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Another murder in the Hamptons, from a New York Times bestselling author Carrie Doyle.

Springtime in the Hamptons comes late, but it's worth it! Brisk walks on the bright chilly beach, cinnamon buns at tea time, blooming forsythia and...murder?

East Hampton innkeeper and chef Antonia Bingham has settled in to town and taken on extra work as an estate manager, giving her entree her into some of the area's most glamorous homes. Once inside, Antonia checks the heat, looks for leaks or damage, and finds the occasional dead body. Since the police can't be trusted, it's up to Antonia—a modern day Miss Marple, with an overly enthusiastic adoration of carbs and a kamikaze love-life—to put her skills of deduction to use.

Agatha Christie and Louise Penny fans should nestle in with a steaming mug of their favorite tea and get ready to peek behind the gates of the mansions of the Hamptons, as Antonia Bingham solves another shocking and devastating murder in *Death on Lily Pond Lane*, the second book in *New York Times* and *USA Today* best-selling author Carrie Doyle's Hamptons Murder Mystery series.

The Hamptons are known for beautiful beaches, luxurious living, millionaire mansions, and now...murder

Death on Lily Pond Lane Details

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Celia says

In the very entertaining Death on Lily Pond Lane, Antonia discovers the body of a young man who was in East Hampton to make a documentary film (really an expose) of the rich and famous on the island. Since she found the body in a house where she was serving as a caretaker, Antonia is determined to find out just what happened to Warner, and who he made angry with his documentary. There are plenty of suspects (this is East Hampton, you know), and Antonia comes up with several candidates and ruffles a few feathers.

Death on Lily Pond Lane is a real page-turner: it's fast moving, full of twists, mysterious characters and threats to Antonia, while delving more deeply into the relationships between Antonia and her friend Joseph Fowler, as well as her exuberant friend Genevieve, who both help her with her investigation. Even the usually obnoxious Larry Lipper is entertaining. Joseph is especially endearing and supportive, and also serves as a father-figure for Antonia.

This book is just as enjoyable as Carrie Doyle's first book, Death on Windmill Way, and I liked seeing Antonia come into her own as she finds herself more able to leave her troubled past behind, while making a big success of her Windmill Inn and Restaurant. There are several nail-biting moments in this story, especially toward the end, which came as a complete surprise to me. Death on Lily Pond Lane also has wonderful descriptions of East Hampton; the off-season versus the Summer season, the homes, the shops, and even has the potential of Antonia finding a little romance.

I would love to be a guest at the Windmill Inn, and I wish the book had recipes, because the dishes that Antonia comes up with in the book are original and mouthwatering. I highly recommend this book, which can either be read as a standalone, as background is provided from the first book, but you really would be missing out by not reading Murder on Windmill Way.

I voluntarily received a copy of this book, and all thoughts and opinions on it are my own.

Patty says

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What it's all about...

This is another Hamptons Windmill Inn mystery starring the delightful food lover, inn keeper and sleuth...Antonia Bingham. This time a young man is murdered as well as a few other wealthy Hampton residents seemingly over a film being made about what the Hampton's are like. Is this a case of secrets, lies and videos? I think it is. A Lysol cleaning can also plays a key role in this very clever "who did it."

Why I wanted to read it...

I read the first book and loved it and now that I knew even more about the characters I really wanted to read the second book. I love recognizing Antonia's staff, her friends, even her annoying news reporter "pal" Larry Lipper. I can't believe I am saying this but Larry is starting to grow on me!

What made me truly enjoy this book...

The plot, the writing, and the situations that Antonia seems to place herself in...she is a modern day Agatha Christie. I am a huge fan of Antonia's friend Joseph, too.

Why you should read it, too...

Readers who are familiar with the Hamptons and even those who aren't...will love these cozy yet fun and exciting mysteries! Plus I love this little message that the author strategically places in each book...

Dear Reader,

You are about to finish this wonderful Dunemere book. Do not be left stranded without another one to read.

