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Sandy Bartles says

Amanda Parker is trying to make up her mind on whether or not to move back to Cutter's Cove, the small town she and her mother moved to years ago when they were in Witness Protection. While there on an extended vacation, Amanda begins having dreams that lead her and her friends to solve another death. This is a wonderfully, exciting book that really kept me going. I love all the characters and the closeness of Amanda and her friends. I can't wait for the next book!

Robin Leslie Coxon says

Amanda, previously known as Alyson Prescott, has returned to Cutter's Cove, Oregon, for a six-week vacation from her job as a graphic artist in New York. Returning to the home her mother and she had rejuvenated on the bluff, Amanda has images presented in dream form. Using the information from her dreams, Amanda consults with Officer Woody Baker to help solve the cold case of Naomi Miller's disappearance. Trevor Johnson and Mackenzie Reynolds, friends who were made during Amanda's previous time at Cutter's Cove also return with the possibility of a love interest. Kathi Daley has once again provided her readers with a paranormal mystery that will keep them interested from the first page to the end.

Mary Brown says

Secrets By The Sea
Haunting By The Sea, Book #2
Kathi Daley
5 Stars

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Review:

When you read a book by this author, you know that you will always find certain things within the book.

You know there will be great characters, a welcoming setting and a mystery worth solving. *Secrets By The Sea* is no different.

The characters are well rounded and well developed. All of our favorite characters are back, and it looks like they are staying in Cutter's Cove for good. This is great news. They are once again trying to solve a murder, one that happened a long time ago. When Amanda starts having recurring dreams about a grave, she sets out to find the grave and who is buried in it. I really liked the fact that no one stumbled upon a dead body, which is what happens in most cozies that I read. This was refreshing.

The writing style flows smoothly and the book is a quick easy read. The author is very talented in her descriptive writing and she pulls you into the story with her written words. Although the mystery happened in the past, there are still enough suspects to consider and clues to sift through. I really enjoy the paranormal aspect of this book, it adds another level to the mystery. I have found that this author's books are as much about the characters and their lives than they are about the mystery, and this is a great thing.

I would recommend this book, and series, to anyone who enjoys a well crafted cozy. If you are looking for a great read, you have found it.

Celest says

Solving a cold case

This wasn't a typical murder mystery, but it was very enjoyable. I am becoming attached to the characters in this series, now that I have read two books. They are being very well developed and likable. It's more difficult for Amanda's friends to help her as much as they would like because of the shy ghost. She has to seek her out alone or with one of her pets. This story took an unexpected turn, which is always fun for me. I do recommend this series and I will be reading the next book in this series.

Kathleen says

"Secret as by the Sea" earns 5/5 Dreams and Secrets Revealed...Fun!

Amanda has decided to remain in Cutter's Cove for the remainder of her six-week vacation hoping that she can actually have a vacation sans any ghosts, disturbances, or investigations. However, the dream—foggy, tiring climb, a grave with a handmade wooden cross—brings to her attention a young girl who went missing sixteen years ago. The original investigating detective thought Naomi's disappearance suspicious with several possible scenarios and one very obvious suspect, but no crime scene, no body, no case. Amanda and her BFFs, along with Deputy Baker, retrace some of the detective's steps, interviewing key persons, but even when they find the grave displayed in her dream, it is clear that this investigation is not going to be easy.

I was one of the fans sorry to see the end of Kathi Daley's Seacliff High series. Although they were in high school and the stories did refer to studying for tests, football games, and issues with fitting in, they were mature enough that their age was easy to overlook. When I learned Kathi was reimagining the series, I was so delighted. Kathi Daley does well incorporating the paranormal or supernatural in a way that it all seems

real. I enjoy a little “ghost” or “ESP” in my cozy, but with Kathi Daley, it's never juvenile hocus-pocus. It is an entertaining way to offer information, evidence, and maybe inject some fun or poignancy into her story. She also does well including every day experiences, life events, and personal interactions that engage the reader beyond the “cozy murder” theme. These events facilitate character development and make Kathi Daley’s characters well-defined and relatable. Add a clever mystery, detailed investigation often with the approval of law enforcement, and a satisfying conclusion, and you have another hit from Kathi Daley. You can start here without difficulty, but the first book is a must!

