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THE ALPINE ADVOCATE IS ON A ROLL.

The big story is the five million dollar luxury spa that Los Angeles real estate developers want to build around Alpine's mountainside mineral springs--hot news and fierce controversy for Advocate readers, and for the paper's editor and publisher, Emma Lord.

Pro-spa Alpiners cite the prospect of sorely needed new jobs. Those against it predict glitz, sleaze, and an avalanche of "Californicators." No one foresees the murder that shocks the town. Aided by her House & Home editor, Vida Runkel, and tongue-tied Sheriff Milo Dodge, Emma lines up her biggest, blackest headlines and goes hunting--for a brilliant killer and the strange story behind an almost perfect crime. . . .

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The Alpine Gamble Details

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Misty says

This was actually a really interesting cozy mystery and the person she winds up being romantically involved with I did not see coming (which is unusual in cozy mysteries). It was a quick read but interesting, I would be interested in reading her other books in the series.

Claudia Cheyne says

News travels fast in Alpine. Developers from Los Angeles want to build a luxury spa and hotel on top of Spark Plug Mountain. Locals are quick to take sides - yes, we need jobs, but no, the mountain would be scarred and there aren't any decent roads to get up there. As editor of the local newspaper Emma Lord hears opinions from everyone she encounters. But one of the "Californicators" is found dead on the property where they planned to build. It appears as though he was the only person there at the time. This was a very good mystery with plenty of suspects. I did not figure out 'who done it'. Tom Cavanaugh and Emma were supposed to get together for a weekend which he cancels out at the last minute. Milo and Leo both seem like potential love interests as they work together to solve the case.

M says

Controversy surrounds the development of a luxury spa at Alpine's mineral springs, and leads to murder.

VJ says

Mary Daheim did it again. Completely befuddled me till the very last chapter or two. Along the ride, she thoroughly entertained me with small town life juxtaposed with big city slickers.

I love the little town that has layer upon layer upon layer added with each new book.

Christine says

So much better than The Alpine Fury, the previous book in this series. The mystery was easier to follow, and actually kind of compelling. The additional characters central to the mystery were also really interesting, not just thrown in there. Emma seems to be growing up a bit when it comes to Tom, and even Vida is in the mood for love. Great entry.

Patricia says

The local library did not have this volume although when I started this series it had all but book 5. So I bought this and so my expectations rose with my "financial" commitment. I scanned a lot and just could not get into the mystery part, probably because I had to know what turned out with Tom although I had inadvertently read the beginning of the next book and so I knew the bottom line. There also seemed to be a lot of swearing in this one.

Lynn says

Alpine Washington needs jobs for its future and for the livelihood of its residents. Some developers are interested in developing a spa on a mountain that has hot springs. Still many of the residents oppose the building of the spa due to change to the environment on the mountain. Another big reason, is that the developers are from out of state so they are not trusted. About the time, when everything seems to be coming together for the building of the spa, a murder occurs.

Emma Lord the owner and editor of the Alpine Advocate, a weekly local newspaper, starts to investigate. Emma is naturally curious plus she wants news for her newspaper. Even if she wasn't a journalist, she would still become involved due to her personality. I did not have the mystery solved until the author chose to disclose it.

One of the reasons that this is one of my favorite cozy reads, is the characters. They are developed from book to book and as a reader you start caring for them. They are a likable group. Emma, Milo (the sheriff), Leo (the ad manager) and perhaps one of the most entertaining Vida(home and garden). There is always humor in the books. For me as a reader now of the first 7 books, the series seems to get even more enjoyable. That can't be said for some series where the opposite can happen. Looking forward to reading the next Alpine adventure, The Alpine Hero.

Mary Kovarik says

A good read. I find Mary Daheim's novels always entertaining.

Glenda says

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Monica Mason says

Good as I remember the other one I read years ago in the series.

Ailisa Evans says

Alpine needs jobs and a new business is the answer to the problem...just not from these two Californian businessmen. Alpine natives hate Californians, so it was a lost cause from the start. Another great book with an interesting twist in solving the murder. If a gunshot is heard, then it is up to Emma to find out who fires the gun.

Catherine Woodman says

This is a competent if not exciting series, and definitely one of my favorites by the author

Glenn Harris says

Another excellent entry in the Emma Lord series.
