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In Gale Martin's newest novel, Ellie Overton is a 28-year-old rest home receptionist with a pussycat nose who also happens to be gaga for the pop singer Tom Jones. Regrettably single, she is desperate to have a red-hot love relationship, like those she's read about in romance novels. Following an astrological hunch, she attends a Tom Jones Festival and meets an available, young impersonator with more looks than talent. Though he's knocked out of the contest, he's still in the running to become Ellie's blue-eyed soul mate—until he's accused of killing off the competition. It's not unusual that the handsome police detective working the case is spending more time pursuing Ellie than collaring suspects. So, she enlists the wily and witty rest home residents to help find the real murderer. Must Ellie forfeit her best chance for lasting love to crack this case?

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Simona says

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First of all I'd like to thank the author for sending me her book, thank you Gale. I probably wouldn't have chosen it myself, but I am so glad I read it.

The blurb sounded really interesting and I wasn't sure if it was my kind of thing. It turned out that it was. The mixture between a romance and a crime story was great.

Ellie is a 28 years old woman, who hasn't had a real boyfriend yet and likes her work as a rest home receptionist. It was great to how caring she was to all the inhabitants, they have built a real friendship. Ellie was a wonderful character to follow and relate to.

She takes the inhabitants to a Tom Jones imitator festival and there she meets Evan, gorgeous Eva, who is one of the impersonators. Something terrible happens at the context and one of the competitors is murdered. Ellie is in the middle of it all and Evan is one of the suspects. Ellie doesn't know what to think. Evan is innocent in her eyes...

Mary Levy the handsome police detective comes along and the two of them seem to click in several levels. I loved their date ;).

There are also Happy (the widow) and her brother Donny. Their Ellie's childhood friends, but I found it a little hard to find a connection to them.

I have to say that it took me a while to get into the story, but the drama got more intense after every page and I really liked that. I couldn't put the book down at one stage of the story.

Gale's writing is vivid, dramatical and fresh!!!

The way Ellie's journey for love was combined to this whole murder investigation was brilliant and it was so gripping till the end, not knowing who was the killer. Some little surprises kept coming up as well...

Something new and fresh and so different from other love stories.

Nicole Walters says

Gale Martin has written one of the funniest and most unique romantic comedies in a long time with her novel Who Killed 'Tom Jones'? A bold statement, but one that Martin easily lives up to with her uniquely engaging plot and colorful, well-developed characters.

Ellie is a late-blooming, 28-year-old with a nostalgic affection for Tom Jones. Bored with her life as an admin at the local retirement home, Ellie is ready to expand her circle of friends beyond the elderly people who live at the home with her, interesting though they are. A little romance in her life wouldn't be a bad idea either. The perfect opportunity for Ellie to shake things up presents itself when a touring group of Tom Jones tribute artists bump and grind their way to her hometown of Pankey, PA for a competition.

On the night of the event, Ellie's life takes a turn toward more excitement than she can handle. There is murder, mystery, and romantic magnetism in the air, all of which eventually leads Ellie and her elderly friends on an unexpected and often hilarious adventure.

Gale Martin isn't content to create a formulaic romantic comedy. Yes, there is sexual tension and competing affections. Yes, the guys are hunky, pensive, and sometimes troubles. And, yes, there is the required lovely and measured sex scene. But in *Who Killed 'Tom Jones'?*, "sexual tension" is strutting his stuff across the stage with a thrusting pelvis in skin-tight pants, hunky guys might include a police officer considering your arrest, and the sex scene means channeling the prowess of fictional wenches and evoking the love-making lessons gleaned from countless lonely nights reading romance novels.

In addition to a surprisingly fresh plot, Martin creates characters that were not only real but also genuinely interesting and laugh out loud funny. Martin does an exceptional job with dialogue, particularly that of Jorge, which is wholly believable and consistent.

This book is fresh, surprising, and smart. It's a fun read for fans of the genre who, like Ellie, are looking to shake things up.

Aditi says

Gale Martin is an American, award winning author, and this is my first time to read any Gale Martin authored book. Before reading the book, *WHO KILLED 'TOM JONES'?*, I had no idea that Gale Martin is such a brilliant author, from her style of penning down a love-story with a mystery to unveiling that mystery and the whole drama that goes in and out around the mystery is so stirring as well as remarkable, that you'll be wanting to read this book not once, but twice, thrice and so on!

