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Cake and coffee go together like murder and mayhem.

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There's a problem with the espresso machine at Coffee Cove.

It's haunted.

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Ava Fortune knows there's more to this mystery than meets the eye.

Ava's not about to back down, especially when it's her best friend who needs her help.

Ava knows her friend Lucy is no murderer, she just has to prove it.

When things take a dark turn, Coffee Cove faces a new danger.

Witches and warlocks are taking their business elsewhere, and Sweetland's favorite coffee shop might have to close.

Ava and her friends need to stop things before anyone else dies.

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But the curse that's plaguing Coffee Cove isn't anxious to be broken.

Someone might need to die to set things right.

But Ava refuses let it be her friends and family.

Will Ava expose the truth before the real killer can strike again?

Or will her hardest case also be her last one?

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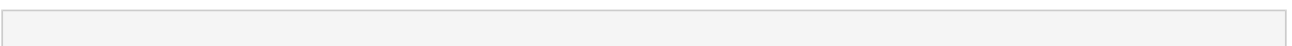
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Carol says

Has Lucy Lockwood lost her mind?? Lucy believes the new espresso machine is haunted.

She was closing up Coffee Cove when the machine went berserk. No one has experienced the phenomenon that Lucy has.....but the silencing spell at the shop has not been working correctly either. Coincidence??

Then a death occurs...mysteriously...it happens after a drink made from the espresso machine.

Lucy decides to quit her job at Coffee Cove

What is happening??

Ava to the rescue.

Murder, selling cursed items, scandal with the warden of the maximum security prison, trouble between Ava and Colt, a hitch in Ava's father wedding plans, Ava sets Damon up with a fishmonger's daughter and tuna, tuna and more tuna.

The bakery's three fur babies: Snowy the cat (Ava's familiar), Tootsie the cat (Trixie's familiar) and Rocky the wolfhound Eleanor's familiar) plus Snake the squirrel (Ava's father's familiar) all get involved in this uniquely plotted story with a creative, well defined, interesting & intriguing cast of characters.

A very enjoyable read.

Constance says

Adventure, Love, Magic

This is a wonderful series that continues to embrace original characters, while introducing new ones. Can't wait for the next book! Thank you

Dharia Scarab says

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.

Judy says

Poor Lucy!! What a frustrating time she is having! Will people ever believe her? But seriously, wouldn't you love to hang out with the characters in this series, when they aren't trying to solve a murder. I just love these folks! There are several mysterious things happening in this book. Are they connected or just random? Hmm. There's a little romance thrown in also. Wonder where these new attractions will go? Ava doesn't seem to know when to stop. She makes me nervous sometimes..... What would you do if you were Colt? Guess I'll have to wait for the next segment of Ava and friends.

Margaret Appel says

Does Coffee Kill?

The espresso machine in Coffee Cove is going haywire. Ava Fortune's friend Lucy who works there swears it's haunted but no one really believes her. Then a customer drops dead after getting more foam on his cappuccino. What in the world is going on? Was it a heart attack? Murder?!?

Ava's fiance Colt who works for COMHA (the Council on Magic and Human Affairs) is on the case but won't tell Ava a thing which only leads to a big fight. Who was the dead guy? What killed him? What is Colt hiding?

Ava is at it again, trying to figure it all out with the help of her familiar Snowball, a cute little ball of white fur who will do anything for tuna.

Espresso, Cake & Murder is another delightful installment in the Sweetland Witch Series. A wonderful paranormal cozy mystery, "Espresso, Cake & Murder" is great as a stand alone, but so much more enjoyable as part of the series.

Rosemary says

This is such a fun easy read. The subject of the storyline is awesome because it's about a "haunted" espresso machine. When Lucy begins to be attacked by the New espresso machine at The Coffee Cove, no one

believes her..not even when someone dies after having a drink made from it...but when it happens again to another patron, Ava begins to investigate the history of the machine. After Lucy quits the Cove, it begins to attack others who use it. I really enjoyed this book. I however don't like how Ava gets so mad at her fiance Colt. He is an investor and can't tell her everything about cases, and she knows that, yet she continues to get mad and start fights about it. I think it's time to adjust her attitude about that in future books...it just makes her look silly.. but overall I would recommend this book to everyone who enjoys a good book with fun characters.

