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This is Book 34 in the Donut Hole Cozy Mystery Series

When Heather Shepherd checks out her new business partner's store, she's faced with a dead body and is stunned speechless.

Her shock is short-lived when Heather realizes that her newest friend and joint venture partner might be in danger of being arrested for a crime he didn't commit. Equipped with her thirst for justice and truth, some help from her bestie and quirky friend, Amy, and a box of her newest creations, Passion Fruit Punch Donuts, Heather sets off on another mysterious adventure. But, as usual, things aren't as simple as they could be. The victim was a charitable man, who'd gathered few enemies and the cause of death is up for question.

Heather's sure that the main suspects aren't the ones to consider for the crime, but she can't prove it without the right set of evidence. She's got to solve this one before the killer strikes again, or Hillside might be party to a rampage the likes of which it's never seen before.

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Suzanne Homeier-poe says

Another good book.

This was really great. I loved this book. Finally Lils gets to volunteer. I do love the storyline for this book. I really really loved the ending. What a tearjerker.

Tammy Goldthorpe says

Passion Fruit Punch Murder is the perfect mix of intrigue and humour!!! I was once again riveted to my chair from beginning to end. Heather and Amy are an amazing investigation team!!! I'm excited about what Susan has in store for the Donut Delights team next!!!!

Lester Allen says

Murder with a twist.

When murder drops at yours feet what can you do but follow the clues to the killer. Has your new business partner just poisoned his neighbor? You have to help the police find the kill. I love these short cases and getting to be a part of Heather and her family.

RO G'ma says

This is the 34th installment in Susan Gillard's Donut Hole Cozy Mystery series. This is a clean, easy read but needs better editing/proofing. When Heather and Amy meet with Col Owen at the Owen Tea Shop to exchange coupons for their joint venture, a customer, Freddy Mars, collapses. Heather fears Freddy may have been poisoned but doctors discover he suffered a head trauma and dies a few days later from bleeding between the membranes surrounding his brain. Prior to his death, the Hillside Police Department begins investigating the case as an attempted homicide. Heather and Amy dig up evidence to determine who he fought with and come up with several suspects.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Carol says

Heather Shepherd, owner of Donut Delights is starting a new joint venture with Col Owen, the owner of Owen Tea. Heather will offer a coupon for a free cup of tea at the Owen Tea to her customers while Col Owen will give a coupon for a free donut to Donut Delights to his customers.

Heather and Amy are at Owen Tea when a neighbor comes in for tea then collapses following drinking it.

What happened to the man? He is in a coma but will he die?

Heather with her sidekick, Amy plus Dave, the dog and Cupcake, the cat are on the case.

New colorful, well defined characters in addition to the regular cast provide a variety of suspects.

Heather's new donut for this book is the Passion Fruit Punch Donut.

This is book #34 in A Donut Hole Cozy Mystery. It can be read as a stand alone.

I volunteered to read this eBook. Thank you to the author for the eBook. My opinion is my own.

Teri says

Heather and Amy visit Col Owens at his tea shop to check up on the joint venture between Donut Delights and Owen Tea Shop. Owen's neighbor, Freddy Mars, comes in for some tea. Freddy starts acting strange and Col makes some tea and the next thing they know he falls to the floor dead. Was it the tea or something more? Heather goes on the hunt with Amy in tow to find out who the real killer is because she is scared that if it is Col she may start to loose business with the joint venture they have going.

Barbara Flowers says

This week finds Heather and Amy paying a visit to Heather's joint venture partner Col Owens, owner of Col Owens Tea Shop. When Col's neighbor, who had come in for tea, collapses, Heather's sleuthing sense is on full alert. He dies shortly thereafter, and it's left to Heather and husband Ryan to find the killer.

After 34 Donut Hole novellas, the residents of Hillside have become old friends. Susan Gillard keeps her stories interesting and her characters likable, making this series well worth an hour or two of your time.

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Amy says

Heather and Amy go to the tea shop to exchange coupons with Col for their joint business venture. While there a neighbor of Col's comes in for tea. He drinks the tea and falls to the floor. Heather calls Ryan and asks him to get an ambulance and get to the tea shop.

Did this man drink poisoned tea? Why was he acting so strangely? Did Heather just get involved in a bad

business venture?

All questions that Heather needs answers to as she solves this case.

Suspects, well more than you think!

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Deborah F. Morales says

Five Stars Plus!

Love, love, love Susan Gillard's "Donut Hole Cozy Mystery" series! I received a free book from an app I have, bought a few and plan to get more. They're short, easy, pleasant books. Highly recommended!!!!

Cheryl says

This one has Heather trying to find a killer who didn't know he killed anyone because the victim didn't collapse until 3 days later and then he didn't die for another day. The victim fell right in front of Heather and Amy. He was taken to the hospital and at that time they decided that someone had tried to kill him...who did it? It's hard enough to figure out the mystery when it is all connect but when it doesn't happen for 3-4 days after the confrontation, it's a lot harder. But Heather figures it out in the end. Kept me guessing for a while.