I'd like to thank the author, Gale martin, for sending me over a copy of her book, in return for an honest and unbiased review.

Ellie Overton, a 28year old woman, working as a receptionist in a retirement home, has a huge crush on the pop-singer, Tom Jones. In order to spark-up her love-life, Ellie attends the local Tom Jones festival to find prospects for herself. But on the second day of the festival, one of the Tom Jones look-like contestant gets murdered, and unfortunately, the man named, Evan, whom she has started liking happen to be one of the suspects and the handsome police detective, Mary Levy, jumps into the scene to solve the mystery, but it seems he is more drawn to Ellie. So will Ellie and the residents of the retirement home b able to solve this murder mystery?

OMG! *WHO KILLED 'TOM JONES'* is terribly funny, I'm going "ROFL" over this book. Do read this book to catch the humor and hilarious moments and dialogues. The characters also add up to the wittiness of this book. And when the old residents get involved in footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, things get messy, chaotic and very, very funny. Ellie is sweet and witty and her chemistry with the residents of the retirement home is very interesting. The chemistry between the detective and Ellie is quite rocking and passionate and lights up the whole book! The author's grip over her funny and witty characters is quite evident with the way she had portrayed them in her book. After every page, the mystery got thicker and thicker and bloody intriguing, that I lost myself into the mist of mystery and LOL moments! The author's eloquent words make the story pretty

compelling and with that fast pace, the book is surely going to grip you from its very beginning.

Don't miss this romantic story amidst of so much mystery!!

Nancy Silk says

"Murder + Mayhem + Seniors = Fun Read"

I thoroughly enjoyed this fun murder mystery, which presents many twists and turns. Here, Ellie Overton is 26 years old, has never been in love, but still has hope her day will come. Until that day, she envisions a handsome man, like her favorite singer, Tom Jones, who captured her heart as a 10-year old, with his song, "What's New Pussy Cat?" He is her ideal man and she's not going to settle for anybody who doesn't have Tom's attributes. She has no special skills, but has a job at the Finger Rest Home as a receptionist. She also lives there offering assistance when needed in the evenings. As she has no living relatives, the residents have become her family. But the rules set by owner Mr. Finger are strict, and soon she seems to be bending them. It's a small facility with only a handful of patients, and they soon, literally, become a handful! Ellie buys a costly ticket to a music festival featuring a Tom Jones impersonator contest only because her horoscope said someone she will meet will change her life on this day. Will it be one of the impersonators, now known as tribute artists? On the second night is the semi-finals and she with Jorge, the care facility handy man/driver, take some of the seniors to the competition. Ellie hopes the boisterous outspoken seniors will not be an embarrassment as Mr. Finger, her boss, would be very upset to have shame or notoriety to his establishment. Well, it's not the seniors who cause trouble, it's the favored contestant who has been murdered before going on stage, the husband of her best friend while growing up. And one of the competitors who she had just met and is drawn to, Evan Salter, is found standing over the body with the unusual weapon in his hand. And here is where the mayhem starts in which author Gale Martin excels. Her writing is enthralling and vigorous, her characters are captivating and certainly unique and memorable. In many ways this story reminds me of writings of Janet Evanovich, as it is very entertaining and funny. I'd love to see this on the silver screen, it would certainly be awesome to see some of the older actors kicking it up again having fun performing. What else can I say, it's a fun read, and you'll enjoy it, too.

Toni Michelle-Editor says

I was given this book by Tiffany White in exchange for an honest review.

A friend had suggested I read it although it's not the type of book I usually read.

When I saw the cover, I was instantly dreading agreeing to read it but I started it anyway, reluctantly. From the very first paragraph I was drawn in and immediately enjoying the story. I was quite shocked after the first chapter that I was actually enjoying the story and found it hard to put down to get some sleep. I absolutely loved the book and would recommend giving it a shot. I really think you will enjoy this book as much as I did.

What they say is true: Don't judge a book by its cover. To me the cover looked dull but the story was anything but!

Absolutely great read!

