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HATRED LEADS TO OBSESSION . . .

It's taken time for the plan to unfold, years spent waiting, watching, hating. . . . And after the first victim, the killing gets easier and easier . . .

OBSESSION LEADS TO JEALOUSY . . .

The Crissmans, owners of Crissman & Wolfe department store, were once one of Portland's most powerful families. There's still enough fortune left to sow mistrust between Lucy, her bohemian sister Layla, their brother Lyle, and his grasping wife Kate. When a charity event at the Crissman Lodge ends in a fatal poisoning, Lucy becomes a prime suspect. But the truth is even more twisted, and Lucy can't be sure which of her family is being targeted . . . or who to fear.

AND JEALOUSY LEADS TO MURDER . . .

Renowned defense attorney Dallas Denton has been hired to clear Lucy's name, unaware of the secret that ties them together or of the deep cracks in the Crissman legacy. Someone is ready to eliminate every obstacle to get what they most covet, and prove that envy runs deeper than blood . . .

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Diane Saul says

The Crissman family fortunes aren't what they used to be. The family department store is shutting down. There is backstabbing, jealousy, grudges and secrets coming back to haunt the family. When more deaths occur the family begins to wonder if they are being targeted. Can they come together to find the truth and work together as a family?

There is a lot going on in this book. I didn't know who to trust sometimes. The book has plenty of suspense to keep the reader interested. The plot was good, interesting with plenty of surprises. There is also a twist at the end that I didn't see coming. Thank you to net galley for an advanced readers copy.

Marj Ward says

I love this Author's books and was excited to read her latest, Jealousy. A family-owned business suffering big losses. Siblings and spouses lying to each other. I wasn't sure who to believe. Lots of twists and turns. Great characters and story. Thanks to NetGalley, Kensington Books and the Author for allowing me to read and review this book.

Carrie says

Jealousy by Nancy Bush was not really what I was expecting when I picked it up and I'm a bit hesitant to call this one a mystery. I'd actually been expecting more towards the romantic suspense but really I think family drama more applies than anything with a bit of romance and mystery to the story.

The book is centered around the Crissmans, a family who were once one of the most rich and powerful in Portland and owners of Crissman & Wolfe department store. At the beginning readers are given a glimpse of a murder that will come much later in the story in the prologue then taken back to way before the event happened to introduce the family.

Lucy, Layla and Lyle are the three Crissman siblings that are the heart of the story with their ups and downs when it comes to those around them and the family fortune. Then as readers catch up to the prologue one even becomes a murder suspect when someone is poisoned.

Ok, I'm probably going to date myself again right now but anyone remember Dallas and the Ewings? The Carringtons from Dynasty maybe? Well, now we have the Crissmans and what this book felt like to me was one big family drama along the lines of the old prime time soaps. Sure we have the element of a mystery but there was also the old who shot J.R. so see, same idea. When finished with this one I kind of liked the good old fashion dysfunctional family idea but I did think it dragged a bit here and there but overall it was an OK read.

I received an advance copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.com/>

Barbara Lack says

This is such a good book. I was hooked from the first page. There's about 4 different things going on but it all ties in together. I was kept guessing on who the killer was right up to the end. I received an advance review copy from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

Book Him Danno says

Jealousy is the perfect title for this book because that is what it is everyone is Jealous of their siblings success, failures, life and this leads to killing.

Nancy Bush brings together a host of characters that if readers are not paying attention to could possibly get lost. The characters are flawed in a human way as reader walk in their foot steps and fight for which character they trust or believe in.

Nancy Bush is able to start a slow simmer until readers are hooked unable to put the story down worried for what might happen to their characters they find to be human and flawed.

The mystery creates tension, nail biting moments and the very unexpected surprises.

This is a top rate mystery that can't be missed and needs to be on the top of the to be read pile.

Thank you to Netgalley and the publisher Zebra for the advance copy of Nancy Bush Jealousy

Jill says

I've never read Nancy Bush before and it was a pretty good read. Reminded me of the show Dynasty from way back. Took me till about half way through before I was hooked. Will read more of her books.