Lauren Dottin-Radel says

I really did enjoy reading this story. The case was definitely different than anything that Susan has written before. In a way it was sad for two reasons, but of course there was a happy ending. I couldn't really get into the last book, book 33, however this definitely made up for it and I can't wait to read book 35. Great job Susan!

Shannon says

While Heather and Amy are meeting with her new partners, Col and Mona, at their tea shop, a man, after drinking tea, collapses in front of them. After being rushed to and later dying in the hospital, it is determined that the man had been struck in the head days before. While thankful that the tea wasn't the cause of his demise, Heather is still determined to find the person who assaulted and ultimately murdered a man who volunteered at a local children's shelter. Without giving the underlying cause for the murder away, it's definitely an issue prevalent in our society today and one I'm glad the author touched upon. I did like that the focus on Heather's personal life was equal to that of the investigation and I loved how Lilly (and Dave) visited the children at the shelter.

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Sandy Bartles says

Heather Shepherd, owner of Donut Delights, and Col Owen, owner of Owen Tea Shop, are beginning their new joint venture of coupons offering a free Donut for Col's customers and a coupon for a free cup of tea for Heather's customers at their respective shops. While Heather and Amy are dropping off coupons at the tea shop, a customer comes in and collapses after having a drink of tea. Heather decides to begin working right away on clearing Col of any wrongdoing. This is another wonderful tale of following Heather and Amy around as they search for clues. Anyone want a Passion Fruit Punch Donut? Sounds yummy!

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Sharon says

Another week has begun in Hillside, Texas and you know what that means. Yes, another murder for donut baker/police consultant Heather Shepherd to investigate.

Heather and her best friend, Amy Givens, visit Col Owens at his tea shop to check up on the joint venture between Donut Delights and Owen Tea Shop. Owen's neighbor, Freddy Mars, comes in for some tea. He wasn't looking too good to Heather and after sipping some of the drink Freddy falls to the ground. Oh, no, did the tea have some hidden poison in it?

The man is still alive when the ambulance gets him to the hospital but within a day or so he dies. The doctors explain that Freddy was hit on his head but not the day he collapsed in the tea shop. Freddy had a Subdural Hematoma and it was was a slow bleed which is why he was walking around with it for a day or so without any ill effects.

Heather and her police detective husband, Ryan Shepherd, started investigating the incident right away but when Freddy died they knew it was urgent to find out who killed him and and why.

Of course there are many suspects and Col Owen from the tea shop is one of them. Heather and Ryan found out that Freddy had an argument with Col a day or so earlier. But Freddy had arguments with quite a few people recently. Another person he fought with was Hilda Groates, a member of the board of Hillside Children's Shelter where Freddy worked as a volunteer. For some reason the two didn't get along and Hilda didn't want Freddy working there any more.

Heather also discovered that Freddy had a very loud argument with his sister, Gertrude Mars.

Julian Dunkle, another neighbor of Freddy's, told Heather about all the verbal arguments he overheard but Julian also had a broken arm in a sling. Heather wondered if Julian could have hit Freddy on the head during an argument that they might have had.

Too many suspects and too many arguments are just making matters more complex for Heather but she knows with lots of determination she can solve the mystery of Freddy's death.

"Passion Fruit Punch Murder" by Susan Gillard is the 34th installment of her Donut Hole Cozy Mystery Series. Yet again Ms. Gillard brings an almost kind of pleasantness to murder, if that's even possible. Heather and her friend Amy are a good baking and investigating team who work well together with donuts and with murder alike. All the inhabitants of Hillside, Texas are friendly in a donut-loving kind of way. Heather's personal life is close to perfection with husband Ryan, daughter Lilly, Dave their dog, and Cupcake the cat. How can anyone hate a cat named Cupcake no matter how ornery the cat is?

This 34th story in the series is as enjoyable as the previous ones and I always look forward to reading about Heather and her escapades. If you never tried reading a cozy mystery this series is perfect to start your cozyloving adventures with.

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"I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book."

Luffy says

I gave the book 3 stars, but I reckon I'll feel guilty about it should I reread it one day. It's not a bad book...it's cozy. My beef with the book arises from confusion. There are a couple of sentences that are gibberish. For a second I thought I was reading David Foster Wallace.

This book really could encourage every single one of us readers to attempt and write a book. I've written a lot of reviews with this series and I've not avoided repetition of ideas, but what I will tell you is that cozy mysteries are never about characterization.

The best cozy mysteries are about Hercule Poirot, or some might say. Modern cozies are very much imbued with brevity. There's not any soul of wit in these books, but if you go in with the right mindset, you might find some cheer.