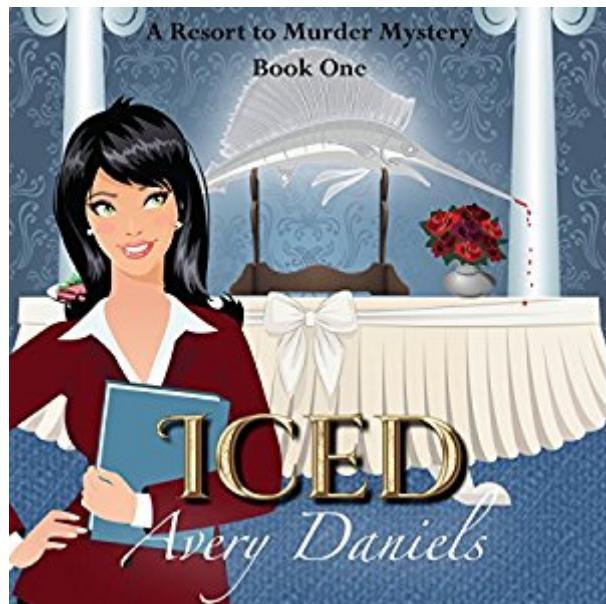


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Iced: A Resort To Murder Mystery



Synopsis

Julienne has her ideal job as an event planner at a prestigious resort. During a luncheon event she coordinated, a renowned celebrity pastor is killed next to the buffet. All eyes turn to her as the suspect. If she wants to stay out of jail or even keep her job, Julienne needs all the help she can get to solve the crime. She has her work cut out for her with a vengeful high school rival (now reporter), the public demanding she be fired, plus family who knows what's best for her, and a boyfriend who doesn't understand her. She turns to friends and a new ally to uncover who wanted to put the pastor on ice. Julienne goes undercover and investigates a local swingers group, following the trail of clues before they go cold. Can she gather enough suspects and motives to convince the police to widen their investigation? Can she do it before the killer sets his murderous sights on her? Will her personal life ever be as simple as unveiling a murderer?

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Customer Reviews

Julienne has been completely career minded and has established herself as the event planner for a prestigious resort. When the local celebrity pastor gets a little too hands on and Julienne can tell he's been drinking she heads to call security but within minutes of her leaving the pastor is killed and with Julienne being the last to see him the police have her on their radar. Julienne's old high school rival is now a reporter and writes a story pointing at Julienne as the murderer the public is demanding she resign. With her overbearing father pushing her to leave her career and the police investigating her Julienne enlists the help of a new man in her

life to follow the clues herself to try to find the real killer. Iced is the first book in the a Resort to Murder Mystery series by Avery Daniels. While I found this one to be a perfectly acceptable cozy mystery I also found myself not quite loving every minute of it either. I enjoyed Julianne to a point but I also wanted to give her a bit of a push here and there to focus on the mystery instead of other things. Perhaps it was the fact that part of the focus of the story is Julianne’s love life, her family pushing her to marry and give up her dreams and her running from a proposal. All the while that is going on she meets a new man and he becomes the one helping her rather quickly after a break up. I think for me if the author is including her ditching a relationship I would have preferred she didn’t turn to another man and solved the mystery on her own to make her a stronger character in my mind to fit her shying from the marriage. I received a copy from the publisher via NetGalley.

Intriguing and worth the late night! I struck gold when I agreed to review the book ICE! I immediately loved the character Julianne LaMere. She reminded me of a friend I once knew in college, determined, geared on her career and diffident to take the well-trodden path of married with children. Julianne could not accept life with her longtime boyfriend, Brandon, no matter how much he sweetened the pot. She needed to stand up to her father since he wanted her married and settling down. To her aunt and uncle and even her couple of cousins who were jumping through hoops to get her figured out. The story is about Julianne putting a well-known lewd pastor in his place when he tries to grope her and the man getting murdered five minutes after she gets out of the room. Of course, I don’t need to tell you what ensues. A superb mystery the author Avery Daniels twists and twists and winds tightly around her baby finger. So tight, in fact, it is difficult to attempt a guess at what transpired and discover who might be the culprit. Doubt, fear, and danger do not stop Julianne from conducting her own investigation. Especially that the clock is ticking and she needs to discover who did the deed before she is arrested and thrown in jail, or so she believes. Sometimes, the story shows us Julianne might be more afraid of marriage and the life expected of her than she is of coming face to face with a killer. The mystery is relentless, the characters alive and funny, and for the lack of a better expression, the novel is a page-turner. A must read for all those who enjoy getting lost in a well-crafted story. If you would like to discover more about the author, I invite you to visit her web page and discover who is Avery Daniels. As an opener, she resides in Colorado with two brother black cats as her spirited companions. She volunteers for a cat shelter, enjoys scrapbooking and card making, photography, and painting in watercolor and acrylic. To discover

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Iced, the first book in the Resort to Murder Mystery series, is entertaining and un-put-down-able. Julienne, the main character, is the manager-in-training at a five-star resort. She's quite relatable, as is her support system — her cousins Felicia and Loring, and her lively, elderly neighbors Delores, Beverly, and Nathan. Julienne's new neighbor, Mason Sheridan, goes from being a puzzle to someone else she can count on for support. I really like how Julienne stands up for herself with her father, aunt, uncle, and boyfriend, when they try to... (Oops, I don't want to spoil it for you.) The mystery is very good in Iced. As Julienne is trying to find out who really killed Pastor Tom, she uncovers several plausible motives and suspects, so the reader has some red herrings to weed out. The climax, when Julienne discovers whodunit, is very exciting. I love the ending of Iced, and am already looking forward to reading Book #2, Nailed. I recommend Iced to all cozy mystery fans, especially those who are also fans of the Geek Girl Mysteries by Julie Anne Lindsey, and the Leah Norwood Mysteries by B. L. Blair. I really enjoyed Iced by Avery Daniels, and hereby grant it Five Stars! Originally published on my blog Jane Reads.

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