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The Purr-fect Crime (A Paranormal Cozy Mystery) (Willow Bay Witches Book 1)



Synopsis

Magic is about to meet murder in Willow Bay. Angela Martin lives a pretty normal life. As normal as the life of a witch who can talk to animals can be, anyway. Until she shows up to work one day and finds a dead body. Of course, in a small town like Willow Bay this means everyone is obviously on edge. Between the cops who have never investigated a murder before, the crazy hot but infuriating guy Angela is sure has something to do with the murder and clients threatening to move to Canada, Angela starts to wonder if things are ever going to be normal again. But as Angela comes closer to the truth, she finds herself in the murderer's crosshairs. Will she be able to solve the case before she becomes the next victim? The Purr-fect Crime is the first book in the Willow Bay Witches series of paranormal cozy mysteries. It's a full-length novel full of funny and sarcastic best friends, a touch of magic, a snarky talking cat and a little bit of romance.

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Customer Reviews

The lack of editing gets in the way of the story big time. I've only read the first few chapters and am ready to quit. The author tells us that Lisa took in the two young sisters after their parents died. They

live in the house that Lisa, who took them in after their parents died, kept for them. Their friend, Sophie, is the daughter of Lisa, the woman who cared for them and didn't sell their parent's house. At one point the author tells us that Lisa lives in the house - you know, the one she kept for them after their parents died? - but she doesn't. I'm going to try to read on but one more mention of who Lisa is or how the sisters ended up living in their deceased parent's house and I'm done. I mean it.

Text: I really enjoyed this story. It was well written, the mystery was well thought-out, and the interactions between Angela, her best friend Sophie and her sister Charlotte were absolutely hilarious! The author did a good job of balancing the real life stuff and the witch stuff, and Bee, the cat, was absolutely amazing.

The story was enjoyable enough as were the characters & loved the cat but some of the grammar was bothersome - Lisa took in Charlotte & I instead of Charlotte & me. And sometimes it was Bella's cafe then it was Betty's cafe. And without giving anything away, at one point the sister & best friend are surprised about some news that they had all supposedly heard earlier in a TV news report. Even though I liked the characters, don't know as I'd go out of my way to read more of this series.

I love the relationship between Angie, Charlotte, and Sophie and especially Bee, typical cat. The snarky remarks and actions make the story refreshing; already to read "Barking up the wrong tree" to further the adventure.

I admit I would have given it a four rather than three had the editing been better. The first few pages repeat the same things over. Seems like the author was trying different ways to write and left it all in, big fail on the editing. The fact that it just seems tired with the three girls fighting was a bit off putting. Not sure why it was listed as paranormal, other than unlocking a door, nothing much else there in that genre. It could be so much better. The idea is there, the characters need a bit more development - I would think that Lisa having raised the two sisters - one since almost birth and the other a toddler that they would call her Mom like her daughter - guess not...I will as always read a second before just giving up, everyone can make mistakes. Hopefully, the next will be more on point.

My new favorite series. Angela is a very good heroine. Bee, the cat is the perfect side-kick. I can't wait to ready the other two books. In fact, I think a few more books with these characters would be

perfect

Really liked reading this mystery and hope to read more of these characters. The give and take between Angela and her friend and sister was funny. Also I like the conversations between Angela and her cat.

"The Purr-fect Crime" by Samantha Silver is the first book in the Willow Bay Witches series. In the small town of Willow Bay on the west coast, Angie is not only the resident veterinarian, but a witch as well. She lives in the house that her parents owned before their death with her sister and best friend. One day Angie finds a dead body in her veterinarian office, and since not much goes on in the small town, the three young women decide to try to solve the crime. Overall, this was a fairly good novel. The positive points were that the story was easy to follow while keeping you reading. At the same time there were a few negative points. One, the first two chapters were filled with info dumps. Tip, pepper it into the flow of the story. Two, Bella and Betty are the same character. The beta readers should have picked this up. Tip, keep a character list on hand while writing your novel. It can be on a separate file or on a note pad. Before publishing, use the find feature in your document to make sure you're using the same name with the same spelling for all of your characters. Other than that there were a couple of other minor things that aren't really worth mentioning in detail. If you are someone that can look past the editing issues, then this novel is for you. The witch stuff is on the light side and consists mainly of the main character being able to talk to animals. She also casts about two spells. The interaction between the three young women is what keeps the plot moving forward. The wrap up is sort of predictable, but it also has a deus ex machina feel to it too. I enjoyed reading this novel, and will check out the next one in the series.

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