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Writer's apprentice Lena London is back and better than ever when her friend bestselling suspense novelist Camilla Graham needs help solving a town murder that hits a little too close to home...

It's summertime, and Lena and Camilla are busy working away while a town vandal runs amok. Things get even more complicated when Jane Wyland pays Camilla a not-so-friendly visit and gives her an ultimatum: reveal Camilla's husband James's family secret, or she will. Lena assures Camilla that nothing will come of the woman's threats, since the family has no secrets to hide.

When Jane Wyland is later found dead, they're convinced that whatever secret she was planning to expose led to her death. With Lena's assistance, Camilla is determined to solve the case before the finger points at her...

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Linda says

If you're looking for spine-tingling events in a cozy mystery, the Writer's Apprentice series satisfies in all ways. It's summertime in Blue Lake, Indiana, and someone starts a killing spree. Both Lena London and Camilla Graham possess excellent instincts and they'll need every nuance when life actually mirrors the fiction they write. I opened the pages and settled down to read this amazing plot where a murderer attempts to silence two of my favorite cozy mystery protagonists.

A woman from the past surfaces and threatens to expose a huge secret about Camilla's deceased husband, James. Someone doesn't want the secret revealed. My heart began pounding as Author Julia Buckley ambushed me chapter after chapter with unexpected plot twists that kept me on the edge of my seat. The wonderful men in Lena and Camilla's lives work overtime to keep them safe until a madman is caught and put behind bars. These men are great secondary characters and heroes for their ladies. I tried to decipher all the clues in hopes of figuring out the assailant's identity, however, I was stymied right up to the author reveal.

Relatable, flawed characters; dogs and kitties; intense suspense; and a swooner of an ending make this fourth book in the series a top-notch reading experience!

I reviewed a digital arc provided by NetGalley and Berkley Publishing. Thank you.

Jeanie says

This is the exciting fourth in the Writer's Apprentice series, each one progressively better than the prior. The author weaves a multifaceted mystery that is beyond compare - the lovely little town in Indiana (despite summer humidity), the seasoned author, and her helper and now collaborator.

Camilla Graham is originally from England, moving to the US in 1971 to marry her beloved James Graham who passed away several years ago. Lena London is her assistant and co-author of the most recent of her suspense novels. One day a woman named Jane came to see Camilla; it had been several decades since seeing her last. They had never been considered friends, Jane is not even cordial during this visit. She told Camilla she would be back the next day to learn her choice - either Camilla would reveal the deep, dark secret of the Graham family or Jane would. Camilla has no idea what she is talking about, and Jane is so upset that she won't say anything more. Nobody will know what Jane's accusations are now, as she was murdered during the night.

What seems to have triggered the distressing visit from Jane is that she had recently been to her younger sister's funeral in Chicago. Little sister Carrie had left suddenly the year that Camilla and James were wed, but nobody ever knew why. Now James and Carrie seem to be part of a rumor mill that Camilla refuses to believe. She and Lena state they will get to the bottom of the situation, at least until Lena's life is almost lost in a car crash that sends them off the road.

Most of the characters are delightful, from the hardware store owner's wife, Marge, to Lena's boyfriend Sam, and Sam's half-brother Cliff. They are ready to step out of the pages into the beautiful area of Blue Lake, Indiana.

This complex mystery drew me in from the beginning, and held my attention throughout. It is hard to narrow down the suspect list to just one person, and I finally gave up to simply enjoy the read and find out who the bad guy or gal really is. And there is much to enjoy, including the wildlife and beautiful scenery! The end is full of surprises, some very pleasant and others will see justice done. I highly recommend Dead Waits in the Dark!

I received a copy of this ARC from the publisher, and this is my honest review.

Jason Heath-Fitzgerald says

Recently, thanks to Julia Buckley, I was able to take my fourth trip back to Blue Lake. A trip that was a little early because of the kindness of the Writer's Apprentice Mystery series.

Book Four: "Death Waits in the Dark" was not a disappointment! Blue Lake continues to be full of mystery and suspense! Lena London is on the scene to help her literary idol, Camilla Graham, with a mystery from the past!

Book four is another captivating story with characters that are now like family. The release date for "Death Waits in the Dark" is April 2019.

Wonderful book! Even better mystery series! Check out Julia Buckley's Writer's Apprentice Mystery novels!

Melissa Marshall-Clupper says

The 4th in the author, Julia Buckley's, Writer's Apprentice series, reunites us with Lena London, her mentor Camilla Graham, her handsome boyfriend Sam West as well as the rest of the quirky characters that populate the fictional town of Blue Lake, Indiana.

This volume moves us away from the trials and tribulations of Sam West and his wayward ex-wife that monopolized the first three books. With Death Waits in the Dark we move into the past of Camilla and her late husband. Plenty of twists, turns and peril still await our heroine and we meet one or two more of the towns colorful citizens.

Ms. Buckley is adept at creating characters we want to get to know in places we wished we lived. They have a warmth and an underlying sense of goodness that carries them through some dark events. If you are looking for a good quick read to while away a rainy afternoon I highly recommend picking up this book when it comes out. If you haven't read the others yet do pick them up so you can be ready to resume the saga of their lives.
