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Nancy and her friends only have a few hours to track down the donations for a charity gala that have mysteriously gone missing in this fourteenth book of the Nancy Drew Diaries, a fresh approach to the classic mystery series.

Bess's mom is on the board of Pet Crusaders, a local rescue organization, and hosts the charity's annual fundraising gala. Nancy, Bess, and George have attended the event ever since they were kids, and they're excited for this year's party, the theme of which is "A Night on a Riverboat."

The gala will feature blackjack, roulette, and a high-stakes poker tournament, and all proceeds will go to help stray animals. But when the charity money goes missing mid-event, Nancy has to track down the thief—before the ship docks.

With three hours and over two hundred guests, Nancy faces one of her greatest mystery-solving challenges yet!

## **Riverboat Roulette Details**

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## **Eric Wood says**

An excellent ND book! I loved it! It was suspenseful, intriguing, fast paced, and had a great setting! Once again, Nancy really uses her head and I liked how determined she was to solve the mystery. I also liked how supportive Bess and George were of Nancy and helped her in any way they could while also giving her some pep talk when she was feeling down on the case. The characters were also interesting to read about and I liked the references to the other books in the series that the author made. That was neat! However, the culprits were so obvious and so was the motive, I knew from the very start who it was and why when the character was introduced. That bugged me a little. Also what does the title of this book have to do with the story?? Roulette is only mentioned once throughout the entire book and has nothing to do with the mystery whatsoever. But overall, this is an excellent read, the mystery finally wasn't sabotage and Nancy was great in this book, so I thoroughly enjoyed it. 5 stars!

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## **Amy "the book-bat" says**

I am enjoying this series. It brings back pleasant childhood memories.

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## **Suzie Bookgirl says**

A modern take on Nancy Drew. I listened with my daughter and once I got past the first person narration it was not to bad. It retains the essence of the originals.

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## **D.peabody says**

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## **Kevin says**

Like a lot of recent Nancy Drew (and Hardy Boys) books, there is a wonderful premise that is executed so quickly that readers have to wonder if the action is more important than getting to really know the characters. We get a lot of reminders of stuff that has been mentioned in nearly every single Nancy Drew book since 1930 but nothing new that lasts beyond the current book. The publisher gets points, however, for the setting.

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## **Ms. Yingling says**

The thing that I find really interesting about these books is that the villain, while perhaps portrayed as a bit more nervous than other characters, is always someone who is not a horribly bad person. And then they steal \$100,000 from an animal shelter, but they are still given a decent reason for having done it. My students love these, but I balk at buying books when ANY series gets over ten volumes!

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### Morgan says

This was my first Nancy Drew book (and there's probably a lot of people cringing that I chose one of the Diaries books). But I can honestly say I loved it. It was so much fun and had quite a bit of mystery to it, I found myself somewhat guessing till the very end. Here were even a few surprises for me. I adored Bess and George, they were amazing. George in particular was HILARIOUS, she had so much personality. I want more books just to get more of this trio. They are stellar! It didn't hurt that this was based on a riverboat! ?

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### Seema ♥Nerdgirl♥ says

Great Nancy Drew mystery!

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### Simona says

**Rating: 5+/5 || Recenzia pe Secretele C?r?ilor**

#### Îmi place instagram feed-ul t?u

Fiind un fan al misterelor, recent am avut pl?cerea s? citesc dou? c?r?i din seria **Nancy Drew Diaries**, o serie de c?r?i mai micu?e, scrise tot sub pseudonimul de **Carolyn Keene**. Am descoperit acum ani buni c?r?ile cu Nancy Drew ?i mi-au pl?cut extrem de mult! Ochiul meu de detectiv a cercetat bine ?i a dat peste multe jocuri, un film ?i c?teva episoade cu t?n?ra detectiv? Nancy, de care m-am ata?at instantaneu!

Am primit un minunat pachet?el de la **Books Express** ?i am z?mbit cu gura p?n? la urechi c?nd am descoperit noi ambalaje fascinante by the one and only Ana ?. She is really awesome! ?tiind c? îmi place culoarea mov (mai ales lila), a legat c?rticelele mele cu o panglic? în aceast? culoare relaxant?.

Eu aveam de primit o singur? c?rticic? ( **The Ghost of Grey Fox Inn** ), îns? m-am trezit cu dou?, Riverboat Roulette fiind o surpriz? minunat? pentru detectiva din mine care dorea s? rezolve ni?te cazuri misterioase.

Al?turi de c?r?ile ambalate minunat, am primit un sticker Winnie Pooh ?i o **carte po?tal?** marca Coffentropy pe care este scris un mesaj dr?gu?: **Îmi place instagram feed-ul t?u** . S? nu uit?m de simpaticile hashtag-uri! Iar pe spatele c?r?ii po?tale, aveam ?i mesajul cosy de la fetele de la Books Express. :)

## Mark Twain

Nancy Drew este o tânără detectivă care pe oriunde ajunge descoperă te miri ce mistere de rezolvat. În **Riverboat Roulette**, a 14-a carte din seria **Nancy Drew Diaries**, Nancy și cele mai bune prietene ale sale ajung pe o ambarcă în care unde se va juca poker cu un scop caritabil: strângerea de fonduri pentru a construi adăposturi pentru animale.

