
Description

Gracious living can be murder. First in an all-new mystery series- includes delicious recipes and great tips on entertaining! Few can compete with Natasha Smith when it comes to entertaining, but her childhood rival, Sophie Winston, certainly tries. Natasha may have stolen the spotlight- and Sophie's husband-but Sophie is determined to rob her of the prize for the Stupendous Stuffing Shakedown. She just needs the right ingredient. But Sophie's search for the perfect turkey takes a basting when she stumbles across a corpse. And when the police find her name and photo inside the victim's car, Sophie will have to set her trussing aside to solve the murder- or she'll be serving up prison grub.

Insightful reviews

Lisa: This was the first in the domestic Diva series, and it was alright. It seemed to drag in the middle and the character of Natasha was just a flat out annoying, Martha Stuart like clone. I must say that the entire book made me hungry. It had recipes at the end which I might have to try out. Speaking of the recipes, it was nice to see them at the end instead of mixed into the story, that just drives me crazy. All in all, it was a nice read.

Debbie: I really enjoyed this book and I think it will be a great series. There are some really fun decorating tips included, and crazy family relationships.

Mary: I read this book for our Cozy Mystery Book Club.

The Diva Runs Out of Thyme is book one of the Domestic Diva Mystery series. Sophie Winston is down-to-earth and very likable. She's recently divorced from Mars, who is now dating her high school rival Natasha. The story opens with Sophie preparing Thanksgiving dinner. She makes a last minute run to the store to purchase a few items. A man approaches her to ask if she wants to adopt a kitten. Sophie has dog and declines. When she finishes shopping, she decides to find the man to say she will take the kitten to her friend who will help find the kitten a good home. Sophie discovers the man dead instead.

Bodies start to pile up when Sophie finds another dead body at the Stupendous Stuffing Shakedown contest. The main witness for two deadly crimes, make Sophie the prime suspect in both murders. Sophie has to act quickly to prove her innocence and decides to do some amateur sleuthing and solicits the help of her best friend (and neighbor) Nina.

Finding the killer isn't as easy as Sophie thinks. She's also distracted by the neighborhood's Peeping Tom and her sister's upcoming wedding. Hannah recently introduced Craig to the family. Sophie does not care much for her sister's taste in men and wonders how well Hannah really knows her future husband.

As Sophie gets more and more involved in solving the crimes, she thinks Natasha may not be so innocent. Is Natasha the killer? And why is someone following her? Sophie is determined to find out and host her family's Thanksgiving dinner.

This domestic diva manages to do detective work and consistently prepare magnificent meals and snacks at the drop of a hat. The appendix at the end of the book has recipes for some of the dishes that are highlighted in the story.

This is an entertaining read without a lot of depth to it.

bella: Natasha Smith and Sophie Winston have consistently been competing with every one other. except Natasha's stint at good looks pageants, they have consistently been going head-to-head with one another within the cooking contests. Now they're either coming into the Stupendous Stuffing Shakedown. whereas Natasha loves to cook dinner connoisseur style, Sophie retains it simple. in spite of the fact that issues flip very advanced while first a PI turns up dead, after which Sophie reveals the fellow at the back of the Shakedown dead. With a houseful of visitors for Thanksgiving and a brand new column to write, Sophie provides "solve the murders" to her each becoming vacation to-do list. I've been eager to learn the family Diva Mysteries for the previous couple of years. i have heard incredible issues approximately them, and that i ultimately tracked down the 1st e-book within the series. i am chuffed to record every thing readers are asserting are true... those mysteries are fantastic. The first mystery, The Diva Runs Out of Thyme, thoroughly hooked me and via the tip of the ebook I felt like I had spent a thanksgiving vacation with family. Sophie unites the scene with a really satisfied vacation mood, regardless of the murder, her kin invading her apartment and Natasha now being romantically concerned along with her ex-husband. Sophie takes all this in her stride and survives the holiday, unearths the killer and serves an grand Thanksgiving meal. With now not one yet corpses the secret was once interesting as i attempted (and failed) to unravel it ahead of Sophie. It was once fascinating to determine how the whole lot fell into position via the tip of the book. I in particular beloved how Krista Davis defined every little thing and left no longer even the tiniest lose finish loose! The Diva Runs Out of Thyme is a brilliant vacation mystery. regardless of it basically being July i'm already waiting for Thanksgiving to attempt out Sophie's Crusty kingdom Bread, Bacon and Herb Stuffing!

Debbie: As is usual within the comfortable mysteries i have read, The Diva Runs Out of Thyme is full of quirky and whimsical neighbors, intrusive but lovely kin and an lovable puppy or two. The Diva in query is Sophie Winston a divorced occasion planner who's provided a chance to jot down a "domestic diva" column for the neighborhood paper. Her early life rival and ex-hubby's new gal pal, Natasha Smith (a particularly Martha Stewart-ish character), hosts an area "domestic diva" exhibit and is set to have it broadcast nationwide. So the early life rivalry/friendship continues. Taking position round Thanksgiving, Sophie unearths her domestic full of invited and unforeseen family, neighbors and previous family. and naturally she learns that her domestic in historical previous city Alexandria, VA is graced through the presence of her former hubby's aunt's spirit (it was once her domestic and she or he left it to them). Oh definite and her mom invited an outdated classmate (who has an enormous overwhelm on Sophie) to Thanksgiving dinner with no telling her. in the middle of the chaos this explanations Sophie stumbles around the lifeless physique of a personal investigator who has her identify in his pocket. clearly this makes her the major suspect which permits her to pass swords with cops Wolf (whom she reveals really attractive) and Kenner (who is intense, suspicious and hostile). as though all of this was once now not enough, Sophie is engaging within the Stupendous

Stuffing Shakedown backed by means of Simon Greer, a media multi-millionaire Natasha desires to galvanize so he will provide her a nation-wide exhibit and who simply requested Sophie on a date. He additionally turns up lifeless almost immediately thereafter. As if all this is not sufficient on one person's plate Sophie has to accommodate a romance among an aged neighbor and her former mother-in-law, a potential poisoning at dinner, a sneaky destiny brother-in-law and the fall-out from Natasha's burnt home. Filled with nosy neighbors, enjoyable relations meals, hilarious hijinks and cranky cops, this booklet is a enjoyable learn even though it quite does throw much on the reader. The various characters are really one-dimensional and the police usually appear semi-competent at most sensible yet I enjoyed the descriptions of outdated city Alexandria and its background in addition to Sophie's casually subtle method of cooking and entertaining. I feel I have chanced on a brand new comfortable secret series.

Suzanne: I believe I'm going to cross 4.5 in this one. I enjoyed every little thing approximately it - the setting, the characters, the baking and vacation tips, etc. I actually cherished Sophie and cannot wait to determine the place the romance with Detective Wolf goes. My simply minor criticism was once there have been virtually too many threads within the mystery; plenty of characters (which were not too tough to maintain song of) and a couple of 'baddie.' I will certainly learn extra during this sequence and soon!

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