Sandra says

A new life and another ghost

Amanda Parker is back in her house by the sea. Her dreams have put Amanda in contact with another mystery. She believes the grave on a beautiful hill belongs to a young girl missing sixteen years. First Amanda finds the girl's body, then she sets out to find a killer. 16 years buries a lot of secrets and Amanda’s new acquaintance is not anxious for a solution. This case is unusual and, as Amanda settles into a new life, new friends and family settled in with her. The characters are well developed and the mystery is sad and unsettling. This well developed book has me looking forward to the next installment.

Lisa Millett says

Ghostly Winner

Amanda Parker fresh from solving her old friend's murder is struggling with whether or not to stay in Oregon where she is happy or to move back to New York. She begins having dreams about a young teen girl and a grave with a wooden cross on a hillside overlooking the ocean. You see Amanda is capable of seeing and speaking with ghosts. She seeks out her friend Woody, a police officer who finds the case of a missing teen girl from many years ago. With her buddy Trevor, Amanda goes driving up and down the coast to try and find the burial site. When they finally find it and contact Woody, they discover the remains of a young woman buried there. Now into full investigation mode, Amanda, Woody and Trevor begin interviewing people that knew the girl when she disappeared including her parents. Amanda also goes to the makeshift grave to try to make contact with the girl's ghost. Slowly she is able to weed out the suspects and get the girl to speak with her. The book has a dramatic surprise ending and you won't be able to put it down. This is an awesome mystery series by Kathi Daley especially if you like a little paranormal mixed in with your cozy mystery.

Laura Reading says

This clean mystery has some romantic yearnings, and a few paranormal elements, but is all about a past mystery and discovering the truth. It continues the story of Amanda discovering more about herself and integrating her Alyson side but you can read this as a stand alone and very much enjoy it.

Three best friends from high school are now grown and have taken different paths in life. A tragic incident called them together (in the first book of this series) and once that was solved they could have gone back to

their "new" ways but it felt so good and natural and RIGHT for them to be together again. Happily we discover their plans for the future.

Playing a role in keeping Amanda in Cutter's Cove are recurring dreams she is having about a hidden grave. There is speculation about a girl who disappeared even before Amanda had ever been in Cutter's Cove. Most people felt she had been abused, had enough and finally ran as far away as she could. Amanda is sure her dreams are related to this girl and that she must help her find peace.

Full of beautiful descriptions of sunrises and sunsets, and a lot of wine, we enjoy joining these friends as they figure out the mystery of Naomi and as they figure out the next steps in their own personal and professional lives. Despite an underlying sadness evident in a story of this type, this book does bring on a sense of peace about accepting and coming to terms with moving forward.

Elizabeth says

Secrets By The Sea (Haunting By The Sea - Book 2)

By: Kathi Daley

Secrets By The Sea is book two in Haunting By The Sea series by Kathi Daley. I love this series even better than the first series. The teenagers are all grown up and out on their own. The story is well written and the characters are real like. The author did not disappoint. Amanda joins back up with her best friends in Cutter's Cove. Amanda and the gang gets caught up in a case where a young girl had gone missing. Can they solve the mystery of where she is, or what happened to her? This mystery will take them all working together and even the animals. I love to see how these good friends are back and working together. This is a very good, clean mystery that will keep you guessing till close to the end. This mystery story is good for all ages.

Marissa says

Kindle Copy for Review

Amanda Parker decides to stay in Cutter Cove permanently. She realizes how important the place is to her and the friendships she made during her short time there.

She starts dreaming of a young girl who keeps haunting her dreams. Amanda with the help of Mac and Trevor will dig into things. The young girl, trouble teenager who goes missing with a dad who is an alcoholic womanizer and a mother with a bipolar personality as Amanda will uncover behind the cliffs.

Once again we are drawn into the world of ghosts and their need to find peace with the aid of Amanda. A nice read in the series.

