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Mavis Davis, a likable, new-to-the-job private investigator, not only has one of the wackiest office staffs in mystery fiction but also goes about solving her first crime in her own, independent, highly interesting way.

Frustrated and fed up with her job as a probation officer in Houston, Mavis has opened an office (Mavis Davis Productions) staffed it with her somewhat ditzy friend Margaret, as assistant, and Candy, a part-time high school student, and is trying to eke out a living searching files and serving legal papers for lawyers.

So Mavis is startled and more than a little apprehensive when Carl Singleton, the owner of a small Houston greasy-spoon café, comes to her office intent upon hiring her to solve the murder of one of his waitresses, Doris Jones, a woman with whom he has fallen in love.

The police have linked the Jones murder to two other murders in the area, positive they're all the work of a serial killer, identity unknown, but Carl is convinced that Doris' murder doesn't fit into the serial pattern and, as Mavis begins her investigation, she agrees.

Mavis barely has begun to sort through the evidence on hand when two insistent members of the Houston police force put pressure on her to drop the case: the mean-tempered detective in charge, who'd once had a run-in with Mavis while she was working as a probation officer; and Sgt. Benjamin Sorensen, Mavis' love interest.

During Mavis' initial meeting with Singleton, he had told her that Doris was a mystery woman who had come out of nowhere and asked for a job. She was quiet and "elegant" and obviously not the type to wait tables at a café like Singleton's. As Mavis pursues the investigation, she discovers surprising and shocking clues to the past life of this woman of mystery, who was not who and what she seemed. Mavis endangers her own life when she uncovers a Texas scandal of major proportions.

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Siisso says

This was so terribly written, I could not go beyond the first third. Topping that was a very self-centered first-person narration that wanted so bad to be hip (even for the 80s/90s!). I tried to push myself to like this mystery, but the author was bent to make me regard it otherwise. For those with certain biases, this might be a ground for solidifying them. It wouldn't stand as much today; such a shame.

Thomas says

Mavis Davis is a new PI that is doing everything she can to stay afloat while she tries to build her business. From photocopying to serving legal papers for lawyers, she was still barely making it. She has two employees, an assistant with a few quirks, and a part time teenager with an upbeat can-do attitude that changes her hair color on an almost daily basis.

When she gets to work one morning, she reads in the paper that another victim of a serial killer has been found. But, her boss shows up on her door determined to hire Mavis to find the real killer.

Her search takes her from Houston to Austin to the Dallas/Fort Worth area where she runs into someone who doesn't want her investigating this particular death.

This book has just about everything you could want. From drug dealers to crooked members of the law. Several humorous moments to times you will be sitting on the edge of your seat. You also have well developed characters and a nice surprise ending.

C. says

I found this to be an enjoyable book with a real mystery. The characters were really fleshed out which I find so important in a book. Really good read for a day at the beach.

Ruth Caves says

Why

Investigating is simply asking why long enough for the truth to shake loose. That and staying alive while the bad guys try to make your investigation go away.

They say that the bumblebees flies because it doesn't know that it shouldn't be able to do so, just like a newbie investigator solving a crime by doing what she shouldn't.

Loved the "good guys" being the criminals.

Wendy says

My First Murder will keep you in the edge of your seat!

Maria Davis is a well rounded, believable character and My First Murder is a fast paced, well written mystery that will keep you constantly thinking. I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a great who submit with a strong female protagonist.

Julia Walker says

I love page turning fun murder mysteries and this is one of the best. The main character; Mavis Davis, is a "hoot". The murder itself is interesting; is it part of a serial killing spree, a random murder, or something much more planned? The setting is Houston Texas with a little bit of Austin and Ft Worth thrown into the mix. A great weekend rainy day read!

Robyn Gaye-Murphy says

My First Murder by Susan P Baker

Mavis Davis is keen to get her Private Investing office noticed and when a client enters, sure that his friend has been murdered, she finds herself enthusiastically involved in solving this murder and getting justice for the family of the dead woman. It is well thought out, not an easy solve and Mavis is extremely fortunate in having a boyfriend in the police force who can help her set up the suspects. I enjoyed this ebook and hope to read more of her novels. I was given this book but review is entirely my own.

Lisa Denn says

My First Murder, the first book in Susan P. Baker's Mavis Davis Mysteries, had all the features of a great mystery. Great characters, great plot and relatable dialogue.

I like mysteries with realistic characters. Mavis Davis and the characters helping to lay out Baker's story fit the bill!

I like mysteries with a strong storyline that doesn't stretch my imagination with unbelievable details. My First Murder fits the bill.

I like clean mysteries which put more emphasis on a story built around solving the "mystery" as opposed to presenting the graphic, violent details of said mystery and/or the sexual dalliances of on or more characters. Once again, My First Murder fits the bill.

Highly recommend.

Ellen White says

He checked her out, she still didn't think she was qualified, let the police do there job. Doris was nice, quiet, had a good background, but didn't mention it, keep quiet. She was a riddle, and Mr.Singleton wanted answers. Could she work around the police, and get answers. Interesting to read

Marilyn says

Good

this book is one that starts with young woman's private detective agency having fincial problems.she takes a murder investigation great read.

Sherry McWilliams says

Received a free copy for a review. What a great story. Keeps you guessing. Entertaining and pulls you in.

Barb says

Mavis Davis was sick of being a probation officer and now a private investigator. A murder, a cafe owner asked her to try to find out who killed his waitress.

Karen Moore says

Must read! Very enjoyable for evening reads.

Karen says

I enjoyed this book. It is about a fledgling investigator who takes a murder case. Some mild language. Rated PG