Nicole says

I really enjoyed this book! Death on Lily Pond Lane is the second book in the Hamptons Murder Mystery series by author Carrie Doyle, the first being Death on Windmill Way, but it definitely can be read as a standalone book. The characters and mystery were well-written and well-developed, and I had a hard time putting it down, especially towards the end. Antonia Bright is the proprietor and chef at an inn in The Hamptons, and is described as a modern day Miss Marple. As an Agatha Christie fan myself, I can see the reason for the comparison - she's very clever, patient, and is able to work through the mystery until she finally solves whodunnit. The story wrapped up well, yet there were hints at series continuation with (hopefully!) the next book. All in all, a wonderful cozy mystery which I highly recommend. A+

Micky Cox says

This is the second visit to the Hamptons murder series and I must say a much improved visit! The first visit left me wondering if I liked the characters, but felt the series had potential. I'm so glad I stuck with it. This installment left me feeling that the series was much improved as the characters seemed to have more depth. The main character, Antonia, an Inn owner and self-proclaimed Chef, stayed a bit more true to the premise of intelligent, curious, truth seeking and competent. We also see her branch out in her personal life and that was a welcome addition. I'm still a feeling a bit off as the star struck friendship and blossoming feelings she has for a married celebrity don't excite me, but it is a realistic storyline that keeps the character based in reality. I also like that the main character is not cast as a regal beauty, but as a pretty and normal sized woman battling the normal issues such as weight that all normal women battle. The narcissistic, self-centered, needy, desperate best friend is improved as she actually shows an interest in the main character's life and happiness. This is a major improvement over the first book and the character develops to the point of taking an active

role in actually helping Antonia investigate. I'm actually looking forward to the best friend's character taking even further steps in the next book in the series and seeing how she further fleshes out. The mystery in this book was quite interesting and had a long list of potential suspects. I enjoyed the twists and turns the were layered into the storyline. All in all, if you are looking for an interesting story set in the Hampton's, then I would definitely give this book a try. While it could be read as a stand alone story, I did like how the book built upon the foundation the first book laid so I would recommend reading the entire series. The only disclaimer I want to toss out there is if you start with the first book, make sure you follow up with the second as it is much better! I'm looking forward to the next book in the series very much so I have to give this author props as she has hooked me. If nothing else, I'm invested to see how the characters flesh out, but she also writes a decent mystery that keeps you entertained!

Patricia says

Thank you, Carrie Doyle, and Carol Fitzgerald at Bookreporter.com for the signed copy.

DEATH ON LILY POND LANE is the second of Carrie Doyle's Hamptons murder mystery series, and I recommend reading them in sequence because there are spoilers. And although the background and characters are fully described, it helps to recall them from book one. Besides, it is a very enjoyable series and you'll want to read all of them.

Innkeeper Antonia Bingham, in order to boost her income, is checking on a couple of homes of absent owners. It is an easy task until she discovers a body in one of them. Initially, the death is ruled accidental, but Antonia's radar kicks in, leading her on a path that she'd hoped she would not see again: looking for a murderer. Soon, there are more bodies, and suspects accrue as she decides that she is in too deep to back out.

If you are a fan of cozy mysteries, you will enjoy this new series.

Bertha says

Carrie Doyle's newest book "Death On Lily Pond Lane" is the second in her Hamptons Murder Mystery Series and can be read as a stand alone book.

As a cozy mystery lover I'm always looking for new series to read so I had high hopes for this book.

Unfortunately I was disappointed. This story starts out well enough but as I kept reading I found my mind wandering. I wanted more substance and more action.

Since I didn't read the first book I was a bit confused in places (example: the relationship between Antonia and Nick).

I'm hoping that in future books in this series the author fleshes out the relationship between Antonia and Joseph. I think they'll make a great detesting team. I'd also like to see more of the inn incorporated in the story.

I received a free copy of this book and voluntarily submitted an honest review.