Taryn says

In this next book of the series Amanda has been having dreams and after doing some research she thinks they are related to a girl who went missing in 2002 at the age of sixteen. The cops think she ran away because of

the quality of her home life, a drunken father and a mother who has mental issues. Naomi has never returned and a body was never found so the cops basically closed the case saying that she ran away. When Amanda is led to the girls grave through her dreams she knows she must investigate and figure out what happened to her so many years ago. Naomi lived a life of isolation and had no friends to speak of so who would have wanted her dead and why? Follow along as Amanda along with her friends look into Naomi's life looking for clues to what could have happened so long ago. Along the way Amanda steps back into her friendship with Mac and Trevor, getting to know the people they are now. She also has to figure out what the next step for her life is going to be. Her job has been getting stale, her relationship isn't exciting, and she didn't realize how much she missed Cutter's Cove. Will she be able to get everything settled in a way that she can be truly happy and find a murderer at the same time? This is such a great series that has evolved in an interesting way. It grabs you and pulls you in and you can't wait to see what is going to happen next. The characters are easy to like and get to know and I look forward to seeing what mystery befalls them next.

Lynne Moody says

Wow really enjoyed this alot. So many intriguing things going on. All the gangs back together again and this time it's trying to solve a murder from 16 years ago. So many twist and turns with interesting characters all around. A book you don't want to miss. Keeps getting better with each book.

M says

A Short, Easy-Read Ghost Cozy

This is the first book I've read by this new-to-me author. I wanted a cozy with paranormal elements, and this book seemed a perfect fit. I wasn't aware that this was a YA book until I started reading it; I finished it quickly.

The plot to discover who killed and secretly buried a teenager in 2002 is straightforward with a few twists. The author showcases the gorgeous scenery, comfortable characters, cooperative local police, friendly pets, and a sad ghost who needed to move on.

I was able to read this book as a stand-alone, because the author includes enough background on her characters. There were a few punctuation problems, but nothing too obvious.

RO G'ma says

Secrets by the Sea is the second novel in Kathi Daley's Haunting by the Sea series. This series picks up ten years after the last book in Ms. Daley's awesome Seacliff High series, but it isn't necessary to have read the previous series before starting this one because sufficient character background is provided. The well-plotted mystery is intriguing and complex and the affable characters are well developed. This is a clean cozy mystery with paranormal activity.

Amanda Parker recently returned to Cutter's Cove, Oregon after living in New York for ten years. Amanda, who was known as Alyson Prescott, and her mother first moved to the small seaside community twelve years ago while in the Witness Protection Program. She's reconnected with her two best friends, Trevor Johnson and Mackenzie Reynolds, and worked closely with another friend, Officer Woody Baker, to solve the murder

of her elderly friend, Rory Oswald, a/k/a Booker. When she arrived at the home she and her mother had lovingly renovated, she was shocked to find teenaged Alyson Prescott waiting for her. Chan, a friend who owns a magic shop and had helped her sort out mystical occurrences in the past, explained that she'd fragmented her psyche when she moved to New York, leaving the part of herself she didn't think would fit in her life in New York in Cutter's Cove. He also told her that the parts would merge, becoming one again, but only if she committed to staying in Cutter's Cove. When Amanda/Alyson first moved to Cutter's Cove, she learned she had the power to see and hear ghosts, who often appeared to her in dreams when they were seeking her help.

Amanda's latest unsettling dream involves a troubled sixteen-year-old girl named Naomi Collins, who was reported as missing by a teacher in April of 2002. Naomi lived in a dysfunctional home with her abusive and alcoholic father; her mother was institutionalized for a mental disorder not long before Naomi's disappearance. Darwin Young, the original investigating officer, questioned a few people, but chocked the case up as a runaway situation since a body was never found. Amanda is convinced Naomi is a murder victim and works with Woody to develop a suspect list. Amanda and Trevor set out to find the location of the grave in her dream so she can make contact with Naomi, try to win her trust, and convince her that she'll be set free once she shares what happened to her.

Lynn says

Secrets by the sea. Book 2

I absolutely love this series and am anxious for the next. Kathi Daley has a style of writing that is as engaging as Nora Roberts and some of the other more well known writers. Amanda/Alyson is a very well written character. They work together to solve the mystery of the disappearance of a poor young girl who never had the chance to live her life or have any happiness. Sweet sweet book with mystery and happiness.
