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Three years have passed since Hurricane Sandy devastated the New Jersey Shore as Megan Stanford returns to her childhood home to find her elderly grandmother and the family Grand Victorian home in a state of shocking neglect. As the town threatens to sue to ensure demolition of the guest cottages behind Misty Manor, mystery unfolds in the once quiet town of Misty Point, NJ. A dead body found in the debris, threatening messages, and vandalism, combined with an eerie sixty year old photograph, bring the investigation closer to home. Megan continues to dig for the truth and unwittingly begins to unravel a decades old secret, which threatens her and the future of Misty Manor.

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chrissy says

Even though it has been a minute since I read MISTY MANOR, the author provided me with the other two books in the **Misty Point Mystery Series**, Misty Point and Misty Winter, that have been sitting on my desks for *months* I've been meaning to get around to. I would like to start cleaning out my RTC shelf, so I decided before I continue with the series I should write my full review for the first book beforehand.

Enough of my rambling, let's get onto the review, shall we? I think we shall.

If you know anything about my rating system, you know that I am *extremely* picky on what I give five stars as I don't like to throw them around like candy to books that aren't *truly* deserving of receiving that award. Regardless, as I don't have the freshest memory on what occurred, here is my list of **reasons why this book deserves five stars** from yours truly:

-**There is actually suspense in a mystery** for the first time in forever. I know what you're thinking *don't all mystery books have suspense?* and to that I would say, well, you sure aren't wrong, but what I mean is that this book is full of twists and turns that came out of thin air you didn't expect one bit. It keeps you guessing, yet leaves you wanting more.

-**Likable characters** I was able to connect with from the minute I started until the second it ended.

-**Very detailed**, but not too graphic, either. Rawlins has the right amount of detail that way nothing is unexplained, however, she doesn't keep rambling on and on about pointless sh*t to the point that the story becomes irritating, annoying, and repetitive, as I see a lot of authors do.

-**I couldn't put this down** because I was so *engrossed* into the plot, setting, characters, mystery, every single aspect of this book the ENTIRE time I was reading.

-**Realistic actions taken by the characters**. There isn't a bunch of nonsensical bullsh*t happening with the characters, it is all very honest to what happens in the real world as well as relatable in some aspects as well.

-**Fast-paced without rushing through the plot**

And those are just *some* of the reasons, I could go on all day long about how amazing this book is. Just pick it up for yourself to see what the hype is about, because I promise you will not be disappointed, and I'm holding myself accountable for stating that.

Debbie DeLouise says

This is a good cozy mystery that takes place on the Jersey Shore and involves a secret spanning 60 years. When Megan Stanford loses her news reporter job and goes to care for her elderly grandmother who is undergoing hospice treatments at home, she must uncover a mystery that puts her in danger after a body is discovered on the property. As Megan is reunited with Nick, a man from her past who is now a police officer in town, strange things begin to happen that threaten her. To protect her grandmother, she sets out to solve the riddle of the unidentified body, putting herself in further danger. While I was able to figure out some of the mysteries, there were a few interesting twists at the end. Linda Rawlins writes well, and this is a charming yet suspenseful mystery. I especially liked the addition of some paranormal elements and the manner in which hospice care and the elderly were conveyed.

A.K. Frailey says

I really enjoyed reading this book. In fact, I had a hard time putting it down. The main characters had attractive personalities and felt honest. The plot contained some really unexpected but quite plausible elements, and there were tons of beautiful detailed descriptions, which brought the story to life. What a wonderful way to getaway for the weekend. I didn't actually get to go to the beach, but I felt refreshed, as if I had. I hope the author writes more books in this setting.

Jackie Zortman says

When I have spare time, nothing is more relaxing for me than a book that immediately grabs and holds my attention. This book did that immediately from the blurb I read about it to the very last page. I love the writer's style and enjoyed every single minute of this page turner. The old mansion on the Jersey shore with various captivating characters and the small town ambience is right up my alley. I loved this book and you will, too.

Carol Ward says**What a ride !**

When the past collides with the present you know you are in for a rocky ride and some fun too. A thoroughly enjoyable book you'll want to read from start to finish. I have there is a book 2 as this adventure is just starting. ?????

