like everything happens around her house and tea shop. Plus, when it's her friends who are involved, she can hardly stay out of it.

As with the first book, I love the characters in No Good Tea Goes Unpunished, and Everly's aunts are my favorites. They have a shop in town called Blessed Bee, and in this book, they're entering a contest where they can have a 3 minute film to say what they want to say about their cause. It ends up being a huge undertaking which Everly calls an "educational dystopian honeybee apocalypse movie." Trust me! You have to read this because you will be cracking up.

Everly makes a new friend...I won't tell you who for fear of spoiling your read, and an old flame shows up in town. The mystery and mayhem in No Good Tea Goes Unpunished will leave you thirsty for more! I can't wait for the next book!

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### **Shelly says**

This cozy mystery is light and FUN. Everly runs an ice tea shop and café on the North Carolina coast. She lives in a historic home in a seaside community so charming it's called, Charm. She has her dream business in her lovely hometown and has been asked to cater her childhood's friends rather large beachfront wedding. Things couldn't be better! But the wedding doesn't go off without a hitch. The groom never makes it down the aisle. Instead, he is found lifeless in the surf. Suspicion's surround Everly's friend. More than one wedding guest had motive, however. Everly needs determination and some clever sleuthing to find the real culprit and clear her friend's name. Everly is a great protagonist and the story line kept me engaged. The

mystery was well plotted. This is the second book in the Seaside Café Mystery series. Although I missed the debut book, this one stood on its own.

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### **Nancy Baker says**

The happily ever after did not even make it through the wedding reception when the groom is murdered and the new bride is seen with the murder weapon in her hands. Everly Swan, tea shop owner, was responsible for the reception and now feels responsible to solve the mystery but as some of her suspects become victims she gets more confused about what is really going on.

This story pulls you in immediately with an enticing island setting in North Carolina and an interesting cast of characters. The murder occurs very early in so it will give you a lot of time to use your detective skills to figure out who did it but it will not be obvious. The teasers about the future of these characters leave me looking forward to A Seaside Café Mystery #3.

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