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Laureen (Ms. Bibliophile) says

A cute read; like all Harlequin novels it is a bit predictable but that doesn't make it any less enjoyable. Cutter, the dog, is an interesting character and I could see the appeal in reading the other books in the series. I would have loved to read more about Amber and what happened but I'm not surprised it wasn't covered in this book.

(More.)

Stephanie says

Not bad but nowhere as good as the first book in the series. Cutter has gotten a little too Lassie like to be tolerable and my annoyance over his seeming omnipotence took away from the story in my opinion. I liked Teague. I've liked him from Operation Midnight. Laney I could give or take. This isn't unusual. I rarely connect with the heroine.

Susan says

Another very good book starring the incredible dog Cutter. Teague had gone to Laney's dog groomer shop to pick up Cutter. He noticed that she seemed upset but figured it wasn't any of his business. Cutter had different ideas. Teague is familiar with Cutter's ability to detect people who need Foxworth's help and managed to convince Laney to open up. She is worried about her best friend who she hasn't heard from in a month. The police have been no help so she is surprised when Teague accepts her worry and offers to help.

Laney is skeptical about Cutter's abilities but won't say no to Teague's help. I really loved her persistence in trying to find out what happened to her friend. She also wasn't about to sit back and wait for Teague to do all of the work - she was going to be involved every step of the way. She is feeling very guilty about introducing Amber to the man she thinks kidnapped her and beginning to not trust her judgment about men because of it. It doesn't take her long to realize that she can trust Teague. She also discovers that she is really attracted to Teague, but that he is fighting his attraction. I really liked the way that Laney seems to understand him so quickly. She gets his feelings and knows when to push for more and when to back off. She gets really frustrated with him when he pushes her away claiming that it's all reaction to the situation. I loved the culmination of the search and Laney's part in it. I also loved the final scene with Teague, Laney and Cutter and Cutter's part in bringing them together throughout the book.

Teague has been working for Foxworth for several years and has come to trust Cutter. He doesn't understand how the dog does what he does, but has learned to accept it. Cutter's insistence on helping Laney is unexpected but after hearing her story Teague is convinced that she is right to be worried. It also reminds him of the disappearance of his sister which contributes to his need to help. He feels an attraction to Laney immediately, but his sense of honor won't allow him to get involved with a client. I really liked the way that he appreciated her intelligence and sense of humor. I also loved the way that he told her about things that he didn't usually tell people, as if he knew that she was going to mean something special to him. He really fought his feelings, trying to convince himself that what she was feeling was simply reaction to the stress of the situation, but she wasn't going along with it. I liked the way that he accepted her need to be part of the

search and that he was able to include her even when he was worried about her safety.

I enjoyed the suspense of the story even though it wasn't particularly intense or dangerous until the very end. It was far more about the friendship between Laney and Amber and how it caused Laney's concern over Amber's safety. It was also about the developing relationship between Teague and Laney and the trust between them. I love these Cutter stories and adore the dog. I would really like to see Rafe's story come soon.

Jenn Scranton says

Ok... thought it over. I just can't finish this. A perceptive dog? Seriously? No. Just no. The love story could have probably been awesome, but the whole dog bit make me just think of Lassie and that's just not sexy. LOL

Vi says

This an enjoyable romantic suspense. Teague has two personal tragedies in his life and still fills guilt-ridden about them. He begins to connect with Laney as they work together to find her missing best friend, Amber.

The suspense part of the book had some twists that I didn't suspect. The book flew quickly as operatives from the Foxworth Foundation work quickly to locate Amber.

The book ended with Teague and Amber in a good place. They clearly know that they want to be together forever but there was no need for a marriage proposal. Not yet anyway.

Finally, I would like to mention Cutter, the highly, super-intelligent canine that commanded Teague and Foxworth help Laney. Also, he's a matchmaker, helping Laney and Teague to their HEA.

This is book #3 in a series. I was not confused by starting with this book.

When you read this book, please, please, please read the dedication. It was submitted by reader in honor of her beloved childhood dog.

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Lisa says

Where to start?

LOVED IT!!

Ok this one is about some friends (Laney & Amber) who share everything via text or talking. When Amber goes missing no one will believe Hailey that anything is wrong. A few weird text messages dont make a missing person.

Enter Cutter a lovable dog with a special gift who pushes together Teague Johnson and Laney the dog

groomer. Teague isn't sure if he really believes her friend is missing but agrees to take her to someone to help.

