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For food and cocktails columnist Hayley Powell, becoming a local culinary celebrity opens lots of doors. Unfortunately, one leads straight to cold-blooded murder...

When Hayley is invited to do a cooking demo on one of daytime's most popular talk shows, it's a welcome distraction from her empty nest blues. And the newfound fame certainly has its perks--especially when Olivia Redmond, the posh bacon heiress of Redmond Meats, offers Hayley a writing gig with a juicy paycheck.

But Hayley's good fortune fizzles fast. The heiress is found dead with her pet pot-bellied pig, Pork Chop, squealing bloody murder beside her body, and clogged arteries aren't to blame. It turns out Olivia's inherited a wealth of enemies over the years, and as Hayley trims the fat off a mounting list of suspects, it's clear that being rich and hot-tempered can be a recipe for disaster...

Includes seven delectable recipes from Hayley's kitchen!

Praise for Death of a Christmas Caterer

"A fun Christmas cozy." --*Library Journal*

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Carole says

Sometimes I think it's a little outrageous the way Haley takes it upon herself to "investigate" these murders. It stretches my credibility too far. But otherwise the stories are light and enjoyable. Nice people with few really pressing problems.

JoAnne McMaster (Any Good Book) says

Well, I hate to say it, but even I have to give up what little hope I was holding out for this series to improve. I read and I read, hoping against hope that something, anything would change to make this series better. Instead I came to a revelation that pretty much ended it for me.

I've realized that not a single woman in the book has a decent relationship. Mona hates her [lazy] husband, Liddy keeps finding new boyfriends; and Hayley keeps a boyfriend for a few months and they break up. You know, if this were a group of men instead of a group of women, there'd be a few choice words to say about them. Losers. Players. Drunks. Jerks. Good-for-Nothing. But because they're women it's just bad choices?

The finality for me was the fact that in the last book Hayley and Aaron seemed to be progressing nicely in their relationship and falling in love. But then out of the blue they decide to break up because they're not right for each other? (No spoiler here since you see it coming from the first pages). What? Who wants to read a series where every female (or male) is lousy at relationships? I have a great one, so do my sisters, friends, etc., but I guess they're not right for each other but in the previous book they were right for each other? WTH? Who wants to read a series where every female is lousy at relationships? I have a great relationship, so do my sisters, friends, etc., so I guess three loser women can hang out together but I sure don't want to read about them. Maybe if they'd give up the booze for awhile (or at least go easy) they'd be able to figure out what was wrong with their lives and do something about it. Not to mention a situation with Mona just seems so over the top. Right...a woman with seven children. Uh-huh. Soooo believable...

I also couldn't get past the fact that a woman who owns a bacon empire would keep a pig as a pet. A pig. As a pet. And makes her money in bacon. Yeah, and I know a beef salesman that keeps a cow as a pet, too. Another unbelievable scenario. You don't keep your food as pets (unless you're the most insensitive mooch on the planet).

In the end, it's not that I'm promoting you need a man to make you happy. Many, many women do well without one (including one of my sisters). But if you're going to write a series about three friends, why are all of them bad at relationships? It's not plausible. And Hayley has a crappy job that never gets any better, and no money. Jeez, I guess I just got tired of being depressed every time I read one of these books.

Nancy H says

I love this series, and this is another good entry. Hayley has a great opportunity on a TV show to demonstrate some of her beloved bacon recipes, but when someone she meets is killed, she must put aside her own issues

and try to find the killer.

Misty says

Amazing mystery

Haley is at it again except this time not only is it someone she knows is someone she just started to work for that she finds dead. After a brief moment on a show called the chat Hayley finds herself a celebrity at home. When Miss Olivia Redmond owner of Redmond Meats as her to work for her writing a recipe blog Haley jumps on the chance. She just didn't expect to find Miss Redmond's body in the garden. Now Haley needs to find a killer and there are many suspects to contemplate. This book kept me on the edge of my seat and really kept me guessing on could have done it. The ending was a big surprise which is always great in a mystery book. Can't wait to weed the next novel. If you love mysteries and yummy yummy recipes grab this book series.

