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A body on the beach. A new romance. Dark secrets. And one woman determined to uncover the truth.

When Serafina Florio discovers a body on the beach, she plunges into the investigation despite dark secrets, diminishing funds, and a budding romance.

Evidence leads her to a forest on the edge of the Madonie Mountains where she uncovers the truth and conceives a daring plan to catch the killer.

Does she have enough time to catch the killer? Will love prevail? Can she keep her family together?

Meet Serafina Florio, a woman determined to uncover the truth against all odds

Serafina Florio is a widowed midwife-turned-sleuth living in nineteenth-century Sicily where she supports her children and catches killers despite insurmountable odds.

NO MORE BROTHERS is the second book in the Serafina Florio mystery series. It is a novella.

## No More Brothers Details

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## **From Reader Review No More Brothers for online ebook**

### **Brandi Hansen says**

#### **Another great one**

Can Serafina uncover the truth in time? Will Colonna help her or continue to hinder her efforts because she is a woman? Will Serafina finally give into her desires for an old fling? You'll have to read to find out.

Susan Russo Anderson has done it again. Another great mystery by such a great author. As always captivating! I can't wait to see what Serafina will be up to next.

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### **Irene Fischer says**

This is the second book I have read by this author and I really enjoy her writing and this character. I highly recommend it to anyone who enjoys Historical Fiction.

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### **David says**

Quite an ending. Caught me totally by surprise! I really enjoyed this book.

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### **WiLoveBooks says**

A wonderful, short mystery that is perfect for when you don't have much reading time. I don't always like novellas because they can seem incomplete or rushed or not have much character development, but I didn't feel that way about this one. I liked the characters and there was enough mystery to keep me guessing and wondering how she was going to solve it. Not only does Serafina have a mystery to solve, she also has seven children to worry about, babies to deliver, and an illicit romance to debate with herself. I haven't read the first in the series, but I didn't feel like I was missing anything. I do want to read the first book, Death of a Serpent, because I enjoyed this one. There are also some loose ends to explore in future books, along with more crime solving, which I look forward to.

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### **Suzy says**

The story is based on a woman named Serafina Florio who is a recent widower, midwife, and a part time sleuth who has been given the task to solve the murder of a war hero. It takes place in Sicily in 1867 when times are difficult for everyone. Serafina does what she can to provide for her family after the death of her husband which means that in addition to being a midwife, she also solves crimes that the police seem to be too busy for. She is fiercely determined and highly intelligent. She is also resourceful using both friends and

family members to help her solve the crime.

This is the second book in a series so I was a bit concerned at first that I would be a little lost and have difficulty with the characters. When reading a series I usually like to begin with the first one and then work my way through each book in order.

I was equally dismayed to find that in the beginning there was a page listing all the characters and a description of each, which there were many. Immediately I began to worry that I would need to constantly refer back to this page for reference. Despite these concerns, I found that I did not find difficulty in understanding the storyline or remembering the characters.

Overall I liked the story and appreciated that it was suspenseful to the end. It was an easy quick read. There was even a little bit of romance thrown in, although I would have enjoyed having more of it. I also wished that there were fewer characters and that the ones that were important to the story I was able to get to know better. I love a story where I can get attached to the characters and this was not possible here. 3.5 stars out of 5

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### **Mary says**

This is the second book in a series written by my cousin Sue. These books are set in 19th century Sicily, so you get a nice dose of history & culture. I loved this book, mostly because I really like the main character Serafina. So many books about women project them as victims - Fina is anything but a victim of any sort! Her independence and imagination are great. Fina answers to no one and never blames others for her fate. Besides Fina, there are lots of other characters who all have great personality & depth. I really hope we get to hear more about Teo.

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### **elaine m. suda says**

#### **Family Feud**

Another Serafina mystery solved! I really enjoy her solutions in finding the murderers. She seems to be able to handle her family, her midwifery and her mystery solving. I've enjoyed her other mysteries and this one is right up with the others. I look forward to reading more of your work.

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## **Elaine says**

Serafina lives in Sicily at the time of the unification of Italy in the 1860's.

She is a fine character, full of spunk and curiosity. When she is told she can investigate a murder, she is more than willing.

Reading this book I was brought back into time. A turbulent time in the history of Sicily with poverty abounding. Serafina, Fina for short, is a midwife but that doesn't prevent her from plunging headlong into the mysterious murder of Ugo, an inhabitant in her small town. She seems to find her murderer but had some difficulty in proving it. The story leads to a suspenseful climax.