Gale Martin says

In WHO KILLED 'TOM JONES'?, Ellie Overton is twenty-eight and single. A late bloomer, Ellie's not as confident in her looks as she is in her practical problem-solving ability, yet both have caught the attention of three highly eligible guys.

Her childhood friend Donny Carlisle:

Tom Jones tribute artist Evan Salter:

Detective Marc Levy:

Which man would you choose if you were Ellie?

Silvana says

This book is interesting mystery. It's about twenty and something years old Elli, who search for hot romance. She read in Horoscope that she will meet some person, who will change her life and she goes in concert that performers sing a songs of Tom Jones. First performer Stan McCann singing on stage broke his leg. Some Dorothy who sits next to Elli on this concert, a big fan of Stan, tells her that this is sabotage and Stan not broke his leg accidentally.

Then all goes upside down. I ask myself:” Is there a really sabotage or its fantasy of some crazy woman?” I continue reading and bang someone is killed, and then begins the search for the killer.

This book stirs several emotions to me; while I read it I was shocked, I laughed in some situations, I cried in other one. The content of this book is compact and well done and there is something for each reader.

Elli is great person, she is diligent, polite, and she wants to help and give her unconditional love especially to rest home residents. She is dedicated to her work as a receptionist in Finger Rest Home. Elli also has a detective skills and I like her so much.

When I receive this book I think OMG what kind of book has that name, but while I turn the pages I change my mind. This book I recommended in this winter days without snow (here in Macedonia we don't have a snow yet), because it makes your days good and fulfilled.

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

RATING: 4.5 stars

Who Killed Tom Jones? By Gale Martin was a wonderfully entertaining, sweet, and hilarious book. I was about half way through it when I felt that “thing” in my heart that means that I am involved, that I have fallen in love with these characters. I feel maternal towards Ellie. I want to adopt her. So, let me tell you about her.

Ellie Overton is 28 years old, single, works and lives at the Finger Rest Home (yes, owned by Mr. Finger himself) in Pankey, PA. Pankey has a sister city named Hankey so the hospital is called the Hankey-Pankey regional hospital. Ellie lost her Mom several years previous so her life is pretty much her job, her love of the residents of Finger Rest Home, her romance novels, and Tom Jones. Yes, she is obsessed with Tom Jones. Her horoscope said she could be “meeting someone who could change her life” so she decides to attend the Pankey Tom Jones Festival in hopes of finding a husband amongst those contestants in tight pants and puffy white shirts.

The second day of the festival she convinces Mr. Finger to let her take some of the residents along with her to see the Tom Jones look alike artists. So along with Jorge, their driver/handy man, they load up Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Hand, and Melva Peachey and head out for an adventure. But, this day does not go as planned. Ellie’s friend from high school, Happy, is supposed to set up Ellie with one of the handsome, single Tom Jones look alikes. Maybe this could be her future husband! But, amidst the chaos of trying to get to know him and trying to keep her residents in line, there is an unexpected turn of events. One of the Tom Jones artists, the one that would surely have won the contest, has been murdered...with a nail gun!

One of the things I loved best about this book was the relationship between Ellie and the residents of the Home. These three have taken Ellie in as their own. And she loves them all in return. But in their zeal to help Ellie, and also perhaps to gain some excitement, they get themselves into some comical situations. They are bound and determined to help Ellie solve the mystery of who killed Tom Jones. And then there is Jorge. He cracks me up with his broken English.

“Jorge sighed. “There you go again Ellie, being a pooping party.” Mr. Harvey jogged Jorge in the shoulder, belly laughing. “A pooping party. That was one of your best ones so far.”

So Ellie, who considers herself plain and unattractive, is suddenly thrust into a murder mystery, and along with that, she suddenly has not one but three VERY attractive men who seem to be interested in her. Evan, the Tom Jones look alike, Marc Levy, the very handsome Pankey Police Detective, and Donny, the brother of her friend Happy. And when in the middle of her first real romantic moment, only Ellie would think to channel Deirdre from one of her romance novels to help her know what to do. Or to stuff Sherlock Holmes classic comics under her pillow in hopes of absorbing some of Holmes’s mystery solving knowledge while she sleeps.

