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Jessica Fletcher gets spooked in this mystery in the *USA Today* bestselling *Murder, She Wrote* series...

It's late October in Cabot Cove, and as Halloween approaches, something strange is in the air. The arrival of a self-righteous, fire-and-brimstone spiritual medium has some townspeople on the lookout for curses and evil omens; a reclusive, eccentric woman has others whispering that she is a real-life witch; and the upcoming annual Halloween party has Jessica Fletcher frantically searching for the perfect costume. Then the whole town ends up spooked when the alleged witch ends up dead in the graveyard, and everyone at the party is a suspect. Jess takes it upon herself to stir through a witches' brew of motives--and concocts a scary scheme of her own to make sure a guilty ghoul doesn't get away with murder...

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Sandra says

When Jessica Fletcher goes to an annual Halloween party in Cabot Cove the town "witch" is found murdered later that night, near the house the party was held. Who could have done it? Jessica does some investigating on her own and helps the police to try to solve the case.

This was the first "Murder She Wrote" book I read and it was just like the show! I had fun trying to find out who the villain was.

It was an entertaining read with interesting characters/suspects, good atmosphere, a séance, murder, and a nice setting...Cabot Cove at Halloween time! I also liked the ending.

A great book to read around Halloween!

Mary says

Jessica's back in Cabot Cove, and it's almost Halloween. There's a mysterious newcomer in town talking about the occult and especially a legendary ghost around town. Is an unusual woman who lives in town actually a witch? When a corpse turns up at the biggest Halloween party in town, Jessica's on the case...but which of her friends and neighbors is secretly a killer?

I liked this one since it found Jessica back home in Cabot Cove, and there was a bit of a surprise at the end. A light, enjoyable read.

Shannon Renee says

These mac and cheese comfort reads are strangely quite enjoyable. I loved MSW as a kiddo, and the books take me back to that. This one had a terrible beginning, but after the first 150 or so read hard and fast. Can't wait to check out the next adventure for Jess at the library (if I can remember how many I've read.)

Spencer says

I loved the TV series. I also love reading these books. This one is full of twist and turns. The ending is shocking and a bit spooky. Be sure to read.

Chelsea says

This is an excellent Halloween cozy mystery without any cursing (pun intended). :-D

Empress Reece (Hooked on Books) says

Trick or Treachery: Book #14- 3.5 stars...

I use to love to watch the Murder She Wrote series on TV but I've never read any of the books until now. I thought it would be fun to revisit the series during our Booklikes Halloween Bingo and see if the books are as good as the show. This book in particular is set during the Halloween season & one of the older versions of this book has a pumpkin on the cover (see below) so it was also perfect for my "Pumpkin" square.

This is a fun story- all of the residents of Cabot Cove attend a Halloween costume party & what fun is a party without a murder. The story also features a ghost -The Legend of Cabot Cove and a visiting psychic.

Overall, it was a nice story to get in the Halloween spirit and it was fun revisiting Cabot Cove and its residents but after reading the book, I still like the TV show more. Each time Jessica visits a neighbor or store etc. on her handy dandy bicycle (If you've seen the show, you know is very frequently) they go through the same niceties over and over again which, in the book it felt too forced. On air, you don't notice it as much or at least I didn't at the time. I also think that the cinematic elements of the TV series make it a lot more suspenseful then the book which I liked. I haven't seen the show in a while though so it may come across differently to me now then it did when I was younger.

I'm not totally going to forgo the book series. There are a couple more I'd like to read but I definitely don't see myself reading all 46 books. I am going to watch some Murder She Wrote reruns though. If you haven't seen the show yet, watch it first!

*I read this for my 2016 Halloween Bingo: ~**Pumpkin**~ square
Current Bingo Status

HFK says

I kicked off Halloween and horror season with *Murder, She Wrote* because it qualifies. Cabot Cove is idyllic little seaside town - to die for.

According to sources, Jessica Fletcher came across 274 killings in her hometown, populated by only 3500 individuals - an annual murder rate of 1490 per million. If that ain't a murder capital, I do not know what is.

Trick or Treachery is set in a peaceful and adorable Cabot Cove - on a Halloween night! What could be better than to have a little bit of this....