The author has done a good job in describing her characters, and their roles in the mystery.

I've also read *Too Quiet in Brooklyn* by the same author and there too found the story intriguing as I met the main character by the name of Fina!!! The Finas in these books were strong and determined women who loved to investigate crimes. I'm sure both series will have success.

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## **Marcia Carrington says**

NO MORE BROTHERS is another great instalment in the Serafina Florio detective series. Like the other books in the series it has plenty of surprises, humor, local color, suspense, and more. This time Serafina investigates the murder of a person who is found on the beach, and the reader follows her along a trail of dead ends, red herrings, and labyrinthine plot twists. I liked the fact that a few of the chapters were brief in duration, and this assists in heightening the drama at pivotal points in the story, ensuring an overall page-turning reading experience.

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## **Ellen L. Dowell says**

### **Not as good as other of her books**

This book wasn't as good as her other books. To long and not easy to follow story line. Skip days of not reading hard to even finish.

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## **Martha Bryce says**

This charming murder mystery stars midwife and part time investigator Serafina Florio. It's set in 19th century Sicily, a small village by the sea. Anderson does a wonderful job recreating the village, characters and atmosphere of the village recovering from the ravages and horror of Garibaldi's campaign through Sicily. The thing that I enjoyed most about *No More Brothers* was the incredible recreation of a nineteenth century Sicilian village whose people are quite poor and recovering from the ravages of war. Anderson's village is so true to life that I felt as if I were really there. This easy beach read mystery novel's heroine is a widow, Serafina Florio, the local midwife who has helped the local police solve a case before. This time, she is called in to help with the investigation of Ugo, the shoemaker's brother who was found poisoned, stabbed

many times and stuffed in a gunnysack by the sea. Using her relationships with the local families and characters, she comes to a conclusion that is different than the arrest made by the local police. Does she let it go or does she put herself at risk chasing the person who she believes to be the real killer? Enjoy meeting Serafina as she struggles to survive and keep food on her family's table by bringing babies to life and justice to the dead.

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### **Wendy says**

Having been captivated by "Death of a Serpent", it was only natural to follow-up with Susan Russo Anderson's "No More Brothers" a novella that centers around the bloody murder of Ugo, a war hero and brother of Rudolfo, the local shoemaker. Set in the turbulent times of 1867 Italy, Serafina (Fina) Florio, the local midwife and amateur sleuth is assigned the task of finding the murderer; one who not only stabbed his victim but poisoned him first. Needing the money from this assignment to help support a son in medical school and six other children Fina like Sherlock Holmes uses her superior powers of observation and deduction and searches for an answer to the mystery knowing that danger is never far away.

I love the characters so vivid and realistic; Serafina, passionate and determined; Dr. Loffredo, the Count of Oltramari, intelligent and ardent in his love for Fina; the calculating and greedy Inspector Colonna; and the fearful and bumbling Rudolfo whose strategy to escape with his family fails.

The story is an emotional teeter-totter at times as Fina struggles with her love for Loffredo knowing the price of an adulterous affair in the staid social structure of Palermo. She grapples with the problem of balancing her work and family and resents her children's badgering for her neglect. This is a woman who faces personal issues in the 18th century after the death of her husband that continually disrupt her once well-ordered life.

Like all the Serafina Florio novels I like the uniqueness of having a woman detective in a period when women would shun manly roles. The story was new and fresh and just as riveting as the first novel.

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### **Pamela says**

This was a quick summer read and I liked it. Well written and suspenseful. I like this author and will read more of her books!

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### **Elizabeth (Stuffed Shelves) says**

What is the book about?

Serafina is a widow finds a body on the shore and can't let it go, and is determined to solve the mystery. She's just a midwife but she's trying to solve mysteries for a little bit of extra money. Even though she's going through a new romance and money seems to be always on the low side, she follows the evidence wherever it will take her. When she solves the mystery, you won't believe who is revealed as the killer!

What did I think of the book?

I didn't read the first book in this series but I didn't have too much of a hard time keeping up with the second book in the series. Now after reading it I am intrigued to start the first book and re-read the second book. It

was a great quick mystery read that everyone will enjoy. For me it was a great summer read because you can finish it in just a few hours.

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### **Pat says**

I enjoy the Serafina books as much for the characters and setting as for the mystery. This one has a nice twist at the end.

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