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Praise for The Tourist Trap Mysteries

"Murder, dirty politics, pirate lore, and a hot police detective: *Guidebook to Murder* has it all! A cozy lover's dream come true." --Susan McBride, author of *The Debutante Dropout Mysteries*

"Lynn Cahoon has created an absorbing, good fun mystery in *Mission to Murder*." --*Fresh Fiction*

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Jonathan says

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The seventh book in a quickly growing series, *Tea Cups and Carnage* was a vast improvement over the last book and overall an above-par book that I enjoyed!

The main characters were back, and they all seemed to have new life breathed into them. The characters had started to get repetative in the few books before this one and in the last book they fell completely flat; however in this book they were wonderful. They all had new layers added on and I especially liked the parts with Josh.

The mystery was also so much better. Jill didn't do very much sleuthing and it all just fell into her lap; that's my favorite kind of mystery! The ending was very suspenseful, and my heart was beating so fast!

Overall a simply wonderful book. I will be reading the next book and I'm very excited for Ms. Cahoon's new series coming in September!

Meg says

A good addition to the series. It was good to catch up with some of the characters, of which Esmeralda is still my favorite, even though she only shows now and then. Oh, and Emma, the sweetest dog ever. It needed a bit of editing but, fortunately, it was a good enough story to keep on reading. The next in the series is on the WL.

Micky Cox says

There is a new shop owner in town and her crazy family has followed her to town. When a body pops up, the question is which one of the family members is the guilty party? The characters are really fleshing out and becoming friends that you just can't wait to catch up with in the next book! The interpersonal relationships enhance the story line and bring an extra pizzazz to the plot. Definitely an entertaining book to spend an afternoon with!

Kristine (A Cozy Booknook) says

This is one of my favorite series and this installment doesn't disappoint. The town of South Cove is hosting a Beach Festival to draw in more tourists. With the arrival of vendors and tourists alike, there are also a few unsavory characters stirring up a whole lot of trouble, or could it be the new tea shop owner? Coffee, Books, and More owner, Jill finds herself asking questions about all the ruckus going on expecially the motorcyclist

who almost ran over Aunt Jackie.

I really enjoyed this book, I thought it was a little different. Coffee shop owner, Jill seemed determined not to get involved in the murder investigation, she was more concerned about the motorcyclist causing chaos. This leads Jill to ask some hard questions and the answers she gets are quite surprising.

I feel a part of the story as I read and can almost smell the briny scent of the ocean. The author does a great job of setting the scene and bringing the characters to life. I really enjoy this series and look forward to reading more. I can't wait to read what happens next!

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Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

The Tourist Trap Mysteries gets better and better with every new installment!

I knew this series by author Lynn Cahoon was going to be one of my favorites when I read book one, *GUIDEBOOK TO MURDER*. The characters, the setting, the theme of this series are, quite simply, a joy to read.

TEA CUPS AND CARNAGE introduces another new shop to the town of South Cove. Housed in what was once a bank, the Tea Hee tea shop seems to fit in perfectly with the other wonderful shops in town, even if something doesn't seem quite right about Tea Hee's owner, Kathi...not that the men of town notice. They're too busy ogling her. What? Nope! You have to read it for yourself to see if Kathi is a welcome addition, or a taste of bitter tea. ;-)

All of the returning characters are back and better than ever. They really are growing, and Ms. Cahoon is adding new dimensions to each one with every new book.

A solid, fast moving mystery, *TEA CUPS AND CARNAGE* is a fabulous tale of secrets, lies, murder, and more! Trust me, once you take a sip of what Lynn Cahoon has to offer, you're going to be begging for seconds, and thirds, and...!

You'll also find an excerpt from, *A STORY TO KILL*, book one in an exciting new series from Lynn Cahoon!

Yvonne says

It's summertime in the small town of South Cove, California and everyone is getting ready for the Summer Festival on the beach. Jill Gardner, owner of the shop Coffee, Books, and More, is busy getting her new food truck and staff ready for the big party.

