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*In tracing her ancestry, quilter Martha Rose discovers a ritzy half-sister, a stash of family secrets, and a decades-old mystery that only she can unravel . . .*

Martha Rose is shocked to find she has a half-sister, especially one so different from her. Giselle Cole is wealthy, widowed, and lives a glamorous life in West Los Angeles. At least her grandmother was a quilter! But Giselle can't answer Martha's many questions about their father—he disappeared when she was only a child and the few clues left behind indicate he may have been murdered. So Martha and Giselle team up on an investigation that weaves them through the streets of L.A., their father's hidden love affairs, and into some mysterious unfinished Cole family business . . .

## **Praise for Mary Marks and her Quilting Mysteries**

**“A pleasurable and satisfying addition to any quilting mystery fan’s reading list. Recommend to those who cannot get enough of Terri Thayer, Elizabeth Craig, or Earlene Fowler.”**

**—Library Journal on *Knot in My Backyard***

**“Readers will be surprised by the ending.”**

**—RT Book Reviews on *Knot What You Think***

## **Knot My Sister's Keeper Details**

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# From Reader Review Knot My Sister's Keeper for online ebook

## Kathleen Gray says

HAH! That DNA test you mail in might lead to more than info about your ethnic background. Martha finds out she has a half sister, Giselle, who she refers to as G. As you might imagine, things don't go swimmingly at first but these two warm to each other as they work to figure out the mystery of their shared father. This plot line moved the latest installment in the series beyond the classic cozy as it adds a familial learning experience to the murder mystery. Well done. Thanks to Netgalley for the ARC. You don't need to have read the earlier books or be a quilter (I'm not) to enjoy this one. It's nicely written and will make you wonder how many other people will get this sort of surprise in the future.

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## Jessica Robbins says

\*I received a free copy of this book which I voluntarily chose to write an honest review for.

If you are looking for a cozy with a Jewish flair, quilting, and different type of mystery then look no further than this adorable book. Martha was raised believing her father died in an accident only to find out differently years later though not who he was. When her daughter pushed her to do an ancestry DNA thing she agrees. What follows is really quite intriguing as each new secret is revealed. Daddy had some problems I must say. I never could have predicted the ending either. I really liked it so I give it 4/5 stars.

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## Tari says

I normally don't read a series out of order, but sometimes if a new book to a longer-running series comes out and I've been wanting to try the series, I'll jump in and do that. I'm definitely going to start this one from the beginning. This book was so good, I found it hard to put it down. I quickly grew to like all the regular characters and the idea of the quilting meetings.

Martha Rose was just getting used to being someone's fiancée when she found out she had a wealthy half-sister who lived nearby, who just happened to also be CEO of an oil company. When they got together, they found out they did both have things in common, mainly the desire to find out what happened in the case investigating their dad's disappearance 32 years ago. I thought it was kind of interesting and different for the murder to have occurred that long ago instead of having a current murder to solve. Martha and her new sister, Giselle, become friends fairly quickly despite Giselle's outspoken and seemingly rude comments. Martha found that it was just who she was, but Giselle did try to rein herself in sometimes.

Not only had Martha gained a fiancée and sister in a short period of time, she also learned of another couple of someones to join their family. I won't say who they are so that I don't spoil it. The cold case murder involved finding and talking to detectives that had worked the case so long ago. One detective had dementia now, but Martha and Giselle felt that she held the key to what had really happened to their father. They did finally get some closure and the story had a really nice ending. I'm definitely curious to see how this all started out. The author does a nice job of getting readers acquainted with the characters but doesn't let any of the previous murder spoilers slip out, which I definitely appreciated since this was my first in this series to

read, but it definitely won't be my last. Very well written and well-plotted!

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### **Patty says**

Knot My Sister's Keeper by Mary Marks is the 6th book in A Quilting Mystery series, and another enjoyable fun book. Martha Rose receives a DNA test in the mail from her daughter. When she receives the results she is shocked to find out she has a half-sister.

Martha never met her father, so is excited to meet Giselle and learn about him. When Martha finds out their father disappeared years ago, they work together to get to the bottom of what happened to him. This book made me laugh out loud at times. Not only is this book funny, it has a great mystery. I was hooked from the beginning, and am looking forward to reading the next book in the series. If you love cozy mysteries, I recommend this book. You don't have to be a quilter to enjoy this series.