So if you want a book that will make you laugh, but also will make your heart happy as well, this book is for you. I especially loved the epilogue. So, thank you Gale Martin, for allowing me to read your book for an honest review, and for letting me go to sleep last night after I finished the book with a huge smile on my face.

Lisa Cromwell says

I received a Kindle copy of this book from Tiffany M. White (Booktrope Publishing) with the understanding that I would write an honest review of the book when I was finished.

I LOVED this book! It pulled me in right from the beginning with a suspenseful and mysterious storyline. I also found the humor to be wonderful and in just the right amount. I agree with some of the other reviewers, the cover threw me off a bit. But after reading the book, I understand the quirky cover. I loved how the story flowed. I was enthralled by the residents of the Finger Rest Home and would love to read other books featuring Mr. Harvey, Mrs. Peachey, Mrs. Hand and even Mr. Finger in them. Ellie is a fresh change from the normal heroine in romantic books. She has really got a thing for tight pants and puffy shirts! I also found it sexy that her romantic interest (Marc Levy) had an old time charm about him in the sense that he opened her car door and ordered her meal for her. Made my heart skip a beat!

I was engaged and entertained from start to finish! I would highly recommend that you give this book a chance. I have went and added Gale Martin's other books to my list of books that I must read! I look forward to more from this talented, unique and funny author.

Dianne says

Is it wrong to say I laughed at least 50 times throughout this murder mystery? Ellie's biological clock is ticking, she's looking for love, but no one ever matches up to her long time crush, Tom Jones, yep, THAT Tom Jones. Deciding to break out of her normally sedate life, working at the Finger Rest Home, Ellie attends a Tom Jones impersonation contest held in the fairgrounds of her home town, Pankey, PA, and yes, there is a sister city named Hankey. (See why I laughed so much?) Upon returning for round two of the competition, Ellie decides the resident of the assisted living facility would enjoy the concert, but can she contain them? One of the "Toms" is murdered and the one man who caught her eye and maybe her heart was his biggest competitor and is found standing suspiciously over the body. Could he be the killer? Has her fickle love life done it to her again or will her belief in her personal Tom Jones be strong enough to turn her into an amateur sleuth with a team of senior detectives to back her up. Her job is in jeopardy, but Ellie is determined to crack the case of **Who Killed Tom Jones?** wide open. After all, who can sing her favorite song, "What's New Pussy Cat" so well?

Gale Martin must be fun at a party, or while standing in line at the grocery store! She perfectly captures each moment and runs with it across the pages at warp speed! And her characters? Talk about brilliant casting! Quirky seniors, a quirky boss and no wonder Ellie is like a whirling dervish! Ellie's mental dialogue, the dialogue she shares with others is priceless, a few hours in her head and I had tears in my eyes from laughing! Ms. Martin has taken a little mystery, an unknown murderer, a ton of mayhem and rolled it up in a sugary-good coating of humor and word play! Her writing is like listening to Tom Jones on a 33 RPM record at 45 RPM! Yep, makes for a whole new level of entertainment, just like **Who Killed Tom Jones?**

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Faye Ridpath says

I received this ebook for free from Tiffany White in exchange for my honest review.

This book was the perfect blend of humor, mystery, and romance.

The characters were engaging. I loved the residents at the Finger Rest Home.

I would love to see more books with these characters.

I will definitely read more books by this author.

If you are looking for a fun read and a great mystery, this book is for you!

Ashley says

Following an astrological hunch, she attends a Tom Jones Festival and meets an available, young impersonator with more looks than talent. Though he's knocked out of the contest, he's still in the running to become Ellie's blue-eyed soul mate—until he's accused of killing off the competition. It's not unusual that the handsome police detective working the case is spending more time pursuing Ellie than collaring suspects. So, she enlists the wily and witty rest home residents to help find the real murderer. Must Ellie forfeit her best chance for lasting love to crack this case?

Engaging and humorous "Who Killed Tom Jones" is a light-hearted mystery sure to be beloved. Though the plotline revolves around murder there is nothing dark, disturbing or demented about this mystery novel; rather it is fun, quirky and easily enjoyable. Her horoscope reading tells her that she is going to meet someone special and later that evening she's dazzled by a young 'Tom Jones' impersonator (side note: if you don't know who Tom Jones is then shame on you and look him up). His flirty nature and dazzling eyes capture Ellie's attention easily but when the competition starts turning up injured and then killed Ellie can't help but suspect her new crush is behind it all.