Thank you Goodreads for the book.

Danielle Urban says

Nancy Bush is the new Mary Higgins and J.D. Robb. Jealousy is a new mystery/thriller that quickly spirals out of control. Secrets are coming out from the grave. A family is tearing apart. Murder, blackmail, and mistrust add to the suspense. I liked the fact that I wouldn't be able to predict who or what was really going on...but the pacing seemed steady no matter how much drama was added.

Jealousy is about a family that has and still is experiencing a lot of issues. A father who never let wife leave him. Kids who thought their mother left them. A family will that has been hidden and another one was recently found. Secrets make for a lot of trouble. The siblings are struggling to trust each other when they really need to...danger is closing in around them. It's only a matter of time before more are killed. Death hangs in the air...as the family scatters to catch up.

Overall, it was a good read. I didn't see the ending coming. The plot was intense and emotional.

I received this copy from the publisher. This is my voluntary review.

Dolly Sickles says

I love a good story of retribution, and Nancy Bush's upcoming novel, JEALOUSY, is all about retribution. This is a little outside of my usual romantic suspense picks, really, because it's more family drama with a little suspense and romance woven throughout, but still it makes for a compelling read. It's told in a classic three-part structure ... where the setup, confrontation and resolution are neatly packaged.

First of all, I love the alliterative names of so many of the characters. There's siblings Lucy, Layla and Lyle, children of Portland, Oregon's dynastic Crissman family, all of whom are on staff at the family's department store, Crissman & Wolfe. And there's Dallas Denton, the defense attorney who's been hired to clear Lucy's name in the wake of her husband's poisoning (and subsequent death). The cherry on top is the long-game plan of retribution, in which someone has been planning the demise of the dysfunctional Crissman family.

The book opens with a prologue and lays out the Clue-style poisoning of one of the partygoers, who we later learn is Lucy's husband, John. But it quickly shifts to '80s-era family drama-style Dallas, where there's lots of people in the family, who each have spouses and opinions, and differences of opinions ... and the lot of them clash often. As the book progresses over the course of the month leading up to and after John's murder at a family fundraiser, Bush lays out a case for which character may next meet his or her demise, and which character will be doing the demising. None of the Crissman children, or their spouses or significant others, are happy, and all of the reasons for being unhappy are pretty substantive. But the main mystery of the book comes back to John's death — at what seems like at his wife's hands.

The weight of family and responsibility is heavy in JEALOUSY, and it makes me happy that I'm an only child who had an only child. The Crissmans represent generations of wealth and power and envy ... it's like Notorious B.I.G.'s cautionary prose: Mo Money Mo Problems. Right? Sometimes you get what you ask for, and it always comes with a price. But in the case of the Crissmans, wealth is a fine balance of smoke and mirrors. The family's department store and lodge are being downsized, and at least two of the children aren't

happy about it. Lucy and Layla are both struggling romantically with their significant others — Lucy and John are on the brink of divorce, and Layla and the man she's dating and having a surrogate child with are in a legal battle for her rights to the child. On top of everything, poor Lucy has the mantle of bad decisions hanging over her head — the one-night stand in college that left her pregnant 10 years ago pretty much guaranteed her family would never see her as anything but irresponsible ... and her daughter a blight on the family name.

Turns out, Dallas is a good guy, despite their initial first meeting after John's death, when Dallas genuinely doesn't recognize Lucy. He's made something of himself and works hard to straighten out Lucy's and Layla's legal circumstances. His progression with Evie and Lucy, once he finds out about his daughter, is intriguing and makes for good ... well, drama. In the midst of members of the Crissman family (both by blood and by extension) dropping like flies, Lucy, Dallas and Evie offer a small glimpse of happiness that remind you of why the romance genre is so good. At the end of the most grandiose plots with the most grandiosely flawed characters, there's a little spark of hope. And that spark of hope outshines any spark of jealousy ... every time.

