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South Cove, California, is celebrating St. Patrick's Day—and there's going to be a parade of suspects . . .

Jill Gardner's store, Coffee, Books, and More, is raking in the green as her little coastal town holds a big festival for St. Patrick's Day. But the locals aren't exactly feeling the luck of the Irish, thanks to the rowdy behavior of some of the tourists who are pouring in.

Then a woman who just visited Jill's shop is found dead near the shore. The fireworks display on the beach may have already happened, but the real fireworks have just begun . . .

Praise for The Tourist Trap Mysteries

"I love the author's style, which was warm and friendly . . . [A] wonderfully appealing series."—*Dru's Book Musings*

"Light, fun, and kept me thoroughly engaged."—*The Young Folks*

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Anna says

Thank you to NetGalley and the Publisher for a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

This was another delightful visit with old friends in South Cove, California. All the characters we love were back - as is another murder in the sleepy town.

It's St. Patrick's Day and the town is hosting its big festival but they soon regret it as the crowd that descends on the town is rowdy and their behaviour is questionable.

Jill is horrified to hear that there was a murder on the beach during the fireworks display. Jill feels a connection to the victim because she had been in Coffee, Books and More hours before she was murdered buying coffee. Jill had invited her to come back and have a slice of cheesecake. Who in the group of these friends would have killed her and why.

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Anita says

Jill Gardner, owner of Coffee, Books, and More in South Cove, California is swamped by customers during the St. Patrick's Day Festival. The revelers are extremely rowdy and several shopkeepers need assistance from Jill's boyfriend, Greg, who is South Cove's police chief. A girl named Alana walks in to Jill's shop to order a coffee. That afternoon, Alana is found dead near the beach. Can Jill find the murderer before someone else is found dead?

I loved this cozy mystery. It had all of the elements found in longer mysteries, and nothing seemed rushed. I loved learning about different characters, and the plot kept me on the edge of my seat until the culprit was revealed. I can't wait to read the next mystery in this series. I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this book from NetGalley and am voluntarily reviewing it.

Patty says

Corned Beef and Casualties by Lynn Cahoon is the 10th book in A Tourist Trap Mystery series, and a great addition. Jill Gardner is the owner of Coffee, Books, and More and she and the town are busy getting ready for the big St. Patrick's celebration her town is trying out. Jill serves a young lady a mocha, and she feels a connection with her, they both lost their moms while they were young. Later the young woman is found murdered. I love this series, and enjoyed this novella too. I highly recommend this book/series to all cozy mystery lovers. I also recommend that you read them in order to get the most out of the books.

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

RO G'ma says

Corned Beef and Casualties is the latest novella in Lynn Cahoon's entertaining Tourist Trap Mystery series. This is a clean and quick read with well-developed and likable characters and a murder to try to solve. There are inconsistencies regarding the characters from previous books, and the reveal seemed rushed, with few details provided.

The town of South Cove, California is holding a St Patrick's celebration with lots of activities and festive adult beverages to entertain the somewhat rowdy crowd. The body of a young woman is found on the beach after a spectacular fireworks display, and when it's ruled a homicide, South Cove's lead detective, Greg King, and Toby Killian try to track down the killer. Jill feels a connection to the victim, newly engaged Alana McDaniel, because she'd been a customer at her shop, Coffee, Books and More, earlier that day. Greg, who is also Jill's boyfriend, doesn't like Jill to investigate, but even though she promises not to, she feels compelled to ask questions and prepare a timeline for the activities of Alana and her friends.

I received an Advance Reader Copy of this book from NetGalley and voluntarily reviewed it.

JoAn says

Corned Beef and Casualties by Lynn Cahoon is the third holiday novella in the Tourist Trap series. As always, it was fun to be back in South Cove with Jill, Greg, Aunt Jackie, Amy and Sasha.

This was a quick and easy read. The plot centers around the St. Patrick's Day weekend festival being held in South Cove with a parade and plenty of green drinks. Jill really does try to stay out of this one but her curiosity is too strong. However, she only solves the case by being in the right place at the right time. The plot moved quickly with just a few twists to keep me turning the pages. Ms. Cahoon has left me wondering about the red-haired woman who visits Jill in the shop in the last chapter.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book from Lyrical Press via NetGalley. All of the above opinions are my own.

