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Anyone for tea and crumpets...and murder?

Caro Lamont, amateur sleuth and well-respected animal therapist to Laguna Beach's pampered pets, works with office mate and tech wizard, Graham Cash, whose beloved Scottish Fold tabby cat, Toria, is purported to have anger management issues. But when Caro drops by the charming Brit's Tudor-inspired mansion to return Toria, she finds his business partner dead and Cash missing.

Caro is left with the cuddly cat and a lot of unanswered questions. Is Cash the killer, or has he been kidnapped? What's up with the angry next door neighbor? And what about Cash's girlfriend, Heidi, who isn't sharing everything she knows with homicide detective Judd Malone?

Suddenly there are more secrets and intrigues than there are titles in England. Add in a stranger in a dark SUV stalking Caro, feisty senior sidekick, Betty, hiding in restaurant shrubbery, and wannabe investigative reporter Callum MacAvoy who seems to be constantly underfoot, and you've got a cat and mouse mystery of the first order.

Caro's got to solve this murder before the killer lets the cat out of the bag.

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Laura says

Great Series!

This is a great series, one of my favorite. This is the seventh book in the Pampered Pets Mystery series by Sparkle Abbey. Caro is an animal therapist to Laguna Beach's pampered pets. Caro has been working with Toria whose owner Cash is a tech wizard and also happens to have an office in Caro's building. When she goes to take Toria home she finds Cash's business partner dead in the pool and Cash is missing. When things keep happening around Caro, she is left with no choice but to put her sleuthing skills to the test. She is determined to find the killer before they strike again. If you are looking for a great mystery that will leave you guessing to the end then you need to read this book. I can't wait until the next book comes out. A Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

Tess says

The Pampered Pets Mysteries are written by Sparkle Abbey, aka friends Mary Lee Woods and Anita Carter. Fittingly Sparkle is really Mary Lee's cat and Abbey is Anita's dog. Downton Abbey is the 7th in the series. I have missed a couple of books, but as I was reminded how much fun they are, I will be going back to catch up.

Carolina, a pet therapist finds herself mixed up in murder again. Joined in this investigation by her boy friend, Sam, Betty Foxx, who works for Caro's cousin Melinda at her high end pet shop, and although he hinders more than helps ex husband Geoffrey is around. Caro can't seem to get anything done, sometimes the more help you have, the less you get done. Once again, we were entertained by Caro's cats, Thelma and Louise, her dog, Dogbert and clients, Cork, Toria and Rosie. I am always ready for a visit to Laguna Beach and I'm ready right now.

Doward Wilson says

This is a new author and series for me and I have to say I am hooked and going back to read the entire series. Caro lives in Laguna Beach, California and works as a pet therapist who falls into murder cases. When friend and office mate, Cash, doesn't return to pick up his pedigreed cat, Caro goes to his home and finds his business partner dead. Cash is missing, break-ins happen, hidden rooms and secrets emerge and we get a twisted and tangled tale of revenge, lawsuits, and murder. On the side Caro is trying to evade her ex-husband who is invading her life again, deal with a family dispute with her former favorite cousin and convince her mother in Texas to back off. Her friend Betty is a wannabe senior Nancy Drew and a local newscaster is a wannabe investigative reporter and the two of them keep getting into Caro's investigation. The characters are wacky and fun. Caro and her animal friends are delightful. The setting and background are well presented and the murder plot is a fantastic concoction of twists and turns that kept me guessing right to the final reveal. I can't wait to read the first six books and then the next one coming out. I recommend this for pet mystery lovers and anyone looking for a unique murder plot.

I won this book as a prize from the author and this is my fair and honest review.

Mary Brown says

Caro Lamont is an animal therapist who lives in Laguna Beach. When an officemate, Cash, asks her to watch his tabby cat for him, she readily agrees. But when she goes to his house to return the cat, she finds his business partner floating in a pool, an electrical cord wrapped around his neck. That makes it pretty obvious that the death is no accident. And to make matters worse, Cash is nowhere to be found. Caro does not know if Cash is dead or alive, has been kidnapped or if he is the person responsible for his partner's death.

Caro also has other problems to deal with. Her cheating ex is back in town, trying to get back into her good graces. She has a pesky investigative reporter dogging her every step, looking for a story. She notices a dark SUV that seems to be following her and there is a feisty senior citizen, Betty, trying to involve herself in the investigation. And last but not least, the feud between her and her cousin has not been resolved. She definitely has a lot to deal with.