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Donna says

Not what I was expecting.....at all!

Joan says

Review of Advance Reader's Edition

Crissman and Wolfe, at one time a thriving Portland department store, is on the verge of collapse and the once-powerful Crissman family seems to have whole-heartedly embraced vicious backbiting and mean-spiritedness as they struggle to keep the family business going. Jealousy, mistrust, and animosity make for strained relationships within the dysfunctional family and, for most of them, unseemly self-centeredness is their default attitude. Abbott Crissman, patriarch of the clan, rules the family with an iron fist, keeping son Lyle and daughters Layla and Lucy . . . and their families . . . in line with his dictatorial decrees.

But things take a turn for the worse when the family hosts a charity event and Lucy's husband, John, is fatally poisoned. Because their strained marriage was common knowledge, Lucy is likely to become the prime suspect in his murder; she knows she needs to find some answers. But the truth is far more convoluted than Lucy could ever imagine, and may hold secrets more devastating than her own . . . secrets that could cost her everything.

The characters in this tale are realistically-drawn and believable; their growth over the course of the narrative is a strength of the story. As the suspense grows, tensions mount and the compelling, twisty plot, with its unexpected reveals, keeps the pages turning. The mystery is first-rate and readers will be kept guessing until the final unforeseen reveal that is sure to come as a stunning surprise.

Highly recommended.

I received a free copy of this book through the Goodreads First Reads program

Sarah says

Thank you NetGalley for the ARC of Jealousy by Nancy Bush that I read and reviewed.

I just could not get into this book as much as I wanted too. I am usually a huge fan of Nancy Bush but this book just moved to slow for me and I could not connect with the characters like I usually do. Overall, this book was just okay for me. Nothing really stood out and grabbed me and made me fall in love with it. I am giving this book three out of five stars.

Susan J Byler says

I liked this book but didn't love it. It was a slow start & so many things going on. I just had a hard time getting into it. Some things did not add to the story. Example Lucy & the bartender. So was a little disappointed in this one.

Susan Kennedy says

What a great book! I wasn't really sure when I started to read, but I was pleasantly surprised all the way through.

This is a seriously dysfunctional family, but they were really likable. Well, most of them were likable. The two sisters were great and I just loved them from the beginning. Lucy and Layla are very different, but they are truly sisters who love one another and get along. They are also pretty much shunned by their father because they are girls. Lyle I was unsure about most of the way through the book. I just wasn't sure if I liked him at all or couldn't stand him. Actually, after reading the book all the way through, I'm still really unsure about how I feel about him. Abbott, the father, I couldn't stand him from the start. He is an arrogant, egotistical bastard who thinks women are less. Nope, don't really like him one bit.

So, to try and not spill it too much, there is just so much going on in this book. All sorts of little side stories. It all evolves around a murder and that turns into several murders. I was sure it was one person most of the way through, but that didn't pan out for me. It was full of suspense and intrigue. I loved the characters and the storytelling was fantastic. What a great book!

Marianne Jay says

Nancy Bush is hit or miss for me. I was expecting a mystery but it wasn't it was more of a family drama with a mystery mixed in for good measure.

There are a lot of "side stories" which for me, anyway, took away from the main story.

It took a while for me to really get into the book, but about half way through things really got going and it was a much better read.

I would like to thank Net Galley, the Publisher, and Nancy Bush for the opportunity to read this ARC copy in exchange for an honest review.

Kathleen Gray says

Talk about a dysfunctional family! All of their names start with an L and well, they all have their issues and secrets. Lucy is suspected of killing her husband (not a nice man) but then more things happen. Her sister Layla is interesting but keep an eye on brother Lyle. Dallas, who has been hired to help Lucy, starts to unravel more than anyone bargained for. This isn't really a mystery or romantic suspense (although there is some of that), it's more of a twisty tale of people turning on each other. Thanks to Netgalley for the ARC. I thought this started off slowly but stick with it- it definitely picks up.
