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The Puzzle Lady just can't stay out of trouble. When the late Chester T Markowitz, a man she never met, leaves \$10,000 to his beloved wife, Cora Felton, the Puzzle Lady can't help cashing the check. Quicker than you can say legal proceedings, Cora's ex-husband, Melvin, shows up in Bakerhaven with an attorney and a young bimbo...

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Kimberly Ann says

One of the Puzzle Lady's (Cora Felton) ex-husbands is in town trying to discredit her in order to sever her alimony payments. Along with him is his current girlfriend Bambi and following him is his current wife.

The banker testifying against Cora is found dead as is the bank teller who also testified.... Meanwhile Kenken & related crossword puzzles are turning up...all pointing to various suspects.

With her quick wit & smart mouth Cora manages to save her alimony payments and unmask the murderer.

This is Not great literature or even great writing...just a fast, easy & enjoyable read.

Brenda Sharp says

I loved the introduction of the Ken-kens but I had never solved one so it took me longer to work through the puzzles in this book. I found it to a wonderful addition to the different style of puzzles.

Shasta Matova says

I've read several of the Puzzle Lady mysteries. The stories are quick to read since the sentences are all fairly short and somewhat lighthearted, even while they are talking about murders. There is always a puzzle that is connected with them that provides clues about the killer. From this series, I learned about different types of sudoku puzzles. In this one, they include a new-to-me puzzle, the kenken. It is going to take me some practice to learn how to solve them, but you don't need to learn in order to read and enjoy the books.

Catherine Woodman says

This is the last book in this series that I will read--the Puzzle Lady is very irritating, and in this one it was just the straw that broke the camel's back. She is silly and difficult, and this time it was just too much

Harry Addington says

Hilarious and entertaining.

Grey853 says

This barely rates a two out of five stars. My biggest problem is Cora. She's incredibly annoying and shallow and so it's hard to feel bad that she gets herself in quite the legal pickle.

I did find out what a KenKen puzzle was and since I hate math and numbers, I'll be avoiding those in the future. I likely won't be reading this series in the future, either.

Harvey says

These are always fun, quick reads. The word play can be exasperating at times but I do appreciate Parnell Hall's talent for this sort of thing (although I do prefer his Stanley Hastings series).

The KenKen Killings is one of the better entries in this series.

Tristan MacAvery says

According to the dust jacket, RT Book Reviews described one of the *Puzzle Lady* books as "Grouch Marx meets Jessica Fletcher." Frankly, there's no better description that I could find were I to hunt for years! The books in this series are quick, happy, hilarious reads with good mysteries, good puzzles, and dialog snappier than a fresh thick-cut potato chip. (My friends will understand readily why I make a food comparison. The rest of you, just deal with it.)

I must make a plug for Hall's delightful means of saying something without saying it. To wit: "Cora inquired if Chief Harper was an amorous individual of limited intelligence." Sometimes, you just have to put a book aside and ROTFL for a moment. ^_^

Deborah says

If you are looking for a quick fun read, the Puzzle lady series always is a good choice. A crossword puzzler compiler hides from her ex-husband by using her aunt's photo above her puzzles. Her aunt couldn't solve a crossword to save her life, and is constantly getting into trouble. Over the series the aunt becomes recognized for solving another kind of puzzle - murders. The characters are great and it's always a fun read. There are crosswords or other puzzles throughout the book to help the characters and you solve the mystery.

Mark Baker says

As always this book was filled with word play/bickering and puzzles. It even manages to mock itself for the conventions of the series (puzzles showing up on dead bodies). But what really got me was a major plot point that is dropped once the real story gets rolling.

Read my full review at Carstairs Considers.

Susan says

Cora Felton, the Puzzle Lady, is so eager to inherit money from Chester T. Markowitz that she agrees that he's her ex-husband. Unfortunately, the whole inheritance is a scam instituted by Melvin, her real, most recent, ex-husband, designed to end her alimony payments. When Melvin's witnesses start dying, a series of puzzles seems to point at--Melvin. Cora is sure that she doesn't care for Melvin, but she doesn't want to see him in prison where he can't pay her alimony. So she sets out to prove that he's not guilty, for once in his miserable life.

Cristina says

Loved it! It really kept me guessing until the end. I also loved the puzzles that are scattered throughout the book. I wish I had photocopied the puzzles before I went on vacation with this book so that I could have tried them myself. This book is great for anyone who liked mystery and/or puzzles.

Jwls Mac Ray says

Terrific, fast moving book. Funny. Interesting. Lovable characters. So glad I came across this at the library. Will be reading the rest.

Camille says

I picked this up because I adore puzzles! The puzzles in the book get 5 stars. However, the content and word choice of the author won't have me reading again. I had truly hoped this would be a great new find, but I cannot in good conscience recommend this series.

Diane Heath says

Cora is set up by her ex husband in an attempt to stop her alimony payments. Witnesses at the hearing start turning up dead. Ken-Ken puzzles and crossword puzzles match up to give clues. Cora has to work with Becky, the town attorney, to keep herself out of jail. She also has to prove Melvin's innocence.