Mama lui Bess este cea care le invită pe fete pentru a participa la strângerea de fonduri. Nancy și Bess sunt extrem de entuziasmate pentru a se găti și a asista la jocurile de poker de pe ambarcă în care **Delta Queen**, pe când prietena lor George este și mai plină de vervă, întrucât va juca poker contra unui campion de poker: **Brett Garner**.

În momentul în care fetele ajung pe ambarcă în care, sunt imediat fascinate de interiorul somptuos și de tot ce le invită să participe la această gală specială. Fascinația lor continuă și în momentul în care aud că **numele lui Mark Twain** este strigat când se aflau pe navă. Acest lucru se pare că reprezintă un semn pentru momentele când apa este prea adâncă pentru ca nava să își continue drumul.

## Misterul contra timp

Cu toate că gala de pe Delta Queen este realizată cu un scop nobil, totul ia o turnură care va alarma câteva persoane de pe navă: banii pentru adăposturile de animale dispar, iar Nancy și prietenii ei vor porni pe urmele furtului.

Cu toate că în această carte de tip mister relaxat nu am avut parte de fantome, situațiile ciudate, coincidențele și gândirea pusă în practică se împletesc de minune cu personaje care te fac să le îndrăgești imediat.

Întrucât Nancy are de obicei norocul sau curiozitatea de a se implica cât mai mult la acțiune, în **Riverboat Roulette** va avea ocazia să joace Holdem Poker și să își pună puținele cunoștințe în aplicare în timp ce face pe detectivă. **Mi-a plăcut la nebunie această lectură** și am stat de câteva ori cu sufletul la gură pentru că situațiile periculoase sunt prezente, chiar dacă lejeritatea lecturii te-ar face să crezi că vei sta relaxat în continuare. Abia aștept să mai am ocazia să citesc alte aventuri de-ale lui Nancy și vă recomand cu mare drag seria **Nancy Drew Diaries**, fiind una perfectă pentru începătorii în ale englezei, dar și pentru cei care doresc niște clipe de relaxare, dar pline de suspans în același timp!

P.S.: Oare faimosul Brett Garner pe care George îl venerează este demn de aprecierea ei?

## Citate:

*"We thanked her for her help and entered the big room on the main deck of the boat. It was about the size of a high school gym, but much fancier! The dark mahogany walls had windows and doors to the outer deck, and the setting sun filled the room with a golden glow. A red-and-gold rug covered most of the floor, but you could still make out the edges of the hardwood floor, which matched the walls. There were eight poker tables in the center of the room, with a dance floor and stage on one end. Men and women in crisp white shirts and black vests stood at each table, ready to deal as soon as we pushed off from the shore. Chandeliers made of old and crystal hung from the ceiling at opposite corners of the room, I felt transported back in*

*time to the late nineteenth century, when traveling was as much about the journey as the destination." (p.17-18)*

*"«Do you want to take another run at Joanne?» George asked.  
«I think it's time to play a different card,» I answered as I headed toward the door.  
«Incorporating poker metaphors already,» George commented. «You learn fast, grasshopper.»" (p.94)*

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## **Emma says**

This one was a pretty interesting read however the clues were a little too obvious and so I figured out the plot pretty quickly even before the famous Nancy drew did. There were a few things that I didnt figure out which enabled me to enjoy the book a little more. Not one of her best but I did like the idea of a no kill shelter.

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## **Churin says**

I write this review for both NDD #13 and #14, because honestly, there's not much to say about these little books without spoiling any plot.

First of all, this is a bit stupid, but I didn't know that the two books aren't the original Nancy Drew series. Speaking of original books, I just found out that the "original" series has been being revisioned almost every year since 1940s. I was envisioning old, classic vibe of early 20th century, so I was surprised when George, one of Nancy's best friend said she can't live without smartphone. Or when they used slang. LOL I can't believe I didn't research it before.. I just went and buy it after someone said it was an American classic and almost as good as Famous Five.

I kid you not it was not even half as interesting.

So then I try not to be biased by my expectations, and I still find these things bugging me:

-The characters is so. Damn. Inconsistent.

They described George as an obsessive person while Bess (another best friend of Nancy's) was the normal one. But Bess. Is. Obsessed. With. Dresses. And hair. And make up.

It feels like my favorite young author (12 years old while publishing her first novel) has more skill describing and building characters than this supposedly group of adult authors.

And Nancy was that smart, nice girl that has no character whatsoever except for being smart. And nice.

-The plot.

Okay I understand that ND is children to middle grade mystery book. But the plot is very, very predictable. It feels like watching Dora the Explorer.

-The villains were almost identical in both books.

Okay enough of my rant! Feel free to comment! And chat me up! I totally missed you guys ??

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**Kaylabookworm22 L says**

This was a fun read. I always enjoy any Nancy Drew book. I love the characters and the mystery.

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**Ann♥???? says**

I enjoyed this one very much and will want to re-read it! There's mystery, a riverboat, a need-to-hurry-before-it-docks-time-limit aspect to solving the mystery, and danger! Pretty cover art. The characters are written well - so important to me!

Please check out my whole review @my blog Hardy and Drew Mysteries! :)

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