Clare O'Beara says

This is a fun cosy mystery, but I thought it could have been so much more. A lady who has inherited a fortune from the pork and bacon industry she still runs, is murdered in her upstate New York mansion.

If I was writing this book I would have looked behind the scenes at raising of pigs intensively and included some animal welfare activists as possible suspects. The unashamed snobbery of the deceased however is shown as the only motive why anyone dislikes her, and a pet pot-bellied pig ironically called Pork Chop is representative of the live animals. Pigs are here to provide us with recipes, not food for thought.

The recipes come courtesy of a food blogger whose services are called upon by the heiress. After the murder is discovered, the recipes continue with snippets from a local paper, and these seriously break the dramatic flow, making the tale seem very light rather than suspenseful. As is, we get a nice little mystery with a few animals and colourful locals on an island. But the massive unsaid, unthought issues surrounding the pork industry mean there is still a book waiting to be written.

I was sent an ARC and this is an unbiased review.

Jonathan says

As always, the Hayley Powell books are fantastic. this one took me a little while to get through, but that's every book nowadays. Recommend!

Melissa Cochrill says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for a review from Netgalley and Kensington Publishing. All opinions and views expressed in this review are entirely my own.

Haley works at a newspaper as the office manager and writes a food/drink column. Haley is invited to appear on a talk show in New York to showcase one of her amazing bacon recipes. While there, Haley meets Olivia Redmond, heiress to Redmond Meats, the largest meat supplier in the country. Coincidentally, Olivia lives on Mount Desert Island, so Haley is familiar with her and her reputation.

After returning home, Olivia convinces Haley to write recipes for the Redmond Meats website. When Haley visits Olivia one day at her estate, Haley stumbles upon a murdered Olivia. Who is the culprit? Could it be Olivia's estranged son, her shifty husband, her employee who feels he should be running the company or her supposedly BFF?

Haley is also dealing with some personal romance issues. All the characters I love are back. Haley has that knack for making people want to talk to her, so she kind of falls into investigating. This series makes me laugh and I always enjoy the recipes that are included. A very fun and quick read that I recommend.

Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

Another fabulous installment in a series that has been one of my favorites since the beginning!

The Hayley Powell Food & Cocktail Mysteries never fail to make me laugh. The cast of regular characters in this series are absolutely marvelous to read. They are so varied. Each character adds just the right personality to this eclectic group. Author Lee Hollis comes up with some of the best one liners, and hysterical conversations and situations. There is never a dull moment with any of them.

DEATH OF A BACON HEIRESS not only did justice to the rest of the series, it elevated it. That's not something I would have thought possible. But this was a superb mystery written with a skill that simply amazed me. While the main mystery in the book was completely absorbing, there were also smaller storylines mix in that served to make this book even more outstanding.

I would be hard pressed to pick my favorite part of story, but I will leave you with two words that will always make DEATH OF A BACON HEIRESS memorable to me...Pork Chop. ?

As always, Hollis has included yummy cocktail and food recipes. You'll also find an excerpt from the next Hayley Powell mystery, DEATH OF A PUMPKIN CARVER!

Janet says

Another fun entry. Just another adventure/mystery and some laughs that make the read totally enjoyable. I need to mention the food and drink recipes make me want them all!

Kristina says

Death of a Bacon Heiress by Lee Hollis is the seventh book in the Hayley Powell Mystery series. Dr. Alvin Foley has been missing for a couple of weeks. It is the talk of the town until Hayley Powell, writer of Island

Food and Spirits for The Island Times, is invited to do a cooking demonstration on The Chat where she meets Olivia Redmond. Olivia is the owner of Redmond Meats (a very powerful and rich woman). Olivia asks Hayley to write blog posts for the Redmond Meats website (and Hayley can really use the money). When Hayley stops by Olivia's house, she finds Olivia dead in her yard (with Olivia's pot-bellied pig, Pork Chop nearby). The suspect list is long and includes The Chat hostess, Rhonda Franklin. Hayley will have her work cut out for trying to find the culprit. In the meantime, Hayley has to provide a home for Pork Chop (and Hayley's other animals are not happy) and is dealing with her boyfriend, Dr. Aaron Palmer (local vet). Aaron has been distant lately and is not returning Hayley's phone calls (like he is avoiding her). Is he getting ready to propose? And what is going on with Rhonda Franklin and Hayley's friend, Mona (who has been married for twenty years and has a houseful of unruly children)? They are certainly seeing a lot of each other. Things are lively and about to get worse when the body of Dr. Alvin Foley turns up.