The characters are well developed, well rounded and realistic. One of the things I like best about this book is that Caro did not do foolish things while helping with the murder investigation. In so many of the series I read, the protagonist goes off by themselves and does foolish things (they even think to themselves it is foolish but do it anyway). Caro did not do this but still was able to get clues to help the detective solve the murder. Betty is a quirky crazy character and she added a lot to the story. The secondary characters also added a lot to the book.

Another thing I like about this cozy is Caro's occupation. I enjoyed reading about all the different animals and the behavioral problems that they had. I also enjoyed reading about the training techniques that Caro suggested to her clients. They are helpful and informative and would be useful for pet owners. It is also interesting reading about the different breeds of cats and dogs. I learned things that I never knew before.

The writing style flows smoothly and the book is an easy read. The writing is descriptive and at times I felt like I was right there watching the action instead of reading about it. The mystery was carried on throughout much of the book and there were many twists and turns that kept me guessing. There are enough suspects to keep it interesting.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a well-crafted cozy with enjoyable characters. This is the first book I have read in the series but it definitely will not be the last. I already have the other books to read. I am mad at myself that I waited this long to start reading this fantastic series.

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Meg says

A good addition to the series. Some editing errors, including repetitions, but an easy read nevertheless.

Madonna Dolin says

This is book seven in the series but the first one I have read so you don't have to read them all to get the storyline. Caro is a pet therapist in the book who stumbles upon a dead body and somehow keeps getting caught up in the crime solving. Detective Judd Malone keeps trying to get her to stay out of his case but he is a lot nicer than some of the other detectives I have read about in some books. Her louse of an ex comes to town trying to steal her business and her hunk of a boyfriend is always there to stand by her side and support her. My only fault with this book is that the murderer was pretty obvious to me from the very beginning. But I did really like the book and the characters. I think Betty was one of my favorite characters, she is very colorful. I really wanted to won Toria, I am a cat person. The writing was pretty spot on. I picked up a few good hints for helping my animals by better behaved. I think I will go back and read the rest of the stories. I would certainly recommend this book to my friend who enjoy cozy mysteries.

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Bill says

How would you like to find a dead body in a swimming pool, have two friends disappear, be followed by a black SUV and have your ex try to take away your clients?

That's what Laguna Beach's animal therapist and sometime sleuth, Caro Lamont, faces in another page turning, suspense filled, and occasional humorous adventure as she tries to find a killer, disappearances of two friends, and dealing with a scurvy ex.

Need a treat today? Of course you do! Grab some snacks, your fav drink, turn off your phone and settle down in a comfy place and relish this latest mystery that's pet friendly too!

Lizzie Starr says

Another great adventure in the Pampered Pets series!

Antoinette says

Downton Tabby , seventh in the Pampered Pet mystery series, was written by Sparkle Abbey, the pseudonym of two mystery authors, Mary Woods and Anita Carter. The protagonist, Caro Lamont, pet therapist, can't help but get involved in the murder of Graham Cash, whose body she discovers floating in his pool. The

story is well-plotted and full of interesting characters. You don't have to read the books in order, but you'll enjoy them all. Looking forward to the next in the series.

Barbara Tobey says

This charming series just keeps on entertaining. It is Caro's turn to solve the mystery. We enjoy reading about the men and family in her life, past and present, also her friends and clients. Great location. Don't let the cover fool you. This is a contemporary cozy with a fun title. I was provided with an ebook by Netgalley for my honest review.

Jeanie Jackson says

As delightful as all the others; I have been a fan from the first book and was thrilled when I won a copy of Downton Tabby on the blog, Dru's Musings. As much as I like Melinda, I think Caro is my favorite of the cousins. Sparkle Abbey manages to keep humor flowing while allowing the Caro to act responsibly and intelligently. That balancing act makes this series stand out as much as the pets, a big draw for me.

When Caro finds the body of one of the people who share her office building and another disappears, she is pulled into the middle of the investigation whether she wants to be or not. She cares about the people involved so as information comes her way, she of course shares it with the yummy Det. Malone who both appreciates it and wants her to stay out of things.

