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Genji Bailey says

Amazing author!!! LOVE Dr. Shaw!!!

Donald says

A decent mystery with likable characters and a satisfactory conclusion. Well paced and well written. Had a few grammatical errors, but sadly too many books do these days.

Kellie says

I love a good mystery. This is the 2nd of the Simon Shaw mysteries. Shaber is a master researcher. There was some interesting information about shipwrecks, the Wilmington area, hurricanes, WWII and the Civil War. This was also a pretty good story. Simon is definitely growing on me. He is a very likable character. He is at the beach near Wilmington with a friend of his. They are asked to help answer some questions about some coins found with a dead body. A dead body from the 40's they just dredged up off shore. Interestingly enough, the dead body is a relative of some locals. Simon thinks he is reluctant to get involved in another case but with the help of his former love interest, Julia, he is hot on the trail of a killer. A killer who is still killing. This was a mystery that had clues that threw you off the real motive. I liked that about this one. Shaber did a good job directing Simon and the reader off track. Although, Simon should have gone with his gut and proceeded with what he deduced in the first place, he reacted like anyone would and went on a couple wild goose chases. But these just brought him closer to Julia. It will be interesting to see what happens to this relationship in future books in this series. Looking forward to continuing this series.

Sam Shaber says

Though maybe not the best cover art in history (this particular cover art for the book), Sarah R. Shaber's second novel is a wonderful sophomore book!

Carolyn Rose says

I'm a big fan of crimes in the past that lap over into the present, and I found the information about German submarine crews coming ashore during WWII intriguing.

Eadie says

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My Review:

Simon Shaw is a college professor and detective who investigates decades-old unsolved murders. He is a very quirky but believable character. This book is a fast, easy read with historical information about the German subs off the coast of North Carolina's Pearlie Beach during World War II and a body from that era which has recently been discovered. Simon, along with his ex-wife, try to solve this old murder but have to dig through lots of secrets in the lives of the local residents. When a new murder is discovered things really heat up and the book becomes a real page-turner until the murderer comes to light. I am now looking forward to reading the next book in the series and I would highly recommend this series to those who like history with their mystery.

Travelin says

On balance, I am growing so impatient with mediocre novels that I may start randomly reading mediocre nonfiction and nothing else. It was strictly a few strange, rare facts which made this so-called mystery worth finishing:

- Gold coins "were illegal to own in the United States from 1934 to 1975"
- In WWII "there were German submarines right offshore [from North Carolina]. Lots of them"
- The American Nazi publication "Liberation" "sold a million copies in its heyday"
- The Confederate Treasury of 100,000 thousand dollars in gold ingots was lent to the south by the French government. In disappeared mysteriously after the war, on its return to a French ship under armed guard.
- In WWII, "Germans definitely landed farther north, on Long Island"

In this, possibly the second or third mystery in my life, the chatty, slow-moving plot seemed more readable than my last effort:

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It may simply be a case of northern vs. southern pacing, although it was a relief to be given breathing space from short-term thinking and constant, pointless micro-conflicts. All in all, this book reminded me of a Scooby Doo episode, wherein gormless vacationers get roped into an adventure and stumble onto facts haphazardly, with little adventures and no real danger. Then, like Scooby Doo, it turns out that what few clues existed have been piecemeal and artificial, but it doesn't matter, because the villain instantly confesses, in extraordinary detail, to everything he/she did.

The protagonist compares his efforts to a Snipe Hunt, but it's more like a southern fishing trip. Incidentally, a Snipe Hunt is a famous practical joke, sending patsies out to bag an altogether mythical animal. What Yanks don't seem to realize is that a Snipe is in fact a genuine bird -- in Ireland. Nor would I put it past an Irishman or two to send compatriots and Americans out snipe hunting in America anyway.

Phrynne says

Another enjoyable book in the Professor Simon Shaw series.

I like Simon Shaw. He is smart and funny and altogether likeable. Having an appealing main character always helps make a book easy to read. The other characters are good too and their dialogue rings true.