Jill is excited to see a new shop opening up called Tea Hee. She even has an arrangement with the owner, Kathi Corbin, to feature her tea in Jill's coffee shop. It's not long before Jill realizes mystery surrounds Kathi when her sister shows up looking for a job. She can't understand why she doesn't work for Kathi and,

instead, is applying for jobs all around South Cove. Then, murder strikes in a local motel and all the evidence points towards Kathi. She's determined to prove that it couldn't be Kathi's doing, but how well did she really know her new friend and her family?

Jill and her boyfriend, police detective Greg King, have an agreement – she keeps her nose out of his investigations and they will get along just fine. Of course that's an agreement Jill finds impossible to stick to.

I love this series and the latest entry into it is even better than the previous ones. We get to know the main characters more and more with each book. The romance between Jill and Greg is moving along at a steady pace. Greg is a bit more tolerant of Jill's snooping but not 100%. The romance does not overpower the mystery. The mystery is still the main point of the story which is exactly what I want in my cozy mysteries.

I was a bit surprised at the ending, but not blown away. There were really only a couple of choices and the one used worked well. I liked how it all wrapped up in the end.

One of my favorite things to do on vacation is explore small towns just like South Cove. So, for a few hours, I felt as if I was actually in one. That's probably why I adore this series so much...the small town atmosphere, the cute little shops, and all the nutty characters. I always enjoy every minute in South Cove.

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Tracie says

This one in the series didn't hold the same appeal for me as the previous ones did. You never meet the murder victim or really get to know much about him so it's almost like watching the story unfold from afar. The characters that I've grown to love just didn't do it for me in this one.

Betty says

In the latest adventure of the Tourist Trap mysteries, South Cove is planning a festival to bring customers into the stores during a slow period. Jill Gardener is busy keeping the store and the food truck fully staff. Aunt Jackie finds a missing check and both Jill and Jackie are looking for the answer. A new specialty shop called the Tea Hee is about to open and Jill is the liaison person who involves the owner into the town's activities. During the festival, a motorcyclist is raising havoc in the town and Aunt Jackie is almost run over by him. This makes more problems for Jill to handle. Greg has a murder case at a miserable motel. The topics are woven together expertly. I recommend this series.

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Kim says

I love Cosy mysteries set in small town America and this is the third book I've read in the Tourist Trap series. It's nice to return to familiar characters and settings. Jill has bought a food truck to take her Coffee shop wares on the road to events. A new tea shop is opening and the business circle in place is keen to welcome them.

A murder is thrown into the mix and Jill is then in the middle of the investigation. You are drawn into the investigation with her.

It's nice to settle down with a less gruesome murder investigation and with characters you already know.

The cover is really attractive and would draw me to pick the book.

I read that there is a new series due in the autumn and I will be eagerly awaiting it's release.

With many thanks to Net Galley and the publisher for the chance to read this one.

Sarah says

I've only recently found this author, but already I've devoured all of the books in this series. So far, this is my favorite of the bunch. The characters feel more rounded in this installment and I like that very much.

I also like that in this book, Jill, while still being Jill and poking her nose into things, shared more with Greg and really only stumbled in to danger this time around. I like that much better than when the main character stubbornly sticks herself in a bad situation because she can't just pick up a phone and call for help!

One thing I have to admit that has grated on me through out the whole series is the lack of manners that most of the characters display. There's talk about being polite to customers, yet no one seems to ever say "please" or "thank you" when they ask for or receive something. In an earlier book Aunt Jackie even chides Jill about not saying please. Seriously, are manners dead??

