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## **From Reader Review Motion for Murder for online ebook**

### **Andrea Stoeckel says**

I downloaded this eBook after reading posts about it online. What a hoot!

Kind of stuck in the law firm from hell, Jamie does a lot of things to keep the partners happy, including defusing the clients from another planet who react to bad news with guns, knives, you name it. But the lawyers don't care. They do their thing on the second floor why the three secretaries do the daily grind.

Then one of the lawyers dies. Now what? Everyone is a suspect. Now Jamie and her sister deal with annoyingly loving parents, annoyingly focused detectives, and annoying co-workers as Jamie tries to find out who actually did it.

This book is a blast

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### **Shirley Worley says**

Enjoyable for the first book in the series, though a bit slow at the beginning of the story. The characters were as varied as you would see in any office setting, and the lawyers, well, let's leave it at that. Jamie, the main character seemed a bit mousy at first, but stepped up to the plate to find out who killed one of the partners in the law firm where she works. Jamie occasionally runs her list of suspects by her sister, but her sister's focus is centered around how to get a husband. Talk about desperate. Then there's Curt, Jamie's hunky landlord, dinner companion, and sounding board. Jamie's relationship with this confirmed bachelor was a bit confusing, but as the story evolved, so did the relationship. The plot was interesting and took several unusual turns before the killer was revealed. I never expected ????? to be the killer.

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### **Toni says**

This book took a bit to get into. I think that happens with a lot of novels that are the first in a series. Once I got the gist of who was who, I enjoyed the story more.

I felt for the main character who was in a job that wasn't quite a fit for her but she stayed out of the security of it all. Then when the creepy, overbearing wife of the victim asks her to solve the murder... how can she say no?

I thought the plot was interesting and it kept me guessing. It also gave me a bit of stress when Jamie was plodding through her suspect list while trying to keep it all on the DL.

I definitely had a hankering to keep up with the series and bought a few more books in this series line. Check it out.

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### **Kathy says**

I received an ARC eBook in exchange for an honest review. This is the first book I have read by Kelly Rey and it most certainly will not be my last! This is the first book in what promises to be a fun and exciting mystery series. I loved Jamie Winters and the crazy cast of characters in her world especially her sexy landlord Curt and her so-desperate-for-marriage sister Sherri! This book keeps you guessing as you laugh out loud at some of the situations Jamie finds herself in while trying to deduce who murdered her boss. I was as surprised as Jamie was at who the killer turned out to be. I highly recommend this book for anyone who enjoys a cozy, fun mystery!

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### **L.A. Keller says**

This cozy mystery felt very similar to another book I recently reviewed (*Handbags and Homicide*). In *Motion for Murder*, the main character hates her job at a law firm where one of the partners is sleazier than humanly possible. It's pretty obvious from the first time Dougie steps into a scene that someone has to kill him soon, or the reader will be tempted to do the deed. He wasn't simply annoying, he was sexist. His behavior would never survive in the real world where he would invite a sexual harassment lawsuit.

A former client almost kills him but is thwarted at the last minute. The same client pops up again later in the book - as if the police wouldn't have dealt with him properly the first time!

After Dougie is murdered his widow forces Jamie to investigate her co-workers at the law firm to determine who did it. Jamie has some help from her landlord, Curt and her goofy sister, Sherri, who is desperate for a husband.

I never really understood the relationship between Jamie and Curt. He owns the home they share, which he manages on the salary of a delivery driver. The relationship wasn't clearly defined. Add to that - Curt just happens to have a relative in the police force and supplies her with some insider information.

At one point Jamie winds up following a suspect into an S&M club. This entire section seemed to serve no purpose whatsoever. Red herrings are everywhere (see my earlier post for a definition) and the actual killer is someone who you absolutely would least expect.

The story was somewhat plodding and I felt as if the author tossed in everything she could think of to add interest but it didn't work for me. The promise was that this was the next *Stephanie Plum* but I felt like she missed the mark.

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### **Karin says**

Our daughter is a lawyer and worked for various law firms. Thus, we have heard many stories of the treatment of workers. But, we have never heard about this kind of treatment. Who wouldn't want to kill Dougie? But, wanting to and actually doing it are two very different things – I think. I enjoyed the story even

though I didn't guess the murderer until the end, and I recommend the book.

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### **Sandra says**

Mildly entertaining but I found Jamie kind of a doormat. It annoyed me how she let everyone order her around and never spoke up for herself. Wish she had of had more back bone. I also found her determination to investigate a bit inexplicable. There is nothing to suggest the police wouldn't be perfectly capable, why not leave it to them. I found the relationship between Curt & Jamie confusing also. At first Curt is the one grilling her for info and insisting she figure out what is going on for her own safety then he is telling her not to investigation for her safety. Had potential but needs some editing for clarity and Jamie needs to stop being a doormat.