.... combined with this...

Nothing.

Best thing in Cabot Cove mysteries is the smoothly going team work, the chemistry between the main characters that makes Jessica's snooping actions more effortless and supported than they would be in an outside setting. That is always a plus when wanting easy without constant struggle.

Halloween was very much present in legends and costumes, which added a little bit extra to the obvious. Mystery was well-build but the conclusion perhaps lacking the wow-effect.

Nevertheless, Jessica will always make her homerun as she did here too, but I kept thinking - Is Jessica obsessed with her weight on the TV-show, too, or is it something I have managed to miss? I would like Jessica to eat without constant worry over calories - culinary delights so fit with the series, so why paint is so negative is my silent question.

Val says

It's Halloween time in Cabot Cove and my good friend Jess has been very busy. No trick or treating for this mystery writer because there is a murderer afoot.

While attending a Halloween party Jess and friends unwilling get involved in a murder investigation. Jess being Jess, sets out to help Sheriff Mort solve the crime. With the help of Legend of Cabot Cove (the towns very own ghost ?) can she trick the murderer into confessing?

Settle in with a cup of tea and a treat from Sassi's bakery and watch Jess outsmart the bad guys!

Sabrina González says

Lost in Translation

The beginning of the book kept me mesmerized and then I got to the middle and I became uninterested, I felt as though I had lost something very important a very empty feeling. I took a day off from reading to collect my thoughts on the book and continued to push through and I am so glad I did because the ending was well worth it!! Another great book, kudos to the author.

Amanda McGill says

For full review -The Limit of Books Does Not Exist

Jessica Fletcher and the town of Cabot Cove are eagerly waiting for their yearly Halloween party. Of course, the biggest dilemma at the start of the novel is finding the perfect costume to wear! The night comes and the party is cut short when a visitor of the town is found dead. No one knows the real reason why she was there, but now everyone is a suspect!

I didn't love this novel as much as the earlier novels that I read in the series. I found that there was too many people to keep track of and it jumped without warning from past to present. It didn't make for an easy transition.

Unless you are looking for a Halloween read, I would recommend another Murder, She Wrote novel. Both *Gin & Daggers* or *Rum & Razors* were some of my favourites!

Felicia says

My deep dark secret - I'm obsessed with watching *Murder, She Wrote*. In fact, I can't fall asleep without watching an episode on Netflix. You know those bracelets that say WWJD - I think they really stand for What Would Jessica Do. Thought I'd try one of the books just to see if it is as soothing.... Well, it's not horrible but does lose something in the translation from TV show to book.

? Briansgirl (Book Sale Queen)? says

As always the *Murder, She Wrote* books are good. The book moves rather slowly until the murder takes place. It picks up and is more enjoyable to read once Jessica can start solving the crime.

Kate says

Another fun installment in the *Murder She Wrote* series. This one involves a Halloween costume party, a potential witch, ghosts and speaking with the dead. Perfect for Halloween!

Paula says

This was such an enjoyable and entertaining Halloween mystery. Jessica Fletcher attends a Halloween party and before the night is over, a body is discovered murdered on the premises. This makes all the costumed guests suspects. As Sheriff Mort Metzger begins his investigation into the murder, Jessica can't resist joining in the investigation, as well, offering her assistance.

Cabot Cove was the perfect setting for this Halloween tale. The cast of characters were a lot of fun, including

an alleged witch, and a spiritual medium. And then there's The Legend of Cabot Cove, Hepzibah Cabot, whose ghost is said to haunt the cemetery. I enjoyed the small-town atmosphere, cozy setting, gossipy grapevine, and familiar faces. And I thought that the ending was great.

Kellene says

Reading a Murder She Wrote mystery is kind of like eating homemade vegetable soup on a winter day, it's just down home comfortable. The usual cast is mixed with some odd "newbies" who have moved to Cabot Cove. As always, the regulars make me feel like it's a family reunion. The story moves pretty slowly until the murder, and then goes faster. The red herrings took my mind to all the wrong places, but Jessica is much smarter than I. Lots of coincidences made the ending a bit contrived for my taste, but I can overlook a lot to spend some time with my favorite Mainers.