Sharon says

Just ok

Too wordy. Story line was good, but it seemed long-winded to me. Pretty much skimmed thru the book just to get to the end.

Lin says

This is the 12th. episode in the “Sweetland Witch” series and by far the most intriguing! Is Lucy Lockwood going crazy? Does everyone in Sweetland Cove think so too?

When the warden of the most dangerous prison is involved in a scandal, it seems to encompass the whole town. Ava Fortune, her family and fiancé, Colt Hudson need to figure out what is going on and how to help their beloved Lucy.

This author writes her series in a way that captures you from page one to the end. Well done!

Bobbi says

What a wild ride! This book has it all, curses, romance, death and vampires; oh and let's not forget the witches. A perfect island is being beset by strange happenings. Of course Ava is right in the middle of it as usual. This series is so much fun and the characters are like old friends now. Always looking forward to reading the next book in this series. Love the ending, another mystery is set up at the end that has me chomping at the bit for the next book.

Janet Wilson says

This is a nice easy read.

There are a lot of twists and turns and paranormal doings. This book is a good way to have some entertainment with a dash of mystery and witchiness Thrown in.

JoAnne says

I absolutely love this series and each new book in the series takes you on a new adventure and updates you on the intriguing lives of the characters. You can be sure there is always something up and this book doesn't disappoint. Lots of twists and turns will keep you totally engrossed and will keep those pages turning. Zoe Arden certainly knows how to tell a story.

Anne says

Espresso, Cake and Murder by Zoe Arden continues Arden's tradition of presenting an entertaining product, full of characters that regular readers have grown fond of. This novel revolves around Lucy Lockwood, protagonist Ava Fortune's best friend. Lucy works as a barista at the local coffee shop, Coffee Cove. Things have been odd there recently; only half of the owner's (Melbourne Hammond-a vampire) privacy spells are working, AND the new espresso machine seems to have taken a dislike to Lucy, attacking her with stem and spray. Ava's boyfriend, Colt, Hudson, has the espresso machine checked out by a COMHA expert in spells and it came up clean, so people are beginning to think Lucy is just paranoid.

There is lots of activity in subplots: Ava sets up ex-boyfriend, human Damon Telling; has yet another breakup with Colt (Ava's snooping, again); Sadie and Eli's wedding planning hitting a few snags, and Ava sneaking a meeting with Colt's boss, Dean Lampton, AGAIN. There is plenty of action in this book.

Sweetwater Cove cozy mysteries are pleasant reads with low-key paranormal activity taking center stage. Her characters are good and the character base is varied enough to make the novels interesting, focusing on different peripheral characters each time. I wonder if Ava and Colt will ever make it to the altar: her penchant for snooping into his papers is eventually going to drive him away, I'm afraid.

All in all, an enjoyable read. I recommend it.

Bev says

Lucy Lockwood is closing up the Coffee Cove one night when all of a sudden the espresso machine starts acting up. She thinks someone forgot to shut it off, but no that isn't the problem It actually attacks her with hot steam when she has it unplugged!. No one actually believes her. The machine acts fine when they operate it. But when a tourist dies after taking a sip of cappuccino from Lucy, that's it. She quits!!! What is going on here? Things only get worse from there.Ava finds out that the machine came from the prison Swords and Bones. Could it be cursed? Then another tourist dies after drinking a Coffee Cove drink. Something is wrong and it is getting out of hand. It is now affecting the some of the residents of Sweetland Cove. Can Ava and Colt find out what the problem is and fix it or will it spread throughout the entire island? You will need to read the book to find out what is going on

Selene Lake says

I read this on a rainy, gloomy day.

It's a quick read. So, if you find yourself looking for something interesting with an light mystery intertwined with the paranormal please consider this book.

I would be able to enjoy with my young teenage daughters.

Jana Gundy says

A fun and enjoyable book

I have read every book in this series and have come to enjoy the characters, the animals and the world. The mystery is always well written, never rushed and I like them. The only thing I didn't like was the way Ava and Colt spoke to one another. They argue, which is fine but the way they handle it, is completely immature and I honestly wouldn't be with someone who talked to me like that. So, their relationship is pretty one dimensional, no honesty or depth but with or without that relationship, I will continue to read the series, it's worth it!
