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Jane Irish Nelson says

Dinah is settling into life in Berlin with Thor, and is preparing to teach a class on American Indians at a local university. But when Thor leaves for a few days, she is surprised by the arrival first of her mother, Swan, and her quasi-stepmother, Margaret. Swan explains they are there to get money they believe belongs to them from a German tax evader who once worked for the man they had both been married to. This man, Hess, has connections to an Indian club, so they are planning on attending the next meeting. But one of the club members is killed, and Swan seems to be the prime suspect. Dinah launches her own investigation, but is somewhat hampered by the arrival of K.D., her sort-of stepsister, and Jack, Thor's son, that he hadn't gotten around to telling her about yet.

Kathy says

I have read several books in the Dinah Pelerin Mystery series and I have always enjoyed them. Where the Bones Are Buried is not exception. One thing you can always count on, when you read a Poisoned Pen Press book, you know it will be well written and have a great story.

Who knew that Germans were fascinated with Native Americans to the point where they have Indian Clubs and reenactments. I enjoyed the setting of Berlin in this novel because I haven't read a lot of contemporary novels that are set there. Dinah has the most craziest families imaginable. And that does make the novel interesting! And the secrets...amongst the family and between Dinah and her boyfriend Thor. Loved when Thor's secret showed up. Plenty of plot twists to keep the reader interested. The characters are all interesting but I had a bit of trouble keeping track of all the Germans. Great ending.

Another great book in this series. Already looking forward to the next one.

Kym Crawford says

I love the fact that this book is set in Germany, I have always wanted to visit Germany since I started my first German course in my freshman year.

This is my first book in the series. It was a really good read and held my interest, I think however, I would have enjoyed it more if I had read the other books first. I missed a lot of the back story so I don't really understand fully Dinah's feelings towards her mother, or why she is so untrusting of people. The characters are all written well, and the story is really good. I would recommend it to mystery fans definitely, I do suggest however starting from the beginning with this series.

Kari says

Where the Bones are Buried is the 5th book in the Dinah Pelerin series. I have read all of the previous books and have been enjoying the series so far. This time around, Dinah has moved to Berlin to be with her boyfriend Thor. She has started to feel happy and settled when her mother comes to visit carting trouble along with her. Dinah has an affinity for getting involved in murder cases, so it isn't any surprise when she

discovers a dead body and her mother stands accused of murder.

I liked this one, but I won't say it's my favorite. Dinah did seem more settled and comfortable with herself. She is making great strides toward sticking in one place and not wanting to run from conflict. She is thrown a curve ball from not only her mother but from Thor as well. He has his own surprise for her. I was hoping she would stick with him and not run. I like the direction that their relationship is heading. I think the stability of a relationship is good for her character.

I say it's not my favorite because I felt the mystery was a bit convoluted. Despite that, I still enjoyed it. I liked the resolution with the money situation. I never cared for that story line. I will warn that I really don't think this one can be read as a stand alone. There are too many characters with too much back story and I found that it might be confusing for a new reader. I would recommend reading at least the first book, Bones of Contention to get the gist of what is going on with Margaret, Swan and KD.

I highly recommend this book as well as the series. I look forward to reading Dinah's next adventure!

Pamela Beason says

My favorite scene--Dinah imagining her epitaph--"After a lengthy battle with stupidity, Dinah Pelerin was splattered across the walls of the ... art gallery by ... a WWII grenade, which she had nicked out of the owners pocket during the course of a break-in." You just gotta read it. Matthews's best Dinah Pelerin book yet!

Mary says

very good read with the main character, Dinah Pelerin, with a job, working in Berlin teaching Native American Culture. This is kind of odd seeing as the setting of the book is in Germany. She has a gentleman friend, Thor, who has been transferred to the Embassy in Norway and is on assignment as the book starts. Dinah's mother Swan, who is a Seminole Indian, calls from the United States and tells Dinah that she is on her way to Germany along with Margaret, an ex-wife of Dinah's uncle and they have a mystery to solve and want Dinah's input. By this time readers might be really confused but, read on.