Ellie is so lovable! She's a young fun-loving woman who just wants to meet the love of her life; it's merely a bonus if he's in tight pants and a fluffy shirt. She's romantic and quirky with just the right amount of detective skills to make her a proper amateur sleuth without taking this book into the realm of unrealistic and impossible. As a reader I find myself frustrated with mysteries when the amateur sleuth has to solve these nearly impossible mysteries and does it with ease. Ellie struggles and what she does solve is believable. I

loved that about her.

Give this book a chance and follow Ellie on her journey to discover who killed Tom Jones. Don't know who Tom Jones is? Not familiar with this music? The 1960's – 1970's isn't your era? It doesn't matter! This book is a contemporary mystery surrounding Tom Jones impersonators and it will exceed your expectations. It certainly exceeded mine. You will laugh your way through it and enjoy a light easy-reading mystery.

Review by Ashley LaMar
Closed the Cover

Heather says

This is a very enjoyable book. It is a funny, quirky story about a 28 year-old woman who has little ambition to do anything more with her life than she is already doing. She is happy and content being who she is. Ellie seems to have been born in the wrong era. And she has created a safe world for herself to live in. Attending a local Tom Jones Tribute Artist Festival seems like it will be wildly fun, and then the unthinkable happens. All of the characters in the book are unique and enjoyable. The descriptions of the people and the action add to the entertainment. And the author is pretty darn clever with her word choices. I was laughing out loud at some of the names and what was happening in the story.

Highly recommend this book for the beach, a long flight, a sick day in bed, or as a spirit-lifter. Or just read it anytime.

Isabell says

Originally posted on <http://dreamingwithopeneyesreviews.bl...>

I received this book by the author in exchange of an honest review

First of all I'd like to thank Gale Martin for offering me to read and review her book.

To be very honest I was a bit concerned if this a book I am going to like, because this is a book I probably would have not picked up myself. The blurb sounded very good but I was never into Tom Jones and his music also I'm not reading many books which involve crime and mystery and the cover was not really appealing to me either but I gave it a go. And here we are again with the topic: DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY IT'S COVER. The turnout can be very surprising. I am very happy I stepped out of my comfort zone and tried something new.

The story is set in Pankey, Pennsylvania. Ellie Overton is a late-blooming, 28-year-old, working as a receptionist at a rest home with a nostalgic affection for Tom Jones. She attends a Tom Jones Festival and is ready to meet the one who changes her life forever at the festival. Ellie's life takes an unexpected turn at the second night of the festival. One of the tribute artists has been killed and she is right in the middle of it. Together with the help of the rest home residents they try to solve the case.

I enjoyed reading this book very much. I hardly could't put it down. What a page turner! A perfect mixture

of crime and a love story. The book is not predictable at all. Who Killed Tom Jones? is a murder mystery and you spend your time thinking "Who killed him?". You never knew what was going to happen next.

Ellie was such a great, lovely and likable character. I really hoped for her that she'll crack the case and end up with the right guy and have her very own happy end.

I would recommend everyone to give this a shot!

Diana Hockley says

Gale Martin's books are all great fun, well written and "keepers." This one is no exception! From the moment I started Who Killed, I was drawn into the story, immediately liking the characters and laughing along the way.

Ellie thinks she will be left on the shelf. A Tom Jones "tragic" from way back, when a festival complete with TJ competition is on not far from the retirement home where she lives and works, Ellie feels this could be the night she meets her soul mate. Imagine her surprise when the most likely winner of the competition has a bad accident. However, all is not lost. A murder the next night ensures that she meets not only one man of her dreams, but three! It's either a feast or a famine for Ellie.

Annoyed by the cops' apparently laid-back investigation, Ellie and her troops from the home decide to investigate with surprising results.

This riotous story is well worth anyone's time and money and comes highly recommended. You might try Gale Martin's other books - Grace Unexpected and Don Juan in Hankey as followups! They're well worth it :)