I received this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

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### **Lisa Ks Book Reviews says**

Author Mary Marks keeps each book in her Quilting Mystery series fresh and exciting. KNOT MY SISTER'S KEEPER is no exception. With protagonist Martha Rose's discovery of a half sister, and investigating the streets of LA, this makes for one of the most adventures filled stories in the series to date. As long as Marks keeps going like this, there is no end in sight to this series!

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### **Amy says**

This is the sixth installment of the Quilting Mystery series. Although I had not read any of the prior books in the series nor have I ever quilted, the author made it very easy for me to jump right in and thoroughly enjoy this book.

Martha Rose has lived her whole life not knowing her father, a talented artist. When her daughter submits her DNA to an ancestry database, Martha's whole world is turned upside down when she discovers she has a half-sister named Giselle. The two sisters decide to combine forces and investigate the mystery of their father's disappearance.

The book was a great read and kept me engaged from beginning until end. Although their relationship had a rocky start, I was really hoping that Martha and Giselle (Martha calls her "G") would begin to develop a sibling bond and I was not disappointed. The other characters rounded out the book nicely and the side plot of Martha's daughter's romance with a police detective added additional, but not overpowering, romance to the storyline. There were nice plot twists and some good red-herrings. Overall, the book was well-paced.

The author also provided detailed description of Jewish rituals and customs, such as dietary laws, Yiddish words and phrases, celebration of the Sabbath, and life cycle events. She also confronted "G" about some stereotypes and politely provided an informed response without the need for name-calling. At the conclusion of the book, the author provides a detailed history of quilting. I have several of the books in this series in my personal library and plan to read them in order. I highly recommend this book and series!!

\*\* Thanks to NetGalley for a complimentary ARC of this book. My review is voluntary.

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### **Annette says**

Excellent addition to this series. So much happens in Martha Rose's latest adventure. I just couldn't put it down. So many changes. This series gets better and better with each new book. There is never a dull moment for Martha and her family and friends. "Tis is one of my top three favorite series. I can not wait for the next book.

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### **Stanley McShane says**

Absolutely delightful cozy mystery that seamlessly integrates the love of quilting with an unusual premise. Daughter Dearest sends off for a DNA test for her mother and the results knock her socks off. Martha Rose is surprised to discover she has a half-sister she never knew existed. What's more, Martha's sister, Giselle Cole, is rich. Really, stinkin' rich, but Giselle is an acquired taste. It is Giselle's grandmother who also shared a common interest in quilting providing the familial link.

Giselle actually knew their father until he disappeared when she was eight years old. Martha, of course, is not a total stranger to sleuthing and it's not long before she's off to figure out what happened to daddy, an acclaimed artist. Martha's fiancé, Yossi, or "Crusher," is an undercover agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, and Tobacco and has connections which will prove useful since this constitutes a REALLY cold case. Her dad disappeared more than thirty years ago.

This book is such a hoot! I really enjoyed the author's writing style, that terrific sense of humor. Loved that the protagonist is a middle-aged woman with a few extra pounds and is involved in a hobby she is good at. Her romantic interest is cleverly done with a mature view. Giselle, while a widow, is 180 degrees from the sensibilities of Martha and their contrast makes for some hilarious dialogue. The support characters are well fleshed and contribute to a sense of tight kinship. It doesn't take long before the reader is invested enough that he/she must learn the truth of what happened to daddy as well.

This is the sixth in the series, but would function well as a standalone. The story is well-plotted and progressed smoothly, never lagged, and the conclusion is most satisfying. I received this ebook download from the publisher and NetGalley through a book tour and greatly appreciate the opportunity to read and review. It was totally my pleasure! Recommended to all who enjoy a fun, fast novel.

See my full review and more at <https://rosepointpublishing.com>

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## **Kristina says**

Knot My Sister's Keeper by Mary Marks is the sixth novel in A Quilting Mystery series. Martha Rose is bewildered when she receives a DNA kit in the mail from Deep Roots. Her daughter, Quincy sent it as a surprise, so Martha can find out more about the father she never knew. Martha is shocked when she learns she has a half-sister. Giselle Cole, Martha's half-sister, is a wealthy widow living in Los Angeles and is looking forward to meeting Martha. Giselle is a forthright woman with expensive tastes and an over-the-top personality. Martha learns her grandmother was a quilter and she passed away leaving an unfinished quilt. Martha learns her father was Jacob Quinn Maguire, a painter who disappeared in 1980. Martha and Giselle want to learn what happened to Jacob and set out to get answers. Martha with the aid of her friends stitch together the clues.