Sarabeth says

Lily Pond Lane is another cozy mystery in the Hamptons Murder Series. I really enjoyed book one so decided to venture back into book 2. Very glad that I did.

This latest mystery is even more fast-paced than the murders in book 1. I love snappy dialog and this did not disappoint. The author did more to flesh out the main character and explain more details of her past without giving everything away and successfully added in more wonderful folks from the Hampton community.

A wonderful murder mystery book that provides multiple mysteries to solve along the way and never ceases to entertain. I highly recommend. Now I am off to read Mystery #3 in this set and I cannot wait.

James says

4 stars to Carrie Doyle's Death on Lily Pond Lane, her second in the Hampton's Murder Mystery series. I usually start a series with the first novel, but I was given a copy of the second one and decided to dive right in. And I'm glad I did... it's a great book. But now I'm a little disappointed I missed out on what sounds like some great intro and backstory in the first book. I will definitely go back to read them all.

Story

Chef Antonia is fresh off solving a murder when she finds herself a new dead body in one of the Hampton houses she manages as a part-time job when not cooking delicious meals in her East Hampton Inn. This time it's Warner Caruthers, a young guy looking to break into the movie business with his sneaky reveal of Hollywood stars' nasty secrets, who turns up dead in the bathtub of a house Antonia is checking on one afternoon. And then an elderly woman who visits Antonia's Inn for weekly tea seemingly in her sleep, followed by the difficult ex-wife of one of the men on Warner's dastardly documentary. And let's not forget about that peculiar can of Lysol that turns up in the bathroom near Warner... But how does it all fit together?

Along the path, Antonia begins to date Sam, a new chef in town with a mysterious side, but still pines a bit for Nick, a famous actor considering splitting from his wife. She gets closer to friends Genevieve (a fun character) and Joseph (a writer in a scooter), builds her business and deals with her difficult past divorce from a nasty man. Each day, she grows stronger, and each day, she gets closer to solving the puzzle... right up to the point where the killer realizes Antonia's figured out the mystery and tries to kill her too!

Strengths

1. Antonia is fantastic. She's strong, smart, pretty, organized, honorable and fun. You root for her the whole time. She's not whiny and weak, afraid of being chased by the killer. She just goes for it. And it makes for a great story. I would want to be friends with her.
2. All the characters are strong, and the plot is complex. It could be any number of solutions along the way, all reasonable. And when it unfolds, it is a twist -- and believable. I should have been able to guess it, but I didn't this time. I had my mind stuck on a detail that I was fairly sure was important, but in the end, it was not what I thought it was. I love to be stumped!

3. I read 90 pages one night and then 300 the next day. Couldn't put it down as I wanted to get to the bottom of it. Reads quickly. Easy and realistic dialogue. Takes the bite in the Hampton's lifestyle and lets it jump off the pages.

Suggestions

Very little to say in the way of improvements. A few minor details should have been tied together a little more tightly in the end. I think there's a setup in the last two paragraphs for the next book, but I would have liked it to be even more blunt.

Final Thoughts

I think I've found a new series I will enjoy reading... but unfortunately I'll have to wait for the next one to come out. Usually I'm a few books behind... oh well, good things are worth waiting for!

Deb says

Death on Lily Pond Lane by Carrie Doyle is an ok book. I have to say I would like it better if some of the language and sex references were left out. To me neither one of these two things added to the mystery and so was not in this readers opinion necessary. That being said I liked the book. I always look at a mystery as being good if you have several possible suspects with feasible reasons they could be the murderer making you guess and surprised when you get to the end. This book does that. The setting of the Hamptons makes for an interesting addition also to the book.

Antonia runs an inn and watches houses for the rich who are only around on weekends and during the summer season. One house is where she finds the body of Warner who has been making more than a few enemies with the filming of his documentary on some of the old rich families of the Hamptons. He is not sugar coating the interviews but is going for the throat by bringing up all the scandals involving the people he is focusing on. This makes for some interesting possibilities for who done him in and keeps you puzzling through trying to figure out who murdered Warner and why. When there is two more murders in a place where nothing usually happens like this then things get really interesting and dangerous for the snooping Antonia.

