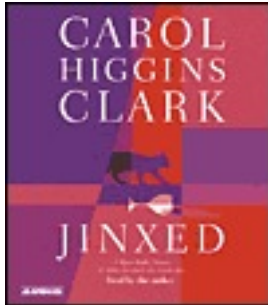

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Description

Carol Higgins Clark bestselling author of "Fleeced" and co-author with Mary Higgins Clark of "He Sees You When You're Sleeping," returns in top form in her new Regan Reilly mystery, blending her talent for intriguing locales, eccentric characters, and fast-paced suspense laced with humor. In "Jinxed," smart, saucy sleuth Regan Reilly faces a new challenge -- the case of the missing wedding guest.

Regan, an L.A.-based private detective, returns to her office after a vacation with her beau, Jack "no relation" Reilly. Their tour of the wineries in Napa Valley and Santa Barbara County includes a stop at Altered States, a run-down winery owned by three siblings who are all former hippies -- Lilac, Earl, and Leon Weldon.

Regan is barely in her office when she gets an excited call from Lilac. The Weldon family has been invited to the wedding of ninety-three-year-old Lucretia Standish, a former silent-screen star, who made a killing in a dot-com before it went bankrupt and plans to give the Weldons \$2 million each -- if they all show up at her wedding which is two days away. However, Lilac's daughter Whitney, aka Freshness, a young actress, is out of touch and goes where the wind blows. If it doesn't blow her back into town by Sunday morning, the Weldon family will be out \$8 million.

Regan's job is to find Whitney. But Lucretia's fiance, the much younger Edward Fields, is also on the hunt. He's hired an accomplice in crime to locate Whitney and get rid of her.

With "Jinxed," Carol Higgins Clark is at her very best.

Insightful reviews

Lynn Hayward-Bisbee: As always, another great, quick, fun mystery to solve where all the characters come together in the end.

Jen Mays: A silent movies screen star who lost her career when the "talkies" came into existence is about to fall victim to a swindler out for her fortune. She's blind to his false charisma, though everyone around her seems to know his true colors. In an effort to reunite with long-lost family, invitations to the wedding are sent, along with a secret revealed by the star's housekeeper--if they all show, they each get a cash reward. A private investigator is brought in to help track down the family members, and more shenanigans ensue in the effort.

Too much, in my opinion. This story is so bogged down with coincidences, overlaps, character red herrings and other flotsam that the charm of the mystery that seems to have been intended becomes tedious and simplistic. The writing is choppy, the amusing one-liners trite and not amusing. Having been spoiled by the years of reading romance-thrillers from the likes of Nora Roberts, this just felt really inadequate and amateur. It was a quick read, at least, but I had chosen this for the "funny" tag when it was the monthly selection for the bookgroup I belong to on Shelfari, and I was disappointed that it didn't deliver that at even a nominal level. It's hard to

write a review about a book that I neither love nor hate, but just fades into non-existence in my brain, which this has already begun to do.

Oh well. At least it's read and now packed to mail out of here.

George: A fun Regan Reilly, private investigator, mystery read. The story has the trade mark several plots swirling around the main story line and all coming together at the end. A little more humor in this mystery regarding Regan being hired to find a missing daughter in time for a wedding.

Cactuskid: Her books will not be nearly as good as her mother's writings yet this was once nonetheless attention-grabbing to work out the way it could all end. Very predictable yet flowed good in spite of loads of diverse characters. A ninety three 12 months outdated very filthy rich ex-silent movie actress used to be going to marry a person forty seven years younger. She desired to meet her final husband's kinfolk and feature them come to the marriage (and supply them money) yet they could not locate one granddaughter, additionally an actress, in order that they known as in P.I. Regan Reilly to discover her. all of them prove at a vineyard open air Santa Barbara. useless to say, the younger groom-to- be used to be as much as no good.

Haleigh: I listened to this publication within the vehicle and used to be entertained, yet may by no means learn it. It was once a piece extraordinary as the author created outlandish hyperlinks for all of the characters to all of the characters. i used to be semi-glad whilst the ebook used to be done. AND, the writer did the audio and was once HORRIBLE.

Laura: This used to be most likely my least favourite of the three books I learn by means of this writer simply because they gave away the undesirable humans and cause on the end. you simply needed to stay up for them to get stuck on the end. It did have a few attention-grabbing characters and a atmosphere I beloved (most of the books did), yet that used to be approximately it.

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