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Ridgeway Rescue Mysteries can be read in 1-2 hours. Perfect for when you're waiting for an appointment or just want a fast read. Don't miss out on this quick, clean, cozy mystery that will keep you guessing until the end!

It's New Year's Eve and 20-year-old Emma Wright has a date with her crush—well, not a real date, but she can dream! Colby Davidson, the K9 search and rescue deputy, is allowing her to accompany him while he's on patrol at the Ridgeway Illumination Festival. Though they are just friends, she's still hoping for a possible kiss at the end of the festivities.

When a stranger asks them to help take some pictures at the event, Emma and Colby are happy to oblige. But their assistance turns them into alibis for the man's whereabouts while his girlfriend was killed. Most of the clues point to a robbery gone bad, but Emma doesn't believe all of them point that way. Was it really a robbery or was it murder?

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Mary Lou says

An average read

I consider this mystery as average. I liked it because I read it on New Year's eve. I liked it because it was short and readable in a day versus long drawn out mysteries. I disliked what part the dog played in this book. I couldn't get the connection. Overall it was an ok and somewhat enjoyable.

Carol Evans says

Murder on New Year's Eve was a fun, short mystery, perfect to start the year with. If you read the blurb above, you know it was murder, of course. Emily's youngish, 20, but her dad, who she has lived with since her parent's divorced when she was about 11, is the local sheriff, so she's been around crime scenes and cops most of her life. When she's helping solve the case, she's intelligent and observant. When she's working with her foster dog, a St. Bernard, she's patient and caring. When she's thinking about her crush, Colby, she seems like she's 13 and I want to roll my eyes, but maybe that's part of being 20 in a small town, sheltered by a sheriff father.

Given that it's only about 40 pages, I thought the mystery was well done. There were enough clues and it was pretty clever. It wrapped a little quickly, but it had to. The characters were well-developed, we got enough information, but there wasn't too much time spent on useless descriptions or backstory. Overall, I really enjoyed it.

Sue Brooks says

Short and sweet!!! And an interesting story too!!!

I loved how the story started with Emma and Colby on a sort of date for New Years Eve. Then with the clever way that the murder was added in was quite interesting. I don't write spoilers -- but OMG this was an amazingly cute story!!!! And the addition of the dogs made it that much more interesting!!!

Linda says

Cute short story set at New Years.

Mary says

New years eve mystery!

As Emma Wright dreamed about her relationship with Colby. She watched him ordering hot chocolate for both of them.

She was upset that Colby would miss the first word lighting of the illumination of the words Happy New Year 2018!

Clint Austill says

A Good Short Mystery

A quick read that kept you turning the pages as the clues were unmasked & the mystery was solved. Good plot with likeable characters. Check it out for a quick read.

Sheila says

Murder on New Year's Eve is a short fast murder mystery, cloaked with hints of romance, with good characters, and with a dog. Once you introduce a dog, you'll always have this reader hooked. And the romance is nicely low-key. The location—a new year's carnival with lights, countdowns and all the sounds and hurry—becomes quickly real. The mystery is intriguing enough to hold the reader's attention through a short story, and pleasing particularly as it's a woman's sense of detail that draws in the clues.

Murder on New Year's Eve is a fun fast read. It's certainly enough to make me want to read more of the series—and see more of the dog please!

Disclosure: I'm not sure how I got it but I read it on New Year's Eve, waiting for the New Year.

Lois Welsh says

If you are looking for a good short read story then this is for you.

I read it while waiting for my Doctors appointment (actually I finished reading it while I was waiting which does not say much for my Doctor).

This is a short but complete story and I will read others from P. Creeden.

I knew where the clues would be and I was right.

Linda says

I was disappointed. A good concept, a nice description of a small town New Year's Eve celebration, a murder, and a number of could-be interesting characters. I, and I would think most murder mystery fans, knew immediately who the murderer was. The female protagonist was more interested in a kiss than anything else at first, but her love interest seemed to have no interest in her and not much in anything else. A flat figure. I needed to see why she was attracted to him but couldn't. The expected murder had all the right people there, even her father as Sheriff. However, he let's her tag along and she sees what the professionals don't (of course). A toothbrush in the deceased's hand? You mean her father and the others all missed it? Then everything's been dusted for fingerprints, and they know right away whose they are--they didn't have to send them off anywhere and didn't tell us how the victim and the murderer's fingerprints came to be in the data base, so they knew whose they were. The dog was present but really didn't do anything except slobber on a picture. They let an untrained, nonpolice dog in a crime scene??? I wanted to be happy about this mystery (hoping to find a new series I could love) but wasn't. Perhaps the later books have more depth and reality.

Andrea Johnson says

Good story

I enjoyed this story, and I particularly enjoyed the interactions of the dogs with the humans and with each other, especially Molly. The characters were not as well developed as I would have liked, but I guess there's not enough time to do that well in a short story.

Glenda Parker says

My review today is on the mystery, Murder on New Years Eve. This book is one of A Ridgeway Rescue Mystery Series. This is a great read although very short. I've never read any of this author's work but I really enjoyed this story. The story is well written and intriguing. I'm sure you are going to love it and I'm also sure I will read more from this author.

Emma Wright is the sheriff's daughter. Her single father took her to crime scenes all her life. Tonight she asked her father if she could attend the New Years celebration with her secret crush, Deputy Colby as he patrols the park for the festival. It's not a real date but she likes to think it is. A strange man comes up to them and asks Colby to take a picture of him when the light of the sign lit up. Emma finds the man odd.

Deputy Colby Davidson and his K-9 partner, Gabby were glad for the company of Emma and her three month old puppy Molly. As he makes his rounds a man asks him to take a picture of himself in front of the sign that lights up a new word every twenty minutes. They didn't realize that this man was using them as an alibi for a murder. Colby is amazed when Emma starts asking questions of the suspect. Her father listened to her every word as he has tried to get her to join the department for years.

This is a great story of one woman so detail oriented that she can break the man's alibi and break the man.

Kandi A. Hudson says

Murderer Obvious

This book was OK. The culprit was obvious right from the start. The journey to the reveal was the more interesting part of the story. I think the characters were a bit stilted, and the plot needed better development, but it is a short story and a quick read. I'm not sure that I would read more of these as I felt that the story was pretty basic and I like more convoluted mysteries with a story behind the story.

Katrina Roets says

This is the first novella in the Ridgeway Rescue Mystery series. It introduces us to Colby, Emma, and Emma's dad as well as two very awesome dogs! After reading the others, I couldn't wait to jump into this one as well!

The Good: Emma is a bit...well, flighty...but she's a total sweetheart and far more observant than I will ever be! Colby is strong and responsible and you just know there's a backstory there that you want to dive into!

The Bad: I read this out of order so this was the last one that I read and I was sad to discover there were only three so far. I can't wait for more!

The Summary: This is a great series by a very talented author. Yes, they're short but that just makes you want them more! They're perfect for those days where you're stuck sitting around, waiting for something. Pick them up and enjoy!

Becky Stephens says

This cozy murder mystery was a fun read! With a steady pace and likeable characters, it was easy to love this book.

As a dog person, I adored Molly, the Saint Bernard puppy. Her exuberant personality is juxtaposed to Gabby's, the K9 dog, who was more reserved—at least while on duty. I hope to see more of Molly and Gabby in this series.

I look forward to reading the rest of this series as each book is released.

Cherry says

A fun read as the Sheriff's daughter and her St Bernard are caught up in a murder

Emma with Molly's help, her St Bernard rescue dog, help her father solve the murder mystery on New

Year's Eve in her hometown. I'm looking forward to reading about further adventures with Molly and Emma.
