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Love cosy crime, murder mysteries, clever animals and chocolate? Don't miss Murder on the Levels, the second Exham on Sea mystery, set in a seaside town in Somerset.

Two cyclists die on the Somerset Levels, and the Exham bakery gets the blame. Libby Forest runs into danger as she sets out to solve the mystery, save the bakery and rescue her career, helped by Bear, the enormous Carpathian Sheepdog, Fuzzy, an aloof marmalade cat and the handsome, secretive Max Ramshore. Set in the coastal resort of Exham on Sea, Murder on the Levels features a cast of local characters, including Mandy the teenage Goth, her new boyfriend, Steve, Frank the baker and Detective Sergeant Joe Ramshore, Max's estranged son. The green fields, rolling hills and sandy beaches of the West Country provide the perfect setting for crime, intrigue and mystery.

For lovers of Agatha Christie novels, Midsomer Murders, lovable pets and delicious food, the series offers a continuing supply of quick crime stories, each short enough to read in one sitting, as Libby solves a mixture of intriguing mysteries and uncovers the secrets of the past.

Murder on the Levels Details

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Nikki Brown says

This is the 2nd book in the series, with Libby, Max, Mandy and of course Bear & Shipley, the huge sheepdog and springer spaniel.

Just as Libby's new chocolate business is given the go ahead by Frank (the bakery owner where both Libby and Mandy work), tragedy strikes when the bakery is closed because 2 members of the cycling club die, and many more suffer food poisoning (including Libby) from sandwiches provided by Frank.

Of course, Libby and Max end up investigating when Frank is arrested. Libby also finds out some unsavoury facts about her deceased husband, Trevor; all was not how it seemed in his life!

Set in a beautiful part of England, Somerset; these are mysteries which are not too graphic, easy to read in a short time and leave you wanting more.

Nancy Wilson says

These are just plain weird stories. An incident occurs. Someone dies. It is murder. Leads develop, in all different ways until strings and paths are leading everywhere. And then suddenly our heroine is cornered by the villain (who, for anyone who has read more than two mysteries and more than one in this case, the reader instantly spotted)--her life is endangered. Someone intervenes--the heroine is saved. Villain arrested. Innocent soul released from jail. Dust hands together--case closed. And the way she just plops people in and out of the story with no lead in, no context--Jane is cooking supper. Who the hell is Jane and why is she cooking for the Dwarf? What??? I think, unless nosiness or boredom drive me to it, this is the last of encounters with Exham on Sea.

Susan Thompson says

Starting to Grow

Interesting plot line, the characters are starting to fill out. I would like to learn much more about Trevor, Libby's deceased husband. Let's see if all is revealed in Murder on the Tor

Vanessa says

I preferred book one in this series, but I do think I will continue it. Nice little mysteries, although this one, MC didn't do much digging and the solution came to her rather than the other way around.

Tony Hisgett says

I didn't particularly like the basic plot that Libby or the bakery are responsible for poisoning a cycling club, but as I quite liked Libby, Mandy and Bear from the previous book I decided to give it a go.

In the end the problem wasn't with the plot, but with Libby. She hasn't developed into the independent minded, sleuth I had hoped. At times she was a bit of a wimp and in the end the case was solved by accident.

Jenny Worstall says

Reviewed by me as part of Rosie Amber's Review Team.

'Murder on the Levels' is a delightfully quirky cosy mystery by Frances Evesham set in the West Country.

The central character, Libby Forest, is warmly portrayed; a baker of cakes and chocolate-maker by profession, she is unwittingly drawn into a murder mystery and detective work, not for the first time.

I loved all the musical references, my favourite being Libby's recollection of her recorder playing at school being,

"a regular series of high-pitched squeals, like a dawn chorus of cats..."

There are poisoned cyclists, cars driven badly and much too fast, pets with definite opinions, an enigmatic love-interest called Max, and various characters we suspect are not as respectable as they seem, all contributing to an enormous web of mystery and humour. Like Mandy's tattoos, all is not as it seems, and when the resolution comes, it is as welcome as it is unexpected.

Sue says

A good story

I enjoyed this story immensely, the twists and turns leading to the plot. Frances Evesham is a great author, I hope there's many more books to come.

Laurie Way says

This series is quite enjoyable! Quick reads but entertaining with great characters and satisfying mysteries.

Trish says

This one just didn't click with me as well as the first one.

Aileen (Ailz) Grist says

Another goodie

Another interesting and well written cosy mystery. It's nice now and then to have a break from 'gritty' reality. Enjoyed it immensely

sharon check says

Poison, on purpose?

Libby still struggles to realize her dream of her own shop while she works for Frank, the local baker. She finds herself with a temporary young "roommate", Mandy, who has her own problems. And her on again, off again relationship with and his dog Bear continues while Libby investigates the poisoning after many and death of two. A pleasant read that keeps the readers interest.

Gail says

Interesting characters

An interesting group of characters that I sometimes got confused as to what is happening as the storyline jumps around as a poisoning by chocolates occurs. Not sure that I'll read any more in this series.

Kim Gravitz says

A short and to the point murder mystery. There isn't a great deal of character development, but the story moves along with a good pace. Good length to read while a passenger on a trip.

sue bishop says

Good read

Having read the first book in the series i enjoyed the second instalment and read the book in one sitting

Teresa Perrott says

Excellent

There are twists and turns to keep you hooked. The guilty seems to be a well to do man, but can it be someone else who no one would expect.
