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Loose & Lethal: Dusty Deals Mystery Series Box Set: Books 1 - 3



Synopsis

The first three Dusty Deals Mystery series novels in one box set. Read along in this fun cozy mystery series as amateur sleuth and antique store owner, Lucy Mathews, her Alaskan malamute, Kiska and a cast of quirky characters discover romance and murder in the mountains of Montana.

Loose Screw Lucy Mathews, crime reporter turned antiques dealer, avoids confrontation like a home perm. She even lets a cat shove her around. When Lucy trips over the body of a buckskin-clad relics trader, her ex-boss asks her to cover the story. She tries to tell him no, but old habits die hard and soon she finds herself directly in the path of a killer and the exasperating, if attractive, detective in charge. Can Lucy catch a killer or is this the last confrontation for her? Cut Loose No one's perfect. At least that's what Lucy Mathews tells herself. Except faced with her boyfriend's rodeo queen ex-wife and perfectly trained Australian shepherd, she has to wonder if maybe this whole "no one's perfect" thing was made up by someone like...Lucy. Lucky for Lucy though, things are hopping around Helena. It's rodeo season, and she has a booth. It's a great opportunity to expand her clientele and maybe even snag a cash prize for Kiska as the world's first sheep herding malamute. Except Kiska can't herd, Lucy loses her wallet, and oh yeah...there's that dead rodeo queen Lucy just stumbled over. Good thing her boyfriend's a detective. Except that's not going so well either. A new detective is in town, and he's convinced Lucy's involved in the rodeo queen's murder. Her boyfriend is no help at all and worse he's spending a little too much time with his ex-wife. Lucy finds herself out of money, out of love, and maybe this time, out of luck. Loosey Goosey You can choose your friends, but you can't choose your family. You can though move two thousand miles away and hope they don't come to visit. Unfortunately, for Lucy Mathews that only works for so long. Lucy has a perfect week planned. The kind of week that includes a romantic dinner with her cowboy detective boyfriend, big dollar sales to the visiting Beef Ranchers Association and their wives, and maybe a relaxing holiday weekend at home with her Alaskan malamute, Kiska. What she doesn't have planned is a visit from her animal activist brother, his pet goose, Pauline, and his neon yellow van. Lucy's plans quickly go to the birds. First, her date is interrupted by brother and goose. Second she discovers a dead body, under her brother's van. Then, when her brother gets arrested for the murder, the worst thing imaginable happens, Lucy's mother finds out. Not only is Lucy left in charge of babysitting the recalcitrant goose, but her mother is threatening to come to Montana herself to solve the murder. Lucy has no choice but to dive into the investigation, and find the real murderer before her brother is put away for good.

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Customer Reviews

I like mysteries. I like murder stories. I like humor. These books give you all three of these things. The setting is in a small town, where nothing is really a secret. There is also some romance sifted in these books. Makes you stand up and cheer for the heroine. Makes you want to ask the boyfriend, "What is your problem? Get with the program with her." There is also an ex-wife and child thrown in to make things interesting. I loved these books!!!! Give them a try, you won't be disappointed.

I bought this set for one reason: Kiska. And like all Malamutes, he doesn't disappoint! The author paints Kiska as a true representative of the breed, resisting the temptation to turn a fictional Malamute into a crime-solving, sheep-herding, do-it-all super-dog. Instead, Kiska is an irresistible lovable oaf, displaying the same penchant for (usually) mild mischief that makes all Malamute aficionados feel that they really are super-dogs, no matter what anybody else might think. Aside from Kiska, the books are all-around delightful. Lucy Mathews is an interesting, likeable heroine whose clever narrative draws you into both the mundane and the bizarre of her every-day life. The supporting characters, just like in real life, vary in how likeable they are, but are all well developed

and believable. I'm looking forward to more Dusty Deals mysteries!

I'm about halfway through book 3 now, and I love this girl! It's just a fun book to read. I have to add that I like the fact that there's very little profanity and I haven't seen a sex scene yet. If this was a movie, it'd be family friendly. Good job Rae Davies for still writing good, clean, fun, entertaining books!!! Montana, cowboys, and dogs are a plus too.

I LOVE this series! And this one has a goose! Okay, I used to have geese. I would so love to visit Dusty Deals. Plus there is a "cattle drive" that is a hoot. Cannot wait to read the next two!!!

Lucy, an antiques store owner and part time reporter, seems to stumble over a lot of dead bodies, literally. Lucy avoids conflict and confrontation like the plague which is not a great trait for a so-called reporter confronting intimidating cops. Kiska, her Malamute, oft mistaken for a Husky, is a Bon companion. With auctions, rodeos, rodeo queens, sheep herding and vegan protestors running amuck things get interesting fast. Lots of fun situations for Lucy, Kiska and Pauline, the goose. A funny mystery series with laughs, twists and romance.

This is just what I needed to relax after a stressful month of work. Our heroine gets herself into "situations" but they are pseudo suspenseful rather than wrenching and anxiety provoking. Rae Davies takes the time to introduce the plot and characters through dialogue and situations rather than by "author description" and I like that. I would buy this series again, but would not need to re-read them to pick up plot nuances that would be missed in the first read. They are pretty straightforward, fun, entertaining mysteries, and that is what I wanted.

I read all three books, because they aren't bad, but I am glad I finished them. I don't like the main character - what was her name, Lucy - she just doesn't have a clue in anything and no back boon what so ever, and just not memorable, stumbling to life, not even having a "real" relationship with her so called boyfriend, and I guess the writing was supposed to be funny, but for me it was more annoying, than funny. I like so called cozy mysteries, especially when there are dogs involved, but even the dog Kiska not much to remember by, except that he was very vocal.

Quick easy reading at first I didn't think I was going to like them, but once I started reading them I couldn't put them down. The killers are not someone who you think would have done it not until

almost the end. Parts are laugh out loud funny. I would recommend these books to everybody.

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