Unfortunately there is far too much detail included about insignificant things. Every new character is described to the last detail including exactly what they are wearing. Every new location is pictured minutely. And worst of all several of the meals are also described including the preparation. I skimmed:)

On the other hand the author includes a lot of very interesting details. I did not know that German submarines came in so close or that some American citizens aided them with supplies. There was also heaps of great information about treasure troves and gold coins. All very intriguing and adding to the story.

Definitely worth reading and I will be moving on to book 3.

Nancy says

A nicely paced mystery with not too much violence. This is the 2nd book in the Professor Simon Shaw series. There amateur sleuth aspect is plausible and her descriptions of history and geography bring the North Carolina Coast alive. Solving the mysteries revolves around untangling events that happened during WWII. Shaber weaves in bits of Civil War and 1940's history in an entertaining manner.

Kathy Smith says

I enjoy Sarah R. Shaber's books. Snipe Hunt is a mystery involving Professor Simon Shaw. Professor Shaw is an intelligent man who is able to piece together clues to solve the mystery. In this case there were several deaths during WWII on the North Carolina shore. Simon and his friends are staying on the beach for the Thanksgiving holiday when the neighbor is murdered. The tenacious detective is able to figure out what happened and who is responsible. The gold coins are a clue that adds questions to the investigation. A nice read.

Lyn says

This is my first cozy mystery by Author Sarah R Shaber. I have since discovered that she has a slew of different series set in the same southeastern USA coastal area, Pearlie Beach, North Carolina.

I said this is my first Shaber mystery but it won't be my last. I thoroughly enjoyed her offbeat hero Simon Shaw, archeologist, and heroine and hint of romance. I enjoyed all the colorful characters and natural beauty of the oceanside setting. I also like the interplay of history with the present.

I appreciated the fact that I liked her characters. So many times, I don't care about the people in the mystery and don't really care what happens to them. (Those mysteries I don't finish.) I cared about her characters and I only disliked the murderer. Agatha Christie would call Sarah R Shaber a kindred soul!

Sherry says

Simon Shaw, History professor vacations in Pearlie North Carolina over the Thanksgiving Holiday. There he is pulled into helping to solve a mystery. A body of a diver is pulled from the water. A man who drowned in the 1940s is determined a murder victim. On his person he has rare gold coins that date back to the Civil war era. The mystery is engaging and the history interesting. However the romance between Simon and his girl friend police detective lacks chemistry. The mystery and the history more than compensated.

Lesley Looper says

I really enjoyed this story set on coastal North Carolina! I didn't guess whodunit, so it was an interesting surprise! While Professor Simon Shaw does get a little snooty (I dislike snooty protagonists in cozy mysteries!!!!), the character snoops in a very smart way, I think. I enjoyed the plot and character development, and it seems that Shaber did a lot of research for this book. I look forward to reading more in this series!

JoAnn77PL says

As previously - the book was slow-paced, but that's completely OK with me. I'm not in a hurry so I like it unraveling at its own tempo.

Another plus was that Simon stopped being over-sensitive, constantly overwhelmed by his personal tragedy of divorce hero. He was much more alive and I really liked that.

I was also very happy to get to know more Morgan - the one who was described as misogynist :)

However - I so very much despise the author's(probably involuntary) sketching the historical background where Nazis are depicted as some kind of separate nation. They were Germans, one of the German political parties - militarized for the wartime purposes. And they did not appear out of the blue just to disappear after the war was over. Why make people believe that their unspeakable atrocities were committed by some foreign nation called 'Nazi', not Germans?

And one more thing - the author mentions that swastika was originally Greek symbol - NO! It was an ancient Roman centurions symbol, depicted on their banners. A bit more research is due when describing historical

facts...

All in all - lengthy, interesting book, with more and more realistic characters and rather obvious culprit. I wish it was on sale when I bought it and I will wait with purchasing the third one for that exact moment, when Amazon shall have it for 0,99.

SFrick says

Excellent. I sure did miss the obvious clue near the beginning.
