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Sarah says

Quick, easy mystery. Perfect book for summer.

Brenda says

Really enjoyed the book, and the ending surprised me. Plan on reading other Savannah Reid mysteries.

Katharine Coggeshall says

I really enjoyed this book! McKevett is a master at weaving a suspense story with humor, intrigue, and overall entertainment. Her characters are so dimensional and well-crafted. The ending was unpredictable, which I enjoyed, but also satisfying. My favorite part of this particular book in the series was the character of Cordele. McKevett allows lessons to be learned through the invention of her characters and Cordele has much to teach to the reader.

Kat says

so far its taking place in ca, at a estate along the ocean. a woman who makes choc (but isnt a good cook) for tv who was really mean hired savannah to see who is sending her death threat letters. no one likes her so its going to be hard to narrow it down. she gets killed early on in the book. i just started it last night and am trying to make the book last until the next one in the series (I already requested it) shows up. i enjoy this series very much! savannah got a cold but it went away already.

guess i had a pretty good guess, her cold went away so fast cause the chocolate cake was poisoned with cold medication that killed the cook!

almost finished the book at lunch, will probably be done with it tonight. the butler did it i think. i have the next book to pick up at the library.

wow not only did the butler do it, but the little girl was his daughter. didnt see that coming!

started the next book this morning with my breakfast!

Chris says

My first book by this author and it won't be my last. So refreshing to have a female PI who is not stumbling into a job that she has no training for. Clever, a fast read and just a fun time!

June Ahern says

My first read of this author and I'll be back because the characters are well developed and fun, well, mostly, some are not so nice plus the mystery got me going and I guessed wrong. So good for Ms. McKeve.

Sarah says

Not terrible, but not great. The story is interesting but is missing the drama and suspense of a truly good 'who done it'. I was hoping for a new author but I probably won't bother with any others in the series.

Aj says

It was a bitter-sweet story.

Spoiler

I'd have strangled Cordele, if I was Van.

Laura says

Very easy read. I read this in one day on a plane to Houston. I love the main character because she is a sassy plus sized woman! Nothing though that stimulates the mind or makes me want to change the world.

Robin says

Sonja Massie's Savannah Reid Mystery series, written under the pseudonym G. A. McKeve, isn't for everyone. But if you happen to know, or be, an irreverent middle-aged foodie who enjoys wit and humor more than teeth-gritting suspense and graphic gore, there's a good chance that the series will resonate with you. If a detective who can be tough and aggressive, yet also bubble with genuine friendliness and hospitality befitting her Georgian roots sounds appealing, check out this series. If you like chocolate, "Death by Chocolate" is a good place to start.

Lady Eleanor is the famous Queen of Chocolate on the Gourmet Network, whipping up delicious chocolate treats on-air that LA-based detective Savannah can't quite recreate at home, much as she tries. Luckily, she can buy Lady Eleanor's treats through the Queen's retail empire. When a well-connected friend offers Savannah's services to Lady Eleanor, we learn that all is not sweet in the TV mogul's world.

Savannah is hired to find out who is sending death threat letters to Lady Eleanor. At first she is thrilled to meet her TV idol. But the gracious and well-groomed on-air Victorian is no lady off-camera. Crabby, self-important, and disrespectful, with slovenly personal habits, she gives both family and employees alike plenty of opportunity to wish that she were dead. So when she does drop dead during the next show after a bite of

Death by Chocolate Cake, Savannah suspects that there's more to the Queen's purported on-air heart attack than meets the eye.

Readers who like light theme-based mystery series, for example the various cat-themed mysteries; or series about funny, sometimes fallible female detectives, like Sharon Kahn's rabbi's wife books, will also enjoy this series.

Tabby Kat says

Business has been a little slow at the Moonlight Magnolia Detective Agency, but full-figured detective Savannah Reid doesn't have time to drown her sorrows in a box of double-chocolate truffles. She's too busy watching the Gourmet Network -- and drooling over the sinfully scrumptious confections that Lady Eleanor ("The Queen of Chocolate") whips up on-air.

When Savannah hears that Lady Eleanor has been getting death threats, she jumps at the chance to be her round-the-clock bodyguard. Although she soon discovers that the woman is as rotten as last year's Valentine candy, she's horrified when the Queen of Chocolate bites into a piece and drops dead in the middle of her own live TV show. Savannah's challenge now is to narrow down the long list of enemies. . .without becoming the next to die.

Megan Sanders says

Not my favorite book out of the series, probably because I got the murder wrong, but it was worth it visualizing Ryan in his swimwear <3

Jessica says

Death by Chocolate is a book with unexpected heartstrings and tugs. McKevert's Reid sisters, Savannah and Cordele, make a lot of groundbreaking observations on how life used to be. And it's set against a hard pill of a case where justice is served in pretty sad design.

Of the Reid books, this is a favorite. The case and family dynamic on all sides really points to the right spots for people with some childhood drama and trauma. But what's better is seeing Van open up, and explain life, with even more compassion.

There's a lot of lessons on self-confidence, too. When Dirk makes a sexist remark, she lets loose. "It's a matter of having the sense to understand that everybody doesn't come in one size or shape. Women's bodies are beautiful, and that goes for the big ones as well as the smaller ones. It's believing that any human body that's walking around--seeing, hearing, speaking, feeling, functioning--is a miracle of nature and worthy of respect. And so is the person who inhabits that body" (71). What makes this even more powerful is the fact the book was written in 2003. These are lessons we're still learning, 13 years later. But she doesn't snark or make a comment about size. Defective and harmful characteristics are far more worthy of attack.

The focuses on a lot of different elements, but hitting into the depression of life, the sheer weight really combines all kinds of story strings. It's worth reading and really thinking about the harm people do to each other. In a lighter, less grimy scene.

Leigh Benton says

Quick mystery read. I loved it! And it's the one of the first in a series of 15. All of them are awesome!

Mary Beth says

This book was the quintessential summer-time novel. Light and a quick read. Sometimes this kind of book is just the ticket.