Some people are just trouble magnets and both of the cousins fall into that category. Although Melinda does not have an active part in this novel, her wild employee Betty turns to Caro for help with the St. Bernard she has adopted and, in her usual way, is a little bit of everywhere that she doesn't belong.

Ann says

What a delightful series featuring dogs, cats and humans. Caro is a pet therapist who is cat sitting when one of the owner's is murdered. She and the detective have worked together before and after numerous encounters they eventually solve this cozy murder. I enjoy these books and look forward to more. The recipes for treats are easy to make and the cat loves them.

Kristina says

I just finished reading Downton Tabby by Sparkle Abbey. It is the seventh book in the Pampered Pet series, but Downton Tabby can easily be read without having read the previous book in the series. Caroline "Caro" Lamont is a pet therapist for dogs and cats. Caro always likes to poke her nose in investigations despite being told repeatedly by Detective Judd Malone to keep out of his investigations. Caro states she is just passing along information she hears and receives from people who are not comfortable talking to police!

Graham Cash (goes by Cash) and his partner, Jake Wylie shares an office with Caro (along with a psychic).

They run a business called 2Gyz and developed an app called WoofWalker. Cash asks Caro to watch his cat, Toria for him. He was only supposed to be gone 20 to 30 minutes. When he does not show up, Caro tries to reach him without success. Caro heads over to their house to drop off the cat with Jake. The door is unlocked. Caro finds Jake face down in the pool. Cash' car is out front, but he is not answering his phone. Caro sets out to find out who killed Jake and what happened to Cash.

Caro also has to meet with her clients and help their pets, deal with her annoying ex-husband, and Betty Foxx, an elderly woman who wears pj's and pearls (everywhere) along with some strange red eyebrows. Betty keeps inserting herself into Caro's investigation (and Detective Malone's). There is also a pesky reporter. Caro has someone following her which has her scared. She gets to seek comfort in the arms of her hunky Greek boyfriend, Sam Gallanos. I found Downton Tabby an adorable cozy mystery. It was a very fun book to read. I give Downton Tabby 4 out of 5 stars. The murderer is very obvious. I loved the descriptions of the dogs and cats along with their troubles. My favorite was Betty's new dog, Raider. He is a St. Bernard with a lot of energy! I have a dog, Doozy, who is half English Pointer and half St. Bernard. It is very hard to walk a dog that big!

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Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

Pet therapist, Carolina "Caro" Lamont, is back and better than ever in this seventh installment of the Pampered Pets Mystery series. Author(s) Sparkle Abbey have penned another wonderful story. The author's sense of humor shines through as well as their fantastic way with crafting an entertaining mystery.

Fast moving, but not so much as to be confusing, DOWNTON TABBY was as tight as a newly wound ball of yarn and just as fun to unravel. With each turn of the page the questions kept coming, making this mystery even more intriguing, right until the surprising reveal.

This was such an addicting read, I couldn't stop reading it! Now I know how cats must feel about catnip! Cat lovers and mystery fans will be in their glory with this excellent read. DOWNTON TABBY will leave you purring in delight.

And make sure to check out the two great cat treat recipes at the back of the book!

Kristine (A Cozy Booknook) says

Fun, Fun, Fun!!! Carolina "Caro" Lamont, finds herself knee deep in another murder investigation when she comes across the body of Jake Wylie in his backyard swimming pool when dropping off Toria, Jake's business partner and roommate's cat. Cash is Jake's business partner and has disappeared leaving Caro to watch over Toria. Caro attempts to keep her nose out of the investigation but people keep telling her things so she then passes it along to the investigating officer, Malone. Heidi, Cash's ex-girlfriend is hiding something and Caro knows it, can she convince Heidi to talk to Malone? Caro finds herself with a mysterious dark SUV following her, a reporter who is always underfoot, and her ex-husband insinuating himself in her business

affairs, and Betty, a feisty senior, trying to help her "investigate" by spying on her. Will she be able to figure things out so she can get some peace?

This is a fun, entertaining read! This is the first book by Sparkle Abbey I've had the pleasure of reading and will definitely be getting the previous titles. The story is fast paced, with a few twists along the way. The "whodunit" is a bit obvious but it's fun to watch the story unfold and learn why. The characters are entertaining, and the pets are steal the scenes with their antics and charm. I'm looking forward to reading the previous future titles in this series. I definitely recommend this series!

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