Foxworth Foundation is that place to help. The ultimate of secrecy in the open. They do what the authorities can't or won't. (The characters in Foxworth Foundation deserve their own books. I would love to read their stories.)

The play between the main characters is funny and so believable that you feel that they are your friends halfway into the book. You want to go in and help with this investigation. Towards the end, without giving anything away, the tension is building and the author makes you believe one thing to be twisted into believing 180 degrees of that. You're not sure what is going to happen and you will start to read faster just to get to the end.

I have to go back to read it again because I think I skipped some of it to get to the meat of it.

You're going to love this book. Especially if you're a dog lover. Cutter is everyone's dream dog.

Rhonda says

4 STARS

Cutter's Code #3

Operation Blind Date is good read. It is the first of the Cutter's Code series that I have read. I wish I had read the first two they sound good what little I know about them. Cutter is a dog who showed up and gets people to do what he wants. The people of the Foxworth Foundation trust him. They put a lot of faith in that dog.

Cutter was done at the groomers and Teague was asked to pick him up. When he did he realized the groomer had been crying. Teague hates dealing with woman's tears. But Cutter won't let him go till he finds out what's wrong.

Laney after a few minutes tells him about her friend Amber that she lined up for a blind date is missing. No one the police or even her friend's family think anything is wrong.

Amber has sent text messages from her phone and even email saying she is going away with a guy. Laney knows there is something not write about the texts. When she texts back asking questions they are never answered either. Amber always texts and called her everyday. She has not done anything for Amber to behave differently with her.

Teague tells her that his company can help. That they don't charge anything but if they take the case they don't quit until it is solved or the client tells them to quit. Teague has never taken a client to his boss before. His boss has rules about what cases and when to show where their office is.

Quinn listens to Laney and Teague tell her problem, then when Teague tells Quinn that Cutter really decided that Laney needs their help. Quinn agrees right then to take Laney's case. They will find out if Amber is just with a new boyfriend and in love or if something else is wrong.

The story builds slowly till you are in deep into the story. I like Cutter and would to read the others stories about him. I like that Laney is trying to do everything to find her friend. She notices that the information in the texts are not right. Laney cares about Amber and is willing to do anything to find her. Has lots of drama and some action. Lots of good guys. Couple of Love scenes that I skipped over.

I would also like to read more about the Foxworth Foundation and see all that they do to help others. What a great idea. Reminds me of the old tv series Equalizer kind of.

I was given this ebook to read and asked to give honest review of it by Netgalley.
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Susan says

I used to love Justine Davis (or Justine Dare as she was briefly in the 1980s) but although the romance genre has changed, her style hasn't kept pace. The conflict of "oh, he is so wonderful, he couldn't possibly be interested in little old me" is tiresome, especially when the heroine doesn't seem to have any noticeable flaws. I'm much more interested in kick-ass heroines who know their worth, and if the hero doesn't seem to be interested that's his loss, not hers.

The magical dog who finds the next case for the Leverage-type do-gooder justice league and does matchmaking in his spare time doesn't bother me - I'll suspend my disbelief for a good animal story - but please come up with some better conflict than a situation that could have been addressed through one good conversation.

Karla says

No Rating. DNF at 65%! Operation: FAILED!

It's very rare for me not to finish a book. I can usually push through, even if I don't like the read all that much. I try to find some good...or a turning point that might change my opinion. I'm sad to say that didn't happen here, and not only am I disappointed in the book, I not happy with myself.

It's also clear to me now that I was sucked in by the cover and the title, and didn't pay attention to what this book was about. I hate reading out of order and didn't have a clue that this was part of a series, a connected series, where the set-up starts in book one, and therein lies the problem, or at least one of them. I should have

done more research before I requested the book. Also, I could not get passed the fact that the dog, Cutter, had such an influence on what cases the Foxworth Foundation would take on! I love animals in my books, but when they overshadow the main characters and make the story so far-fetched that it borders on ridiculous...then it's time for me to walk away.

She spoke slowly, carefully. "I love dogs as much as anyone, and more than most. But you're letting a dog decide this?"

"No." Quinn glanced at Cutter again. "I'm letting that dog decide this. Because that's what he does." "He brings you cases?"

"He finds them. After that it's up to us."

She gaped at Quinn. Teague couldn't resist poking a little more. "And he trusts us with them, unless he feels we're not moving fast enough, or in the right direction. Then he butts in again."

Quinn chuckled. "Makes you wonder how we functioned at all before he came along, doesn't it?"