Dinah was so happy to land a job across the ocean from her mother even though she loves mom, when this job came up in Germany Dinah scooped it up as soon as she could. But, with Thor away for a week or so Dinah picks mom and Margaret up at the airport, first getting them their own hotel room, which was pretty smart on Dinah's part. Swan has a crazy plan to blackmail a tax dodger, living in Germany that brings back some things in Dinah's past life that will shock her very sedate significant other as he is a former cop and now has even more international duties to perform. As you might expect, Swan disappears and as Dinah is looking for her she finds a murder victim.

According to the book, the German people seem to have a particular fascination for the Wild West and American Indians and when Dinah finally catches up with mom, she is at a club called Der Indianer Club where Swan has gone as the people in the club wanted to meet her. She is, after all, an American Indian. Someone has been killed at the Club, and scalped, and Swan is suspect number one.

By now the reader must be at least a little bit befuddled with all the people to keep track of, 'Where the Bones are Buried' is definitely a puzzle. There are many characters in this book that are not into telling the

truth about anything. They include: Swan, Margaret who readers will recall is a former wife of Swan's dead husband and Dinah's uncle, and even Dinah has trouble telling the truth even though readers might forgive her for it..

Readers might think that having a book about Americans set in Berlin, Germany is a little out of context but, it is a good book and well worth reading.

Paul Franco says

At least this mystery has a twist: Native American culture in Berlin! While I don't claim to be that much of an expert on Germany, I've certainly been there enough times, have enough friends, and been to enough museums that I would have heard something about this obsession. On the other hand, a web search comes across an article on exactly this, albeit only one, so it does exist.

But other than that setting it's a relatively typical who-done-it. The extended ties between the characters, and this is only a guess, would be easier to follow if the previous books--this is the fifth--in the series are read first, though on the other foot I also had trouble remembering which German character was which. 3.5/5

Lelia Taylor says

I haven't read all of the Dinah Pelerin books, not because I haven't wanted to but because I can't keep up with any of the series I like so much. One of these days, I'll stop hosting blog tours because it's those books that keep me from reading more of my personal choices; on the other hand, it's this blog tour that has given me the nudge I needed to read Where the Bones are Buried and I'm grateful for that.

When Dinah's mother and Margaret---who's not, precisely speaking, her friend---make an unexpected visit to Berlin, it's just the first of a number of surprises Dinah will be faced with, at least one of them life-changing. The two older ladies are in hot pursuit of a German who seems ripe for blackmailing, never mind the fact that will be quite illegal. That's small potatoes, though, when Swan lands herself in the midst of a murder investigation and Dinah, with considerable help from her boyfriend, Thor, has to try to save her very sketchy mother.

I adore Dinah and Thor and must say I have warm fuzzies for Margaret and Swan, reprehensible though they might be. Dinah and Thor, in particular, are people I'd like to hang around with because they're, well, so normal despite Thor's rather exciting occupation. I also thoroughly enjoyed learning about the love Germans have for the Wild West. I'd heard of it in passing but Ms. Matthews has taught me quite a lot about it.

As with the earlier books, Where the Bones are Buried is indeed part of a series but is also self-contained and can be read as a standalone. Readers new to Ms. Matthews should feel comfortable trying this one first and I can promise you a truly engaging story ;-)

Reviewed by Lelia Taylor, March 2015.

Carolyn Injoy says

Where the Bones are Buried: A Dinah Pellerin Mystery (Dinah Pelerin Mysteries) by Jeanne Matthews I received a free kindle copy of Where the Bones Are Buried: A Dinah Pellerin Mystery by Jeanne Matthews, published by Poisoned Pen Press from NetGalley in exchange for a fair review.

I gave this mystery four stars. It took place in Germany but had to do with Native American Indian influences there. Dinah has a troubled relationship with her mother, Swan. It has led to years of misunderstanding. This time it includes a murder. Can she solve this mystery without being killed herself?

