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Abigail Timberlake Washburn understands the antiques game is a gamble—so she doesn't know what to expect when she wins the bidding for the contents of an old locker that has been sealed up for years. It's a delightful surprise when she discovers inside a collection of exquisite old walking sticks—and a not-so-delightful one when she pulls out a decrepit gym bag containing...*a human skull!*

The last thing the diminutive South Carolina antiques dealer needs is to be suspected of foul play. So she grabs her chatty assistant (and future sister-in-law), C.J., and heads out to search for a killer they can stick it to. But this cane case will be no walk in the park—with its arcane clues hinting at poaching, counterfeiting, smuggling...and homicide, of course. And when a fresh corpse turns up, things are about to get *really* sticky for Abby and her staff of one.

The Cane Mutiny Details

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Nicole says

I have read a few of Tamar Myers books which were fun and silly mysteries about a Menonnite female "detective" that i enjoyed very much. I don't care for this series as much. The main character is an antiques dealer in Charleston, SC and is always finding herself in the middle of a mystery. The characters were too silly and a bit annoying.

Janice says

Skimmed through most of the book.

Rebecca says

The more I read by this author, the more they fail to suspend my disbelief. I realize it is intended to be funny and that the whole concept of amateur sleuths encountering many murders is hard for many to believe, but you put that aside when you read the genre and lose yourself in the stories and characters. But this author's increasingly ridiculous characters and bad jokes just keep kicking me out of the story. Part of my goal with reading is to escape, but these just keep me on the outside with my own problems instead of making me care about the dumb cops trying to jail Abby for possessing a skull, and letting me forget the aches chasing me to bed early but keeping me awake.

Deborah says

A nice beach or summer read. Junk food for the brain.

ChrisGA says

look for her humorous description of herself as a unnamed mystery writer.

Lollylets go says

I love Tamar Myers sense of humour, raised in the South, I know people like Abbigail- so she's not that far fetched. We don't all speak slowly, though more of us (across the board) should think a lot faster than our mouths speak!

Steph says

This book was lent to me by a friend who thought I would enjoy it. I have never read anything by Tamar Myers and thought I would give it a try. I did enjoy the book, and it was a very light and easy read. Though obviously geared toward an older audience, I sometimes felt too young for it. The blurbs in the back included a synopsis for a book called "I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason." Not my age group. But the plot of the book fell together pretty easily and it was interesting enough to keep me turning the pages. Not sure if I would have picked it up on my own, or if I will read any more in the "Den of Antiquity" series, but I don't feel it was a waste of time.

Carole says

Another in the Den of Antiquity mystery series, Abigail (Abby) Timberlake Washburn runs an antique shop in Charleston, South Carolina, where she routinely gets involved in murder and always finds the murderer by the end of the book. Like Joan Hess's Maggody series and Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series, the books in this series are full of quirky characters, humor, and crime solving.

Abby has recently been to a storage container auction where she is fortunate enough to find among the treasures she has bought, a number of exotic walking canes. Thus hangs the plot of the story. Everything that happens has something to do with canes. Sometimes accompanied by her assistant in the store and future sister-in-law, C. J., who is part of the Ledbetter clan, things are a poppin'. The characters in this family, the Ledbetters, which C. J. frequently refers to could match the Buchanan's of Maggody for eccentricity anytime.

This book was a fun read!

Tammy says

Another title in the Den of Antiquity series. Abigail Timberlake Washburn, the owner of a South Carolina antique shop is suspected of foul play when a skull turns up in a barrel she purchased at a storage unit sale. She decides she is going to have to find the real killer to clear her name, especially now that her husband has retired from the police force and taken up commercial fishing. Other people start showing interest in the items from the storage locker including a set of antique canes. What do the canes have to do with the skull? Things get even more complicated when she and her assistant, C.J. start searching for the killer and a fresh corpse turns up.

Drebbles says

Abigail Timberlake, owner of the "Den of Antiquity" an antique store, makes one of the winning bids on a locker at a locked trunk sale. She's pleased to discover that one of things in the locker is a collection of antique canes. She's less pleased to find a gym bag containing what looks like a human skull. She calls the police, who, after asking too many stupid questions, arrest Abby for obstruction of justice. Her mother

quickly bails her out and Abby sets out to clear her name by questioning all the people who also bid on the locker, thinking one of them might be a murderer.

This is a very funny book with lots of jokes and very little mystery. The plot meanders all over the place, from who is getting into the store and moving the antique canes, to who owned the skull that Abby found to who murdered the housekeeper/lover of one of the suspects. Halfway through I wondered why I was even reading this book until I came to the following sentence (describing an author in the book) "(her) novels are merely witty, relying far too heavily on humor and wordplay". Tamar Myers must have had her tongue planted firmly in cheek when she wrote that as she describes her own books perfectly. Her mysteries are filled with eccentric characters such as Abby, who knows shockingly little about antiques considering she owns an antique store; her mother, Mozilla, who dresses like a mother in a 50's sitcom; and her friend, C.J. who tells the most outrageous stories about her relatives. The mysteries are thin, but the books are at times laugh out loud funny and yes, involve lots of word play.

Tamar Myers' mysteries are for those who love humorous books and don't mind reading a really light mystery.

VJ says

I read this before but since I'm reading in order, I decided to reread it.

The editor/author got confused between the Rob-Bobs. Bob went on an errand with Abby but Rob somehow joined them later!

It's not one of my favorites, but still a decent story.

Dharia Scarab says

I picked up a bunch of these super cheap, and even though the main character is super annoying, I have kept trying to read them... But I just can't do it anymore. The whole premise of why she starts investigating was so stupid that I just couldn't force myself to keep reading. I skipped to the end.

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It has earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

Vicky says

#13 in series. I didn't think it was as good as some of hers but when you are this far in a series, you read them anyway.

Linda says

This story meandered around without any sense of urgency and there wasn't even a body until about half way through the book. I also got annoyed with the overuse of the words hon and big galoot, you really don't need to use those every time you refer to the person (two different people by the way) and if you do it enough that I notice, you're really over using. Not a bad story but not my favorite in the series.

Dogsandbooks says

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