This book has a good setting, and unusual plot, many twists and turns as well as several suspects that keep you guessing to the end. Antonia is strong, capable, yet at times confused, untrusting which makes her a believable character. I liked Joseph her confidante he was sensible and level headed the one she could bounce ideas off of.

Her flighty best friend Genevieve adds a quirky element too.

This is a many faceted mystery that keeps you guessing trying to figure the puzzle out with good characters and setting.

I received this book from the author for my honest opinion and review.

Talk Supe says

Antonia Bingham is growing on me, she is adorable!

Katreader says

a mystery filled with twists and turns

DEATH ON LILY POND LANE by Carrie Doyle
The Second Hamptons Murder Mystery

It's the off season in the Hamptons and Antonia Bingham has taken on extra work looking after a few estates while the owners are away. At one of her stops Antonia is surprised to discover the car of a house guest who was supposed to have already left town. She is even more surprised to find his dead body in the bathtub! In an attempt to protect the homeowners and thinking the death is a tragic accident, Antonia removes what may be a vital piece of evidence. However, the victim had been making high powered enemies by filming a documentary expose. Could his death actually be murder?

I thought for sure I knew a vital clue and was giving Antonia withering glances from my side of the book for not realizing it. I eventually discovered that I was hasty in my deductions. The object was a clue, but it wasn't what I thought it was. In fact, there were several other times that Carrie Doyle led me down paths and I willingly followed, fully believing I was correct, changing my mind a few times as I then followed new paths laid out for me. Carrie Doyle challenged me in this book, not only by the false trails left for me, but Antonia's attitude on certain subjects, and Genevieve's whole persona.

DEATH ON LILY POND LANE is a mystery filled with twists and turns, relationship conundrums, and an intriguing look at those who reside in the exclusive enclave known as the Hamptons.

FTC Disclosure – The publisher sent me a copy of this book in the hopes I would review it.

Sharon says

The beautiful Hamptons, the Windmill Inn and a murder and the story is off to a good start. I didn't read the first book in the series and it might have been helpful (but not necessary) to know some of the backstory. It ends with cliff-hangers so I will be waiting for the next in the series to see how they are resolved. I received a copy of the book from the author and have voluntarily written an honest review.

Melisende d'Outremer says

Another good outing by author Carrie Doyle, as we continue with Antonia Bingham and the locals that patronise the Windmill. The death of a young film-maker and the missing film footage see Antonia and her BFF investigate.

Sometimes cliches are right "its all fun and games till someone gets hurt". Soon we are left wondering just what was on this missing film that someone was prepared to kill for.

This one was a little slow moving to begin with (probably as it could easily be read as a stand-alone book), but soon the pace quickens and is wrapped up nicely at the end.

Cindi says

Having grown up on the East Coast and being a Cozy mystery lover, this series was a home run for me!

Antonia Bingham is the Inn Keeper and Chef of the Windmill Inn in the Hamptons. To help in the off season she keeps an eye on several Summer homes for the locals and manages to stumble upon the body of a houseguest in one of those homes. As if taking care of her guests at the Inn and running the restaurant aren't enough to keep her busy now Antonia finds herself trying to figure out whether the dead houseguest met his fate through a terrible accident or was murdered. Toss in a two hot men that capture Antonia's interest in two very different ways and you've got yourself a page turner that makes it hard to put down.

The story keeps a good pace and I particularly like Antonia's back story and the woman she has become as a result of the hard life dealt her before arrive in the Hamptons. She's a strong and fiercely independent woman that is easy to relate to. Can't to read the book in this series and will preorder the second when it is available.

Mary C says

Great but read out of order, I'll write more after finishing number one!