Link to purchase: <http://www.amazon.com/Where-Bones-are...>

Gay says

Set in 2013, Diana Pelerin is living in Berlin with Thor Ramberg, her law enforcement boyfriend, who is off on an assignment but is able to help her. She is teaching American cultures at the university and is well-qualified to do so. In Berlin she learns about the German cult of 'worshipping' American Indians. There are groups that have powwows and stores that sell Indian goods—some of which may be for sale illegally. But that's only one of the crimes Diana encounters. On a powwow she learns that a man has been murdered. Diana has a few suspects. One is the husband of the woman the dead man was having an affair with. The dead man may have cheated during the sale of illegally-obtained artifacts so they had a motive to kill him. Diana even suspects her own mother, Swan, who claims the deceased was blackmailing her and she was going to meet him with something he wanted on the night he was murdered. There are a lot of interesting and odd characters—including her mother. No one seems to tell the truth so it's hard for Diana to find out who the murderer is. prove her mother didn't do it. There are several subplots. Diana has different people staying in her small apartment for various reasons. Another subplot is the backstory of her mother's 'close' friend, Margaret. This is an excellent visit to Berlin, and a focus on the Germans' fascination with Indians. Poisoned Pen Press.

Betty says

A first time reading this author and found a cozy mystery set in Germany. I found characters well developed and attractive but still different from the norm. The writing at times was jerking g and hard to follow. I will read the others in the series as the my attention was captured by some of the comments.

Dinah Pilein has accepted a job in Berlin teaching Native American Culture. Her boy friend Thor has been transfer to the Norway Embassy and is on assignment. Dinah 's Mother Swan, a Seminole surprises her by arriving in Germany. She is traveling with Margaret, an ex-wife of Dinah's uncle. Swan disappears and tracking her down Dinah finds a MURDER victim. Swan is the only person of interest. Dinah needs to find other suspects to help her Mother.from arrest. Personal problems from previous books are interfering.

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Jenna says

This was my second book for the book tube a Thon, and while it took me longer than I wanted to finish it, I

actually quite enjoyed it! The plot was mostly fast paced and I loved the characters!

Robbi says

Ditto. Instead of Greece - Berlin. Pellerin's family is rife with villains and heroes. The accents abound. But the mental soliloquies filled with southernisms entertain.

Victor Gentile says

Jeanne Matthews in her new book, "Where the Bones Are Buried" Book Five in the Dinah Pelerin Mystery published by Poisoned Pen Press gives us another adventure with Dinah Pelerin.

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This is my first exposure to Jeanne Matthews and her creation but it probably will not be my last. Dinah thinks her problems are behind her now that she is in Germany. She could not be more mistaken. Problems come looking for you. And in Dinah's case the problem is her mother. Who becomes the prime suspect in a murder. What a cast of characters and all of them are interesting. The mystery will keep you involved as you keep flipping pages trying to figure out who did what. Ms. Matthews did a good job and I look forward to more from this talented author.

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Jill Meyer says

Author Jeanne Matthews' new novel, "Where the Bones are Buried" is the fifth book in the Dinah Pelerin series. I have not read the first four but I was attracted to this book, mainly because it was set in Berlin.

It's sometimes difficult for a new reader to jump into the middle of a book series. Characters are established in earlier books and their identities are often confusing. I've looked at the descriptions of Matthews' first four books because I wanted to see if any of the many characters in this book were introduced in the previous books. There ARE a lot of characters in "Where the Bones are Buried" and all are relatives or near-relatives to Dinah Perelin, an archaeologist who has worked all over the world and whose adventures are recounted in the previous books. The characters are also all liars to some degree or another and all have secrets they want to keep. Dinah's mother, her sort-of-step-sister, her step-father's first wife, her Norwegian cop boyfriend are all mixed up with Germans who love to play-act as American Indians. There are a few killers and cops in the mix and dead bodies do seem to pile up. There's also off-shore accounts of drug money in Panama and Cyprus, and no one seems to be who they present themselves as to Dinah.

The book's setting of Berlin seems to be another character in the plot. I've visited Berlin quite a few times and I think Matthews has done an excellent job at including the city and its neighborhoods in the flow of the novel. Matthews is also good at writing dialog and it moves the plot along quite nicely.

One of the interesting plot points is the German interest in America's Wild West. A series of adventure books by German author Karl May - Winnetou and Old Shatterhand - was wildly popular in the last part of the 19th century. (Adolf Hitler was a great fan of Karl May and his writing.) There are still Karl May groups in Germany who act-out Indian rituals and customs.

Dinah Pelerin, when faced with the not-so-honest "crew" who have invaded her new home in Berlin, spouting tale after tale, remembers the old teaser about "the truthful whitefoot or the lying blackfoot". The reader doesn't know, either, about who is telling the truth, but Jeanne Matthews takes that reader on a delightful path to find out who is who and what is what.