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### **Nancy says**

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The murderer was Mack Ramsey. He killed Dougie because he had failed to open a real file and pursue and investigation into Constance Ramsey's death.

He is finally arrested.

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### **Elizabeth A. Ward says**

#### **Ok, nothing to talk about**

This book is ok, but seemed to drag on a bit. I'd recommend it as a "summer read", or maybe for bedtime to help you sleep.

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### **Julia says**

I received an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review, thank you to Gemma Halliday publishing.

I really loved this book and thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I had not read the 1st book in the series so did not know what to expect. The series revolves around Jamie Winters who is lucky in love with the hunky Curt but seems to attract murder. Jamie ends up a suspect in the murder of a body she and Curts niece find, so she decides to take matters into her own hands and try to solve the murder.

The plotline keeps you guessing until the end & you end up suspecting everyone!! There are some great characters and laugh out loud moments that give a lighthearted element to the book.

I will definitely read more of Ms Rey's books as I love this genre and think she has written a fab well worth a read book, you won't regret it!

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### **Lin says**

How much stress can there be as a secretary in the law offices of Parker, Dennis and Heath? Well Missy Clark, Jaime Winter and Paige Ford can tell you. Some of their clients are less than favorable and each day a new surprise arises. One of the partners enjoys doing schleppy commercials to bring in those less than favorable clients. The other partners don't care for this marketing technique, but they love the money.

One day while dealing with Torts and other legal documentation, the staff had to deal with an unexpected death. Nothing at the law office would be same again.

A very intriguing read!

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### **Imjussayin says**

Motion for murder: Jamie Winters 1

Motion For Malice  
Jamie Winters book 2

Jamie, a secretary at a law firm, investigates the murder of the sleazy partner. His widow convinces if not orders her to get information.

Jamie Winters has the kind of character that I like to see in a protagonist: smart, feisty with a healthy touch of self-deprecation. So, I picked it up and ran with it. The book turned out to be most entertaining.

The writing flows, so you are entertained while you wait for the murder. And wait you will, but there is a small and colourful cast of characters keeping you amused.

However, the story does not have a smooth start. And I was going to stop reading because I didn't like the sexual dynamic of Dougie patting Missy on the bottom. But it plays to his character and fits the story. The F-word, on the other hand, has no place in a cosy. I read cosies for light relief and to escape the vulgarities that are elsewhere considered cool. Anyway, that's the first ten minutes, and things pick up.

There are amusing lines that had me smirking. So I forgive the holes in the story. It's a light, easy read with a plot line that kept me guessing until Jamie stumbles upon the killer.

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Book Rating

Sexual Content: u

Language: u

Violent: u

Would I read the next one or reread?: Yes.

My rating system (\* = star)

0\* Could not finish this book (waste of time)

1\* Finished the book but didn't like it.

2\* Finished the book it was okay.

3\* A good read worth your time.

4\* An excellent read often with a novel concept or unusual plot.

5\* A great read. A prominent example of the genre.

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## **Anna Snow says**

We've all had that one job that we couldn't stand, but Jamie's murderous place of employment takes it to a whole other level.

This is the first book I've read by Kelly Rey. It was quite good. I enjoyed seeing Jamie grow from shy and reserved, to finally growing some backbone and taking things into her own hands. Especially where her hunky landlord, friend, and neighbor Curt is concerned.

Jamie is easy to relate to, the story is fast paced, and the whodunit was a brilliant surprise. Hopefully there will be another installment, as I'd like to see more of Jamie Winters.

Fun, fast paced, and enjoyable.

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## **Michele Selwood says**

### **Motion denied**

This was a struggle to get through. The action was slow and the characters were unappealing. The plot made little sense and the killer turned out to be a minor character only mentioned in one paragraph. I would not

recommend this book to anyone.

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### **Danielle Eisner says**

Jamie is a secretary in a sleazy law firm. When the most loathed lawyer in the firm, Dougie is murdered, Jamie is forced into investigating the murder by Dougie's scary wife. He was lowdown and conniving and pretty much every body he met had motive to kill him. She has to look into her coworkers and friends to catch the killer before they kill again.

The book was a little slow at first. It took longer than is typical in a murder mystery to get to the actual murder. I kept thinking the murder was coming but it took a while. The story was good though even before the murder. It was funny and I enjoyed it early on.

Jamie was an interesting character. She was slightly obsessed with food. She's also a huge push over. She needed to get a back bone, but it was hilarious when she was pushed into things. And I love her silly family.

I knew who the killer was pretty quickly, or I suspected that they were the killer or a future suspect that would be eliminated. I turned out to be right.

I enjoyed this mystery and recommend to anyone who likes a silly cozy mystery.

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