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Amateur sleuth Odelia Grey tries to get a band back together—and get her mother off the hook—in book eleven of the award-winning series

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Praise:

"Jaffarian's fun, frenzied 11th mystery featuring plucky plus-size paralegal Odelia Grey . . . is a fluffy mélange of danger, humor, and surprises."—*Publishers Weekly*

"[A] delightful series."—*Ellery Queen Mystery Magazine*

"More corpses surely lie in wait for [Odelia] . . . But it's fun to see her ditzy niece share the spotlight this time around."—*Kirkus Reviews*

Rhythm & Clues Details

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Ellen says

Rhythm & Clues by Sue Ann Jaffarian.

The author took a refreshing change of pace in this story which made it all the more interesting. The setting is at Grace's(Odelia's Mother) 55+ gated community and the characters involved include Grace, Lorraine (Odelia's niece), and bringing back Willie from former adventures.

Grace and her friend Art Franklin neighbors at The Seaside Retirement Community are worried about another neighbor and friend...Boaz Shankleman. It seems Bo and his dog Ringo are no where to be found. In fact they've been gone without a word to anyone. Odelia tried to get to the bottom of this dilemma when the situation takes a nasty twist.

Odelia receives a call from the jail. It's her Mother/Grace calling and both she & Lorraine are being held there after b&e into Bo's home. B&E was just the tip of the ice berg. The pair stumbled upon a gruesome discovery that leads us into a much deeper and more dangerous dilemma than was originally thought.

In my opinion this was one of the best Odelia's entries to date. The originality of bringing Grace and Lorraine into the mix was energizing to the storyline as was the change in setting. The realistic and revealing step by step investigation took me on a journey along side Odelia. A rave 5 stars.

Jennifer says

You know how sometimes you're flipping through TV channels and a show catches your attention, one you've never watched before, and you end up getting sucked into the episode. You realize that you're coming in mid-season and there's a lot of information about the characters you don't have but still the episode is fun, engaging, and well done. You want more so you head to Netflix or Hulu.

That was my experience with this book, Rhythm & Clues, which is actually the 11th book in a mystery series by Sue Ann Jaffarian. The cover was what got my attention on NetGalley as did the funny promo description. At first, I was disappointed to find out that Odelia Grey was not a plus sized blues musician but a plus-sized paralegal. However, I found her and her family fun to get to know.

In this book, Odelia's mother, Grace, who lives in a nearby retirement village, contacts Odelia because she and her friend, Art Franklin, are worried about another resident – Boaz Shankleman. He seems to have disappeared and nobody, not the police or the administrators of the retirement complex, is concerned. Grace gets Odelia's attention by revealing that Boaz is really Bo Shank, the lead singer of Acid Storm, a band Odelia loved in her college days. Though Odelia thinks there is probably a reasonable explanation for Bo's absence, she agrees to look into it. Of course, that doesn't mean Grace and Art stop their own investigation and soon funny situations and some real danger ensue.

Though I now know (from reading some descriptions from earlier books) that there is a rich backstory about Odelia and her mother that forms the plot lines of earlier books, I really enjoyed their banter and their shared ability to both stumble upon dead bodies and not keep sticking their nose into a case. Like most amateur

detectives, Odelia has a complicated relationship with the police and then there's the fact that her husband, who is out of town during most of this mystery, runs a security company (so she has some backup somewhere between Win and Ranger . . . dangerous but not psycho).

I finished this book thinking that I enjoyed spending time with Odelia Grey and that we have a lot to catch up on.

*I received an ARC of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest/unbiased review.

Sarah says

I love love love Odelia Grey! In the 11th installment of this series, we find paralegal and "corpse magnet" Odelia embroiled in a new mystery. Her mother has asked her to look into the disappearance of a neighbor in her retirement community, Bo Shank. Before she can get too involved, a dead body is found in Bo Shank's house and Odelia's niece is a suspect! To help her niece, and figure out what happened to Bo, Odelia starts her investigation.

Odelia Grey stories are humorous, engaging, and always exciting. Ms. Jaffarian keeps you guessing who the murderer is until the end! I normally have an easy time figuring out the "whodunit" but in this case, I was wrong! I give this book 5 stars. I really recommend you read the whole series, but it's not required if you want to jump right into this story!

I received an advanced copy from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Teresa Bates says

I love odelia

What could be better than an Odelia Gray mystery. The characters are wonderful and the mystery is great. Sometimes I need unconventional characters to make it more interesting. Thank you Sue Ann

Susan says

When Odelia's eccentric mother asks her help in finding a missing neighbor, Odelia is stunned to learn that the man was one of her rock idols back in the day. But when the bodies start to pile up, Odelia has to--um--evade telling her out-of-town husband and brother that she, Mom, and her niece Lorraine are investigating in a big way. Odelia, like so many fictional detectives nowadays, has a lovable but lethal guardian angel, a shtick that may be getting a bit overdone.