Knot My Sister's Keeper may be the sixth book in the series, but it can be read alone. I thought the story was well-written with a nice steady pace. I thought the story was well thought out and it contains a complex main character with a charming cast of secondary characters. Martha is a strong, sassy smart woman with a gift for quilting and knack for solving crimes. I like that Martha Rose is a mature woman who has Fibromyalgia. Many people do not understand the disease or believe it is not real. We get to see what can trigger an episode and the pain Martha experiences. It was interesting to learn more about the Jewish culture and their traditions. It was a nice touch and allowed us to get to know Martha in a different way. Giselle is a dynamic woman, and I was happy to see her outlook changing towards the end of the story. The mystery was multifaceted and there was active investigating (no sitting back and waiting for clues to come to them). I do enjoy a complex mystery (I like the challenge). There are good clues to aid in solving the 32-year-old crime and it was clever how the author incorporated the clues for Martha into the story. I did miss Birdie in this Knot My Sister's Keeper. There are references to her, but she is not present in the story (she is my favorite secondary character). Quincy is in town, but she is spending her time with Detective Noah Kaplan much to Martha's dismay. Quincy has a special announcement for the family (oh no). The ending is just beautiful and will leave you smiling. The history of needles is included at the end of the book which I found fascinating. I am eager for the next installment in A Quilting Mystery series. I wonder if Martha will marry Yossi soon?

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## **Anita says**

Martha Rose, a quilter, is shocked to find a long lost half-sister after she takes a DNA test to trace her ancestry. They realize their missing father may not have abandoned them, but was murdered. Can Martha uncover the clues to find the true story behind her father's disappearance?

This was a great cozy mystery read. I love Martha's antics to find the truth. I also like how her friends assist her in going undercover to get information from an uncooperative source. Martha took risks in finding the truth, which is a great character trait for a long-lasting amateur sleuth. The plot had enough twists and turns to keep my pages turning. I can't wait to the next one in the series. I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from NetGalley and am voluntarily reviewing it.

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## **Maureen Timerman says**

This is the first book in this series that I have read, and it won't be the last, first I am a quilter, and second I found myself laughing out loud, this author is a great story teller.

We hit on genealogy big time here, and getting DNA in an uncouth way, stealing a cup! This story is about finding family, living with family, and getting away from family. New relatives tracking down their missing father, and surprises and chuckles abound, a great book to unwind with and enjoy!

I received this book through Great Escapes Virtual Book Tours, and was not required to give a positive review.

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### **Shelly says**

Knot My Sister's Keeper is the first I have read in the Quilting Mystery series and I enjoyed it from front to back! I am not a quilter, so I have been hesitant to read the series. I was pleasantly surprised to find out that you definitely do not have to be a quilter to be a fan of these books. After quilter Martha Rose has her DNA submitted to an ancestry company, Martha discovers she has a half-sister, Giselle. Despite definite personality conflicts, Martha and Giselle team up to uncover the story of their father's life and unravel a 32-year-old murder mystery. I enjoyed that the main character is over 30 years old. It's nice to read a mystery from another generations point of view. This book is interesting, engaging and full of twists and turns. I loved he ending and you will too.

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### **Betty says**

Martha Rose engaged to Yossi Levy aka the Crusher. Her daughter is curious about her ancestors and submits her DNA to an ancestry firm. Martha sent her DNA and is very to find she has a half-sister, Giselle. Her father disappeared when Gisele was 8 years. The sisters set out to find out what happened to their Father. The twist and turns of the book will have enthralled until you finished the book. What do the sisters find about their Father? Is he Alive or was he MURDER? The ending will surprise. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this book and series.I

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### **Bea Charmed says**

3.5 stars

Despite the author's ignorance about asthma and her dismissive attitude toward it, and a weird character name that screamed PNR or urban fantasy, I enjoyed the book. A complex and intriguing story with complex, interesting and mostly likable characters. I love that our heroine was Jewish, which is a rarity in cozies, and she is older and plus-sized. Her fiance is also older and Jewish. The author also did a fantastic job of working the quilting theme of the series into the story. It was relevant and fit in organically. Overall, I really enjoyed the story and want to read more in the series.

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## **Lisa Morin says**

This book grabbed my attention from the very beginning. The story is well told and I couldn't put it down. When Martha Rose receives a DNA test in the mail, she has no idea what her but if saliva will bring into her life.

Will she finally find out the truth about her father, or will it just simply remain a cold case?

I like the cast of characters in this book. They all work well together to bring the story to light.

I've read all the books in this series and I believe this one is my favorite.

I volunteered to read and review an ARC of this book provided by the publisher and NetGalley.

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