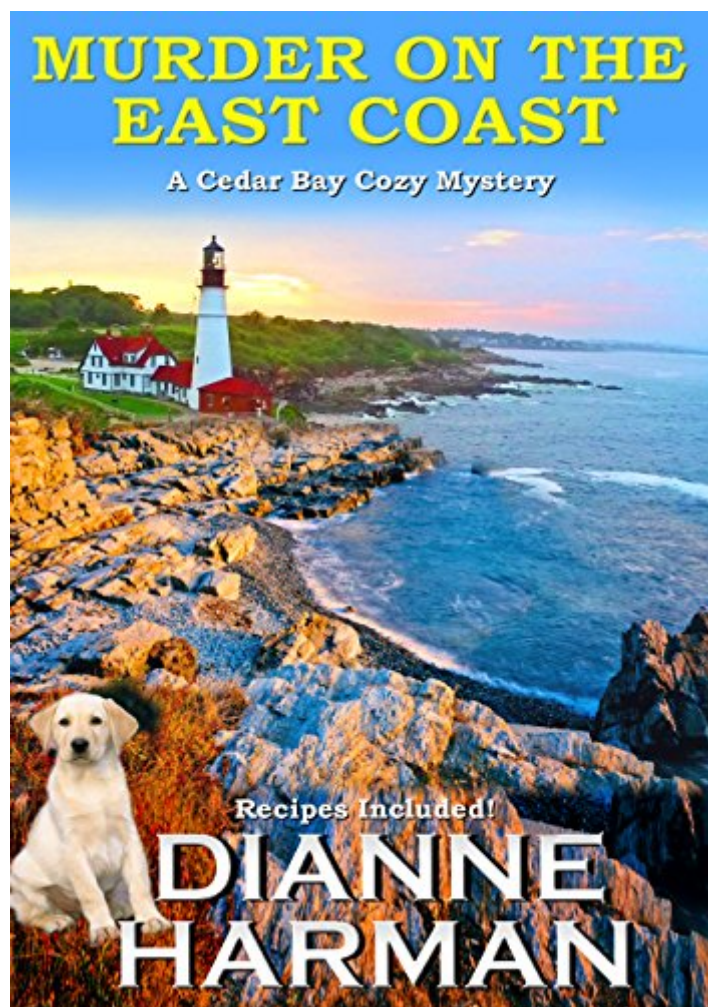


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Murder On The East Coast: A Cedar Bay Cozy Mystery



Synopsis

Seven time All Star Author with her latest book in the best selling Cedar Bay Cozy Mystery Series. Kelly, the owner of Kelly's Koffee Shop, and her husband, Sheriff Mike, fly to Virginia to see a friend, Stephanie, receive her doctorate degree. What Kelly didn't plan on was becoming involved in trying to solve the murder of Stephanie's friend, Julie. The mystery of who killed Julie leads Kelly to Boston, Massachusetts, York, Maine, and Portland, Oregon, as she tries to track down and identify the killer. Was the ten million dollars Julie's mother gave her as a graduation present the reason she was murdered? And just who would profit from her murder? The quirky cast of suspects includes Julie's soon-to-be ex-husband, her worthless brother, a jealous co-worker, and the daughter she'd given up for adoption just after she graduated from high school, but with whom she'd recently been reunited. Julie's mother is the multimillionaire owner of a huge insurance company and convinces Kelly to try and help find her daughter's killer. She has stage four pancreatic cancer, and her doctors don't give her much time to live. Can Kelly find the killer before Julie's mother dies of cancer?

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Customer Reviews

I love this series and was so excited that another book just came out. Kelly and Mike are my favorite

couple because they are real. I feel as though I could be friends with them. This book was more about Kelly and her journey to help her friend so she was solo some of the time and that made for an interesting story. This author always shakes up the story so they are always new and interesting but with the same lovable characters. Hope there is another book soon.

A nice quick get away for Kelly and Mike, to see her friend Stephanie get her doctorate degree. While at the graduation, they met Julie a friend of Stephanie. Having no one else there, cheering her for such an accomplishment, and friendship these two women have. A toast before a gala evening, changes all plans, when Julia is found murdered. Kelly, is asked to go see Julia's Mother, for she has ideas of who could have done this. What turns out she thought to be a short visit, to reassure her, turns into Kelly investigating and sampling the delights of great food on the east coast. Another great cozy story, as Kelly travels to Boston, Mass, York, Maine, and Portland, Oregon. Was it because of money, her brother, or an ex- husband, or a baby given away, now an adult, and just found out who her mother was. Enjoyable for all. As well as some great recipes at the back, that Kelly enjoyed.

This was one of those books I was primed to like; however, the execution did not live up to my expectations.1. The early chapters ended with spoilers, such as "she didn't know it would be her last day on Earth." Now I know who is going to get killed; why should I read on? I'd rather discover it organically, please.2. There is way too much telling and not enough showing, leading to stilted dialogue as the author tries to cram too much information into a very short space of time. There are better ways to get the material across than having to resort to putting it in characters' mouths.3. One chapter is devoted to the sights in Boston, none of which are used elsewhere in the book. The entire chapter could be pulled without losing any continuity in the story.4. A family chauffeur of 20+ years would never open up to a perfect stranger about family secrets. If he was that loose lipped, he'd lose his job immediately.5. Her husband who is a sheriff encourages her to go to Maine for more information on possible suspects. No one in law enforcement would ever send a civilian to hunt for a killer, especially one to whom they are married and has had no training. That's way too risky behavior. The second half of the book has better dialogue than the first, but, by then, the author has spoon fed the backstories to us. While the book isn't terrible, I was still disappointed. It had the potential to be a much better book than it is.

Dianne Harman has become my favourite author. She gives just enough information to intro to let

everyone know who is who . But she hits the mystery with a bang. That is when the fun begins. I have been known to put all everything on hold just because I need to finish that book. Luckily my children are grown so I only have to feed myself and my dogs. Oh and my cats.

Wow! It was terrific and had me turning pages fast! Best part was seeing names of places like Norgolk Virgina and Virginia Beach. I am a native of Richmond Virginia! Kelly really gets into a lot this time and travels without Mike except by phones calls for his advice. Yep, it's 5 Star reading once again! A real page turner!!

Kelly and Mike are on a quick getaway to see Stephanie graduate. Stephanie's friend, Julia, gets murdered. While Kelly investigates on the East coast, she gets to sample the food, as do we with the wonderful recipes in the back of the book. Dianne Harmon writes a lovely cozy mystery. Always so much fun to read. Always so well done. She leaves you with a good, well-written story and a great mystery.

This was a wonderful book. I love these characters. The plot was wonderful and easy to follow. I loved that this book had an adoption story as part of the plot. I was adopted and felt this story was wonderful. Not how mine went but still a very believable and wonderful story. I just found Diannes book recently and have enjoyed them all. She is definitely a must read author.

I just can not get enough of Dianne Harman's books! They always keep me reading non stop and trying to guess who committed the murder. I am pretty sure I have read all of them. The recipes in this one--oh my. Maybe she should make up a cookbook with all of them--they are all so tempting. Kelly really gets into the middle of a murder investigation this time--and all because she went to a friends graduation. She is still crossing her fingers behind her back when she knows her husband-Sheriff Mike-isn't going to like what she is up to-even when he is not around. But rest assured he knows her!!

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