Melodie says

I love the Odelia Grey books and while this wasn't as good as some others, it was still a great way to spend a

few hours. The rock 'n roll part of it was rather generic, but the story was a good one anyway. Would love to see these books get more attention. Recommend!

Barbara Hackel says

This is the 11th book in the Odelia Grey Mystery series, and it is just as entertaining as all the others. Between Odelia-the body magnet, her mother-the crazy lady, and the cast of unusual friends and relatives, each book is an exciting murder mystery that is laced with humor, Odelia and her mom's rash and often not thought through motions, and a wide variety of helpful friends. This is one series that you HAVE to read in order, or else you won't have a clue as to what has happened. I love how the author has given characters more confidence as the books progress, yet some basic things go unchanged. No matter if the notorious hit woman known as "Mother" wants to talk to her, Odelia will take care of the cat and dog, clean up the dishes, or do whatever is needed before she runs out of the house.

This book is focused on Grace, Odelia's mother, and the people who live in her retirement village. It turns out that a former rock band star (and Odelia's rock band "crush" from her college days) not only lives near her, but they are close friends. His sudden disappearance from his home is the catalyst for all sorts of terrible things happening, including another friend going missing. When a "shady criminal" friend, who is her brother's boss, steps in to help, all sorts of surprises result. Odelia's visiting niece even falls for his "associate" between murders.

The pacing of these books is excellent, with plenty of time for explanations and conjectures. I find them exciting yet not overly stimulating. That's a good thing because I wouldn't want to rush through the book and risk missing a moment of the fun!

Mark Baker says

Odelia's mom is concerned because her neighbor, former rock star Bo Shank, is missing. While Odelia is a bit star struck at the idea that her mom knows Odelia's college idol, she figures the man left on a trip and forgot to let people know. Still, she is poking around a bit when a dead body turns up. What is really going on?

I was a bit disappointed at first when I realized that many of the usual supporting players were out of town for this book. That didn't last long as I got caught up in another wild and crazy ride. The plot starts strong and never slows down. Odelia's mother is a fantastic sidekick, and she brought her usual laughs to the book. The rest of the cast is just as strong and fun. Fans will be delighted in this latest adventure for Odelia.

Read my full review at [Carstairs Considers](#).

Llyr Heller-Humphreys says

Another fun installment of this series!

Cardyn Brooks says

[very minor incorrect/correct proofing oversight: pg.136 She/She'd gone back to join Lorraine on the sofa.]

Ian says

Looks like Odelia isn't the only 'Corpse Magnet' in the family...as she is about to learn!

It's a rockin' flashback for Odelia Grey when her mother asks her to look into the disappearance of a neighbor, the former lead singer for a band Odelia idolized in her youth. But when a body is found in Bo Shank's house by another member of Odelia's family, everything quickly gets thrown out of tune.

With a lot of bumping and grinding to her own rock tune, Odelia is about to flush the guilty parties out into the open.

It's the 11th outing for this sassy lady Odelia Grey

As always with the Odelia books, will have you laughing at the situations she and her family gets themselves into.

Sue Ann holds you captive, as she spins her stories and draws you into the world of Odelia Grey.

I Love the Odelia books. And this one will keep you laughing and on the edger of your seat, from start to finish.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book. Published by Midnight Ink Books and downloaded via NetGalley.

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Laura says

Reading this book was like a trip to visit good friends! Really missed these characters!! This book was a bit different from past books giving a great mix...waiting for more

Kelly says

I voluntarily reviewed this ARC

I thought this would be a little more cozy than it was. But once I got used to it being edgier than I expected, I really enjoyed it. I think the series is best read in order. It did a good job of explaining the characters and relationships, but you have to watch out for spoilers. The mystery itself was slightly convoluted but well

written.

Kathy says

A family affair in sleuthing

In this book Odelia's niece comes to visit and discovers a dead body. The story centers around finding two of Odelia's mother's friends who go missing around the time that her niece finds the dead body. Once again Odelia and her mother cannot help themselves and once again get involved with trying to solve the murder. This is another page turner.

Anne says

I've been a fan of this series since the beginning and Rhythm & Clues is a solid addition. I think the variety of story lines keeps the series fresh for me. This time, it's Odelia and Grace, her mom, trying to find out why Grace's friend has disappeared, along the way they find a body (no surprise there). The story clips along and most of the usual cast of secondary characters pop up, most just briefly. Lorraine, Odelia's niece, gets some nice page time. I don't recall having met her before in the series.

Grace is more humanized here and Odelia's weight is mentioned less, both pluses.

I think those new to the series get enough info. that they wouldn't be lost, but familiar readers aren't beaten over the head with backstory we've read book after book.

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