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While attending her family reunion at Florida's historic Sugar Crest Plantation Resort, Marla Shore, introducing her fiance to her family for the first time, is faced with murder, mayhem, ghosts, and greed, all of which are linked to centuries-old treasure.

## **Dead Roots Details**

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## **From Reader Review Dead Roots for online ebook**

### **Lauren says**

Pretty fast-paced southern supernatural-ish mystery. Enjoyable, easy to read, likable characters. Nothing extraordinary.

Update: 4/14/2011 Maybe it's just because I'm reading these interspersed with the Carol Higgins Clark/Regan Reilly series, which I'm not loving, but the more I read the Bad Hair Day Mysteries, the more I like them.

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### **Devon says**

Dead Roots was about a thirty-something girl who is attending a family reunion with her boyfriend, Detective Dalton Vail. Unfortunately, her dear Aunt Polly was found suffocated in her bed. Aunt Polly's Father had apparently hidden a fortune in gems somewhere on the grounds of this old plantation. Well, gems and family lead to death and destruction, and not just dear Aunt Polly, either. Dead Roots was an okay read, but left me wondering how Marla & Detective Dalton managed to get to all the place they got to without being seen, and how no one heard the gun shots. I guess I cannot put my finger right on the difficulty I had with it, but it was a slow read and certainly helped me get to sleep quickly. Now, this might not be fair, but it is my feeling, and when I look at the books I read before this one, I am astonished at the difference in the writing.

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### **Debbie says**

**Dead roots couldn't be a more perfect title.**

I enjoyed not only reading this mystery but also enjoyed trying to analyze every minute and every written word. I'm definitely on to number 8 of the Bad Hair Day Mysteries. I don't think it will disappoint considering I've loved them all so far and have been surprised even at the end.

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### **Lorraine says**

I enjoyed this cozy mystery with Marta the beautician and her fiance Detective Dalton Vail. A family reunion in Florida combines corpses, family secrets, and romance for a delightful mystery.

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### **Christine P says**

Marla Shore and her fiance are attending a family reunion at Sugar Crest Plantation on Florida's west coast,(that used to be owned by Marla's family) not only is the family meeting Dalton for the first time but

they find themselves embarking on another murder mystery. This book is filled with family history, a treasure hunt and ghosts. Are these hauntings real or just ghosts of the past coming to light at the reunion? While I did like this story I was irritated at how even though she has her tough detective fiance with her, she still goes off on her own and gets into many sticky situations. Also, I thought some of the names in the book were a little corny. Really, Champagne Glass as the social director and Brittany Butterworth (aka Brownie) as the pastry chef!

The story does move Marla and Dalton forward in their future and other issues are resolved and I did enjoy the family history so I'm giving Dead Roots 3 stars.

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### **Rachel says**

The story was as cute as cozy mysteries come. The names were fantastic puns on the jobs those people did. The family was dysfunctional enough to be real. Reading it was a great way to spend a rainy day.

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### **Susan Moxley says**

A real page turner with lots of twists and turns and lots of mystery and action to the very end of the book. It will keep you guessing to the very end of the book.

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### **Beth says**

not my favorite

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### **Brooke Adams says**

I love mysteries and this one fit the bill! Loved it and I look forward to reading other of Nancy's mystery novels.

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### **Rachelle says**

This was the first book of this series that I have read and most likely the last. Although there were interesting plots (always love hidden passages!) overall, I was bored. I also thought the names were ridiculous. The groundskeeper was Mulch, the hotel manager was Butler, the chef was Brownie, the "ghostbuster" was Spector, and the event coordinator was Champagne Glass. The main character did not appeal to me. She is constantly going by herself to places that she knows are dangerous even though there are tons of family around that she could snag to go with her. She is constantly omitting important pieces of information that her fiance should know because of interruptions. For instance, she's about to tell him something important about the case when a relative approaches to talk about some menial thing. The relative then leaves and the topic is just dropped. Could you not just continue with the conversation? There is also A LOT of sex (nothing R rated). If I wanted to read a romance novel, I wouldn't have picked a mystery. A little romance in a mystery

can add to it, but this one just went down that path too many times for one book.

There were also a lot of plot holes. One of the biggest is that this is a mystery about the main characters grandparents. Her mom is at the resort with her and yet she rarely talks to her the whole time. Why would she not use someone who was there and knows first hand. There is an incident mentioned that happened to her mother's sister that is pretty tragic, but is never brought up to the mother. (As a note, it could actually be her mother that the incident is about and the editor missed the character's name change mid book--I really don't know. It was that confusing).

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### **Heather says**

best book in tis seres so far, LOVED it!

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### **Melissa says**

Book #49 in 2011

This is one of the better books in this series. I love the supernatural component, and Marla doesn't seem like such a ditz for once.

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### **Christine says**

Another great book of the series....can't wait to read the next one

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### **Linda says**

3.5 stars. I enjoyed this mystery set at Marla's family reunion. You have to live any mystery that has secret passages involved.

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### **Kim Freitas says**

Got a bit confusing at times when one of the characters kept having a name change. Otherwise, good read.

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