Linda says

If you like the Tourist Trap Mysteries, don't miss this novella. It's always a pleasure to visit the regular characters of the seaside town of South Cove, California and this time, the town is poised for its annual St. Patrick's Day celebrations when a body is discovered on the beach. Jill Gardner, owner of the local coffee shop/bookstore uses her sleuthing skills to help boyfriend, Greg King solve the mystery behind the murder. A short, quick, clean cozy read that is absorbing. The author includes a cheesecake recipe that sounds yummy!

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Amanda says

Easy to read short story that kept my interest from start to finish! I love this series, and I love that this book is set around St. Patrick's Day, one of my favorite holidays. Though not a full-length novel, this story is long enough to develop the plot and include some everyday-life details for protagonist Jill. The mystery isn't too easy to solve, and I didn't guess the culprit until the reveal. Corned Beef and Casualties can easily be read as a stand-alone, but it makes a great companion for the Tourist Trap Mystery series, which I love!

I received a copy of this book from NetGalley. This review contains my own thoughts and opinions.

Nancy says

Another quick novella from Lynn Cahoon this time working around a St. Patrick's festival in South Cove. With the crowds getting out of hand and the shop owners having run-ins with the rabble-rousers, an evening call comes in when the body of a young woman is found propped up against the rocks in the cove. It is no surprise when Jill, owner of the Coffee, Books and More, puts the clues together before her detective boyfriend since this is the running theme throughout the series. Yet, from the beginning the who and the why seemed to be obvious. It would have been nice if the reader had to work a little harder to figure it all out.

This novella, actually all the novellas, within this series are placeholders until the author can come out with her next full-length book. Hopefully, that is the plan and since I am not sure when that will happen since she does have a few series going and finding the time to juggle them all must be daunting.

Miss W Book Reviews says

Corned Beef and Casualties is Book 10 in the Fabulous Tourist Trap Mystery Series. I loved this holiday novella centering around St. Patrick's Day. This is the third Novella in this series and I LOVE ME A GOOD NOVELLA! I enjoyed visiting South Cove again with Jill and her gang.

The plot was well developed for a short read. The story revolves around the St. Patrick's Day Weekend festival. The night after the festival a young woman is found dead on the beach.

There were even some twists which is a credit to Ms. Cahoon's writing to being able to provide such a well crafted story in a novella.

I am excited to read the next book in this series and see how Ms. Cahoon explores the story arc of Jill seeing people that no one else does.

Don't miss the yummy cheesecake recipe, I plan on trying that out!

Betty says

I was surprised to find this a novella, it is the third one in a series of holiday stories. The town of South Cove is holding a St Patrick's celebration. Much liquor is being consumed with the rowdy behavior. Jill once a group of five that are inebriated. This party rented bicycles and one is not returned. Later the girl is found dead near the missing bicycle. Greg and Jill worked together to find the killer. I highly recommend this book and series. A recipe is included.

Disclosure: Many thanks to NetGalley and Kensington Books for a review copy. The opinions expressed are my own.

Gloria says

This is a quick and fun addition to the great Tourist Trap series. It is a novella that goes back in time to a holiday festival, St. Patrick's Day, in South Cove. Jill and the crew are busy serving coffee and desserts as well as selling books during the festival. Other businesses are kept busy with the hordes as well. Her boyfriend and police chief, Greg King, has asked for extra help from nearby Bakerstown PD to take care of the crowds. Green beer and drinks are flowing and the crowds are having a blast but one customer that Jill chatted with briefly and enjoyed talking with is found dead after fireworks on the beach. She tries not to get involved investigating but Jill just can't help it. She starts a timeline that her friend, winery owner and news reporter, Darla helps fill in the blanks as do others around town. Corned Beef and Casualties is a nice way for a quick visit to South Cove, Jill and the gang.