I found *Death of a Bacon Heiress* to be too ridiculous (silly). The mysteries were extremely easy to solve. The writer tries to lead the reader down the wrong path, but the killer is extremely obvious. *Death of a Bacon Heiress* can easily be read alone (you do not have to read the previous books in the series in order to know what is going on in the novel). There are some bacon recipes included in the back of the book (a bonus). Martha Stewart must be getting a royalty check from this book since she was mentioned four times. I was shocked that the main character thought three hundred thread count sheets were a luxury. I give *Death of a Bacon Heiress* 3 out of 5 stars. While *Death of a Bacon Heiress* is not for me, I am sure that many others will enjoy the humor in the novel.

I received a complimentary copy of *Death of a Bacon Heiress* from NetGalley (and Kensington Books) in exchange for an honest evaluation of the novel.

Terri Crossley says

I won this book from the author for a fair and honest review! I really enjoyed this book! How can you not when you add murder, mystery, great drink and food recipes and of course a pig named Pork Chop! Hayley is getting noticed for her food and drink columns that she writes for the island paper. When she is invited to cook for a show on TV and her favorite actress is the one who requested her presence she is stunned! While there she meets Olivia Redmond the famous Bacon Heiress! When she is offered a job from Olivia with a very tempting paycheck she jumps at the chance! Unfortunately her good luck runs out when Olivia is murdered! Hayley steps in and does what she can to help solve this murder but her life is becoming a mess! Her boyfriend either wants to break up with her or propose, her new job is hanging by a thread, and she has agreed to take in Pork Chop until they can decide on what to do with him. She better make it quick because the killer has her in their sights and if she isn't careful her family and her may wind up the next victims! I highly recommend this book and I can't wait to read the next book in this series!

Kim j says

I like this series but this book was not as good as the one before. It seems like the story is going in another direction but I have to read the next books so I am caught up before I make a good or bad decision on the changes. I am sad that Aaron & Hayley did not make it. seems odd?

Janet Robel says

I received this free copy from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

The characters really make the story, not so much the mystery part. Hayley is certainly a fun protagonist but my absolute favorite is Pork Chop, the potbellied pig, who steals the show. Too cute! There wasn't much focus on the murder which made it seem like an after thought and it wrapped up too neatly without any surprises. Since this is the seventh book in a series, not sure if there was enough here to grab my interest and make me go back to read the others.

Patty says

Death of a Bacon Heiress by Lee Hollis is the 7th book in the Hayley Powell Mystery series, and my first book by this author. I don't know where I have been, but I really enjoyed this book and it was a lot of fun to read. It is so exciting to find a new series that you like, now I have 6 books to read. Although this book reads fine as a stand alone, it is always better to go back and start at the beginning of the series.

Hayley is a food and cocktail columnist and office manager at the Mount Desert Island Times newspaper. Hayley gets invited to go to New York to be on The Chat television show to demonstrate a bacon recipe. While in New York she meets Olivia Redmond, the heiress to Redmond Meats, and her pet pig, Pork Chop. After returning home to Mount Desert Island Olivia hires Hayley to write recipes for the Redmond Meats website. When Hayley visits Olivia's estate, she finds a dead body.

Death of a Bacon Heiress was a delightful read full of quirky characters, and humor. The plot line was well developed, and it was a quick easy read. Hayley found suspects around every corner and she was determined to find the murderer. I strongly recommended this book/series for any cozy mystery lovers. I can't wait to read the rest of the series.

I received this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Brittany L. says

I'm sad at the ending, but with all the books this was an easy read and I enjoy how the authors make the mystery carry and you find the murder later in the story not right away so that you get an understanding of the players and the victim.
