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A new arrival sets tongues wagging in the village of Turnham Malpas, from the Sunday Times bestselling author. When Jimbo asks his mother, Katherine, to come and live near him in Turnham Malpas, his kindness has rather more repercussions than he anticipated. Before long Katherine is organising the harvest festival display, and causes uproar with her high-handed ways. But Katherine goes too far when she petitions to rid the village of some of its residents. Only Peter, the rector, can control Katherine's more outrageous actions. Finding it hard to resist his natural charm and diplomacy, she gradually begins to mellow as the village works its magic on her...

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Sue says

This features, as do others in the series, the fictional village of Turnham Malpas and its residents. I'm never entirely sure why I continue reading these books, which I find from time to time in charity shops. The characterisation is flat - with so many characters I can't possibly keep track, even with the synopsis in the front - and the many subplots are like a soap opera in a book.

But when I spot one I don't have already, I pick them up, always wondering if they are going to get more interesting. I do quite like following the lives of Peter, the Rector, and his doctor wife Caroline. They are responsible for the one scene in this that I found quite moving; if the books were written from their perspective alone rather than dotting around the whole population of the village, I think I'd find them more enjoyable.

But they pass the time. This was no better or worse than any of the others I have read by this author.

K.T. says

The series just gets better and better as it goes on.

Charlotte Smith says

This book was good and what a village life is about.

Susan Pearson says

One again this proved to be a quick easy read although some of the subjects were not in keeping with the quick easy read status. I do enjoy the caricatures that Rebecca Shaw introduced, for instance Jimbo's mother in this novel. The main characters were given storylines but some of the main characters from previous novels in the series were barely mentioned. A tricky balancing act, which I think Shaw achieves better in the Barleybridge novels personally.

F M says

Another of this series under the belt. Always easy to read and enjoyable. They often cover serious life issues. In this one a bit of physical abuse, possible incest and marital infidelity. some slightly gritty themes under the sugar coating!

Judi Mckay says

I found this tedious and badly written and provides a twee description of a village which I don't think is true of any village these days

David says

With the arrival of Jimbos mum things run anything but smoothly in the village, affairs are had, people dramatically leave and a character is diagnosed with an illness. Also what will the residents of Turnham Malpas reveal in this novel.

Kathy says

Another great book in the Turnham Malpas series! Quite a few scandals; some solved, some not. Grandmama Charter-Plackett is an absolute hoot! My concerns are over Caroline. To be continued, eh??

Curlyhair says

Another dose of village life, quite entertaining.

Donna Boultwood says

Another great story of village life. Some difficult story lines covered, but as usual all turns out for the best. I love the new character mrs charter-placket aka the duchess! Some great encounters with her!

June Louise says

There definitely is scandal in this novel in the Turnham Malpas series, where the normally quiet little community is rocked with news of "goings on" between two of its prominent members - which take a dangerous turn on the top of te church tower on All Saints Day. And what is the real story behind the Tutts? There are health worries for one person, delivery problems for another, and "Grandmama/The Duchess" Katherine Charter-Plackett just can't stop spreading false gossip.....

Again, loved the escapism these books provide; it's sometimes nice to escape your own community to "live" in another for a short while. Easy-reading, brilliant for summer reading-lists and a bit of a page-turner as well. Now to the next one.....