I received a complimentary ARC from Kensington Books through NetGalley. All the opinions are mine only.

Peggy R says

This is a fun, quick easy read. I enjoy returning to South Cove for these holiday novellas. This one is centered around St. Patrick's Day. Once again the town festival doesn't go as planned when a festival goer is found dead on the beach. The mystery wasn't that complicated but these are such quick reads that it works. Also, I'm a bit intrigued by where the author is headed with Jill's character. This is the second novella where she has seen and spoken to someone nobody else has seen.

I voluntarily read a digital ARC provided to me by the publisher through Netgalley.

Barbara Sousa says

Welcome back to South Cove! And a warm welcome it is. It is a pleasure visiting with Jill, Greg and the crew again. In "Corned Beef and Casualties," the town is hosting a St. Patrick's Day festival, replete with green beer, green potatoes and even green cheesecake. The holiday parade goes off without a hitch, as does the fireworks display. But, after the revelers have headed home, a woman's body is found on the beach. Jill Gardner realizes that the victim is a customer with whom she had a chance encounter at her shop, Coffee, Books, and More. Saddened at the young lady's demise and against the advice of her detective-boyfriend, Jill tries to piece together the chronology of the girl's last day. Jill follows the clues and winds up accidentally

solving the crime. For a novella, “Corned Beef and Casualties” is well-plotted, with just enough twists and turns to keep you guessing.

Note: I received an ARC of Justice in Plain Sight from NetGalley and Kensington Books Lyrical Press. The above is my honest review.

Lisa says

'Corned Beef and Casualties' is an entertaining between the 'Tourist Trap Mystery' books novella, this one finds South Cove throwing a Saint Patrick's Day festival where there is green beer, drunken tourists, and unfortunately a dead body.

I enjoy this series a great deal, but the ending of this novella felt a little off to me. The reveal of the murderer was really abrupt and there were hardly any details about what occurred- the cause of death was never even revealed, which is unusual in this series. And then there was the last scene with the woman nobody else saw, just out of the blue... It felt odd. I even went back and re-read the last 2 chapters to see if I missed something that would explain things and smooth over the gaps, but, nope, it still felt incomplete to me.

'Corned Beef and Casualties' is not my favorite in the series, but worth reading if you are a fan of the series. As always I liked the interactions between Jill, Greg, and all her friends, and seeing these episodes that occur between the main novels is fun.

* I won an advanced copy of 'Corned Beef and Casualties' in the Goodreads Giveaway for the book.

K.A. Davis says

CORNED BEEF AND CAUSALTIES is another holiday novella in the Tourist Trap Mystery series by Lynn Cahoon. While I prefer full-length books, I do adore the Tourist Trap Mysteries and the ability to visit South Cove, California even if for a short read. And I'm always drawn to St. Patrick's Day themed stories... especially since my ancestry is Irish. Protagonist Jill Gardner, owner of Coffee, Books, and More is getting ready for the town's first ever St. Patrick's Day event. And what an event it turns out to be with perhaps just a little too much flowing green beer. Ms. Cahoon captures the festival's shenanigans and celebratory spirit with fun descriptions and events.

When the sweet woman, who Jill felt a close connection to after their brief chance meeting, is found murdered on a deserted beach, she feels the need to get involved. I liked how the author has the townspeople come together to piece together the victim's last hours on earth to help solve the mystery. Even though it is a novella, I felt the story contained all the necessary elements to make it a delightful read: good characters, a mystery to be solved, clues sprinkled around, and a satisfying conclusion.

Not only is Jill's shop known for its coffee drinks but also for its sweet treats, especially cheesecakes. Jill's friend, Sadie, who is the owner of Pies on the Fly, creates the desserts and comes up with a special cheesecake especially for St. Patrick's Day. She names the cheesecake after the fun visitor who shows up at the end of the book... Gertie might be real or imagined or mystical... either way, the cheesecake inspired by her appearance embraces the epitome of St. Patrick's Day celebrations and the author provides a recipe for it at the back of the book.

I was provided an advance copy via Netgalley. All thoughts and opinions are my own.