Eileen says

Well written page turner - great for those lazy days of summer! Woven into the principle story is the author's ability to bring education and compassion to a often times difficult subject. Grab a beach chair & enjoy!!

Bonnie Jones says**Great Book**

I like a lot and I wish there more to it or another book. I would like see another book with her Grandparents come and visit help her with different mystery

Jeannie and Louis Rigod says

At first this novel seemed a little too cozy, but, then suddenly, writer come back to home, picked up it's pace and I'm still panting from the finding out of the complicit murderers.

It's Detroit, Michigan and online journalist, Megan Stanford has been fired. As she sobs in her car she receives a phone call that will change, not only her life, but answer some of the secrets held within her family at Misty Point, New Jersey.

Founding family, the Stanfords have had tragedy throughout their lives on the New Jersey shores. Grandparent's built a Victoria Mansion, but they felt loss when their only son, George, disappeared one weekend and his bride and sole heir, Dean came home to emptiness. It is sixty years later and Dean calls his only daughter to go and clean up the mess left behind from Hurricane Sandy. The mess, unfortunately, includes his ninety year old Mother.

Megan is shocked at her Grandmother's appearance and health condition. Not to mention, the township's decision to sue the estate for condemned properties left behind from the storm. As Megan tries to assume responsibilities, it becomes clear that there are mysteries, and persons wishing ill will towards her and her Grandmother.

As Hospice and the Police arrive, Megan wonders who she can trust and if she should.

This novel makes you want to zoom into the next installment. What other secrets are going to be unveiled. Thank goodness, Megan has a Life Guard best friend.

Debra Ledford says

Wonderful story in a place I would love to own. Worth the read.

Jay Brian says

Interesting story, keeps your interest. Really enjoyed the story and the characters. Can't wait for the sequel.

Donnajo says

A new to me author. A cozy mystery. First in the beach series. Looking forward to reading more books by this author. Loved this book, characters and setting. It pulled me in from the first page and would not let me go.

Stephanie Hobrock says

Great Story

Surface to say a complete review would have so many spoilers, that let's just say... murder, intrigue, romance all the element of a great cozy mystery that held my attention way better than the volleyball tournament I was supposed to be watching!

Can't wait for the next book in the series!

Joyce Rawlins says

I enjoyed this book very much. It was about the Jersey Shore, Sandy, and an unsolved murder. I couldn't put it down once I started reading it. I will recommend it to all my friends. What I need to know is when can we expect a sequel?

Victoria Simcox says

Intimidating her future and that of Misty Manor, Megan searches for facts of what really took place. Mysteries from the past are unfolding. Hurricane Sandy overwhelmed the beaches of New Jersey a few years back. Megan was shaken by the neglect she comes upon when she returns to her family's grand old home. All too real is the old photo, menacing messages, destruction and even a corpse. The secrets and the antiquity regarding Megan's grandpa's vanishing are thought-provoking. Misty Manor syndicates old-fashioned charm along with a clean exciting plot. Author Linda Rawlins has written a wonderful story laden with, romance, conspiracy, and twists and turns that I wasn't expecting. I'm ready to read the next installment. Hats off to Ms. Rawlins!

Jane Leslie says

Action packed mystery

I really enjoyed this book, which kept me up turning pages far into the night. So why the 4 star rating you ask? Shouldn't a book like that earn 5 stars? Well, first, there were some flaws in the writing and the book would have benefited from a better editor to cut down on some of the repetition that was present. Second, there wasn't much of a mystery and the "bad guys" were self evident. It was easy to guess who-done-it, the only question being what parts they played in the various incidents that occurred to poor Megan. Third, the non-use of contractions can be very distracting and the characters spoke to one another in what I think of as a stilted manner, not true to life. One character uses "would have" and "would of" in the same paragraph! In any case, "Misty Manor" caught and held my attention more readily than other books and, as I said (please forgive the repetition), kept me up late into the night so earned the 4 stars I gave it despite the editorial flaws. I wish it could have been 5! Ms. Rawlins, next time hire a good editor (I will do it for free) because you are a gifted writer with a few rough edges and I would love to read the continuing saga of Megan's experiences at Misty Manor. I especially want to find out what treasures are in that attic!

I highly recommend this book to everyone!