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Becky says

I have found a new cozy series to follow. Lynn Cahoon in Tea Cups and Carnage introduces us to a very realistic set of cozy players who combine to make the perfect recipe for murder. We are given the main characters, Greg, a good looking policeman, and his girlfriend, Jill Gardner, who runs the local coffee shop and tries to solve mysteries before her lawman boyfriend. Aunt Jackie is a bit overbearing; and Kathi, owner of the new tea shop, her sister Ivy, who seems to hate her; and chick-magnet Toby, plus Josh, Jackie's former boyfriend, all add depth and layers to the story. When the coffee shop comes up missing money and a dead body is found, both Greg and Jill are left to scramble separately to put the pieces together before another corpse appears.

Lynn recounts the action in such a way you will feel this could happen in your small town amongst any given group of business people. I was drawn into the action and readily identified with the coffee-loving business owner who was trying out a new idea. Frankly, I found most everything about the book interesting, from the idea of the main character owning a coffee shop, to the expansion of said shop into a beach truck, to

selling books, to the mystery, to the romance, it is all just appealing.

Quotable:"You design a plan,implement it,then start over when it works or doesn't.You never really fail,you just find ways that don't work."

This is a book that DOES work, and I gratefully received it from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Gary Sundell says

A step above the prior entry. Much of the fun of this series is catching up with the residents.

Karen says

The Tourist Trap series is always a sure bet of a great read!
Great characters and the setting of South Cove is a winner.
The whodunits are always first rate!
You will not be disappointed in this series!

Linda says

It's time for another great visit to Coffee, Books, and More, with owner, Jill Gardner and her golden retriever, Emma. Detective Greg King and Jill make a great couple who have busy careers and enjoy living in charming South Cove, California. Jill bought a used food truck so she could take her coffee and desserts on the road to the Summer Beach Blast and other events. It's a huge success! A new specialty shop, Tea Hee, is about ready to open next to Jill's store, and Jill wants to welcome owner, Kathi Corbin, into the town's business circle. During the festival, a corpse is found in a seedy motel nearby, and once identified, has ties to Kathi. Join Jill, Greg, and the gang we've come to know and love in the previous six stories, as they try to keep each other safe; help each other with their businesses; and get the criminals off the streets and behind bars. It's always my cup of tea to relax and enjoy a new story in The Tourist Trap Mystery series.

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Mary Brown says

Tea Cups And Carnage
A Tourist Trap Mystery, Book #7
Lynn Cahoon
5 Stars

Synopsis:

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Includes an excerpt from A STORY TO KILL, Lynn Cahoon's BRAND NEW series (Goodreads)

Review:

This is the seventh book in the Tourist Trap Mystery series and it is a very good read. Jill is busy with Coffee, Books and More, her coffee shop/bookstore that she owns, getting the food truck up and running and keeping her relationship with her boyfriend, Greg, moving on the right track. That's a lot for anyone to handle and when you throw in a murder, it becomes almost overwhelming.

The character are well developed and well rounded. I enjoy the bickering and banter between Jill and Aunt Jackie, she is a real pistol. Aunt Jackie is a hard person to like, even Jill has trouble sometimes liking her, and she's her niece! Jill has a lot of good friends and coworkers and it is enjoyable reading about all of their interactions.

There is more than one mystery to be solved: where did the deposit money go, who is the killer and what is up with Kathi's family. I really enjoyed this fact and thought it added another level to the book. Jill, who is already busy running the coffee/book store and participating in the Summer Beach Bash and the library fundraiser, needs to find the time to work at solving these many mysteries. Can she figure them all out in time or will there be more murders taking place?

One of the things I really enjoyed about this book was the fact that Jill never saw the dead body. She heard about it but she was not the one to find it. That was refreshing to me since that is not what usually happens in the cozies that I read. Another thing that made this book slightly unique was the fact that Jill does not continually put herself in harm's way. She asks questions and looks for clues but is not always placing herself in dangerous situations. This made the book seem more realistic to me.

I would recommend this book (and series) to anyone who enjoys a well crafted cozy mystery. I have read all of this series and I have greatly enjoyed them all.

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