Laney shook her head. "I think I've fallen down the rabbit hole."

You and me both Laney!

This would have made for a good Disney movie, but it didn't work as a romantic suspense, at least not for me!

A copy of this book was provided courtesy of Harlequin via NetGalley

Janet says

Great premise - this is the 3rd book in the Cutter's Code series. It does stand alone, but probably would have been better to have read the others, as they seem to overlap characters and setting. Cutter is a dog, and he is not the male lead. He's a dog that can influence people, especially those in the Foxworth Foundation. Foxworth takes on intriguing cases and keeps at them until solved unless the client changes his/her wishes. The story line was good, the pacing even, the characters engaging (especially the male lead), the dialogue intelligent and the setting well drawn. The romance proceeded predictably, but the happily ever after was satisfying.

I would definitely consider this author again. I gave it 4 stars because it was well written and made me interested in reading the series.

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Harlequin Books says

"Davis puts an adorable dog and a likable hero at the heart of this charming story, propelled by sympathetic, genuine characters and fast-paced, intriguing plot." RT Book Reviews, rated 4 stars

Miniseries: Cutter's Code

Category: Suspense

Hsiao Wei says

This book is the 3rd Cutter Code's series and is basically focuses on dog who possessed the instinct to help those who is in need. This time, the book focuses on Laney; Cutter's groomer whose best friend is missing and she gotten some funny messages from her. When Teague went to fetch Cutter at the shop, he saw Laney is crying and over a cup of coffee, Laney spilt out her worries and doubts. Cutter have make known to him that they should help her and soon, his employer is agreeable to help. Throughout the operation to find Amber, Teague and Laney's relationship get closer and soon, they found that they are attracted to each other. But Teague have a past which lead to who he is today.

I like the main character of the story. Teague is certainly having personal issues especially the way his parent blame him for the death of his sister as well as the issues of the death of his comrade in the war. He closed himself up so that he will not hurt other people and himself ever again. He is also very much a private person but the fact that he spilled his story to Laney showed that the importance of Laney in his life be it that whether he acknowledged it or not. Overall, this book is a good and solid read to me and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it very much.

Monica Cardoza says

No one believes her when she told the police that her best friend was missing but is until he comes to pick up Cutter from a day of grooming. Now she will be able to ease her mind and see if her friend is really missing or if she is just having a little bit of fun.

When I started reading this story I really thought I was going to be able to read it non stop but that was not the case. I know that there was a twist in the story but I couldn't find myself just getting into the story. I really don't know if maybe I couldn't connect with the characters because I know that the storyline had possibilities. I know that there was a slow build up in them actually being together and no I don't mean intimately. I know that sometimes that is great because they get to know each other before anything happens between them but I just couldn't see them together. I do have to say that I loved the part of Cutter and how he would signal that something was not right with her or when he needed to make a move on her.

Laney is worried about her best friend from the moment she received a strange text message from her and then when her cell phone wouldn't take any calls. She was worried and no one was taking her seriously that was until Teague showed up at her grooming pet business to pick up Cutter. Teague knows that something is majorly wrong not because of what he heard from Laney but because of how Cutter is reacting to Laney. The dog is what I would like to call or how he called him a wizard, it seems that he can read not only his owners feelings but other's people feelings also. He knows that Laney is distraught and that Foxworth Foundation should help Laney in finding Amber. As they start investigating her disappearance they know that Amber is really in trouble and that there is a possibility that she may already be dead.

Operation Blind Date even though I couldn't get into the story was still an okay read. I do recommend readers that love suspense with a hint of romance to pick it up because you might like it. Just because maybe I couldn't get into it doesn't mean that maybe you may love it.

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Debbie Hodge says

I love Justine Davis and this series is one of the reasons why. Cutter is like no character you have ever read. The stories are all suspenseful and romantic and just happy, light, spicy reading. Please, Justine, can the next one be about Charlie!? I am dying in anticipation.

Becky says

Full review on my blog.

Even though this is the third book in Davis's Cutter's Code series, it worked just fine as a stand-alone. It's my first book by this author, but it won't be my last--I enjoyed the characters quite a bit (Teague and Laney were well written, and I especially liked the camaraderie between the people working at the Foundation--and loved Cutter, of course), and have already added the first two in the series to my TBR list. *Operation Blind Date* was an entertaining read that kept me turning the pages; a fun, lazy summer day read. Even though the romance wasn't **really** in suspense, the mystery was pretty good; the author threw in a few twists to the plot that I didn't see coming ahead of time.

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