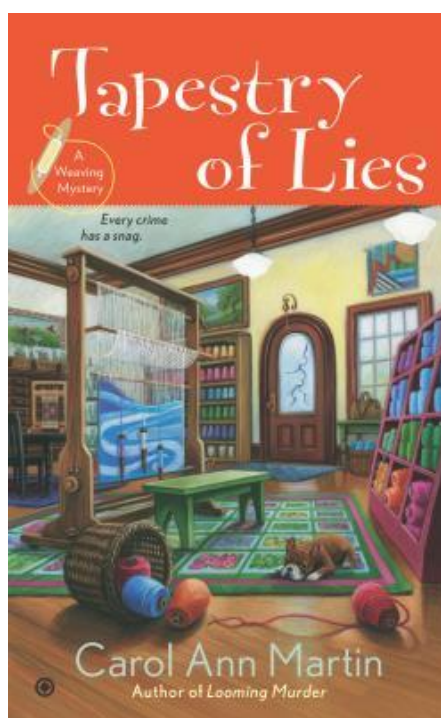




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Mary says

I didn't think this was as good as the first one. I'm giving it 2 stars instead of 3 because of glaring errors in the story such as mistakes in people's names. The same person would be called by two different names on the same page.

Kristilyn (Reading In Winter) says

Being the yarn fiend that I am, can I just say I love the cover of this book? I just want to step inside of Della's shop and poke around – not to mention try out one of her looms!

Weaving is something that I came across in 2015 and it's extremely relaxing. I've done just super basic things like coasters, but it's still such a fun thing to do and definitely a lost art. Reading about all these people who love to weave makes me wish I lived in a place like Briar Hollow where I could go to a weaving club and have tea and muffins while weaving with friends. Can this happen?

This was another fun romp for Della and the gang! There were some new characters introduced and I didn't even see the solution to the mystery until the very end. One thing I love about these mysteries is that while there's the mystery going on, there's so much story with the characters as well. These are characters that you want to get to know and know more of as each story goes on. I love how Della goes after each mystery and tries to solve them, but not overly so as in some other cozy mysteries. She still has a business to run!

I love that this series features something I like doing, weaving, but it's not a LOT of shop talk. You get a little here and there, plus some more information at the end of the book, but it's not information overload. I think it's enough to get someone interested in the craft, at least. I mean, I may or may not be interested in getting a loom now.

This is such a fun series! I'm interested to see what happens next!

Moondance says

Life is full of surprises

This is the second book in the series. Della Wright is settling into Briar Hollow, NC with her weaving shop. A celebrity designer approaches her about weaving custom fabric for the town's wealthiest man. A local coffee shop owner is murdered the morning after a big party at the mansion in question with what could be a gun that was stolen from the millionaire. Della gets thrown into the midst of the investigation since she found the body.

This is a good follow up to the first book in the series. There is not quite as much "loom talk" in this one which disappointed me a bit. As a weaver, I enjoyed that in the first book but can see that it would be off

putting to non weavers. I really wanted to hear how Della was going to dress the huge Irish loom that she bought on Craigslist.

Matthew and Della's relationship would grow a bit if both of their mothers would butt out. I had to keep reminding myself that they were not teenagers although Della did seem to slip into that category of insecurity.

The mystery is good and pulls in old secrets, blackmail and politics. There are plenty of twists and turns to keep your interest.

Matthew's dog, Winston is a winning character. It's always nice when the author writes a believable animal friend. You can tell that Ms. Martin shares her life with a dog.

I suspected the killer early on but it was nice to follow the maze of suspects to the end. I look forward to reading the next book.

Rena Nowacoski says

charming tale that continues the story from the first book in the series.

Barbara Lowdermilk says

light entertainment

Debbie Lester says

Weavers and cozy mystery enthusiasts alike will enjoy Carol Ann Martin's second book in her Weaving Mystery series, Tapestry of Lies. Readers who know something about the loom will enjoy the interesting details about weaving and tapestries, and cozy fans will be on the edge of their seats trying to figure out who did McDermott in. With plenty of suspects and some compromising photos popping up, Della and the Dream Weaver gang will get to the bottom of whodunit or else!

What I liked:

I enjoyed the first book in this series, Looming Murder and was looking forward to reading Tapestry of Lies. In the first book there was a huge amount of interesting facts and terms related to weaving that were a bit daunting for a reader who had no previous knowledge of anything to do with this hobby. In Tapestry of Lies, there is still information on the subject but it comes in a lot more easily digested morsels. It was bit less overkill, which made the book even more entertaining and fun to read.

The real focus on this one was the mystery itself, which is so important in this genre. The amateur sleuths career and background is important as well, but should not be the main emphasis of the story. When someone picks up a cozy, they want the mystery and Carol Ann Martin delivers with this one. Della gets her purse switched with Mrs. McDermott who owns the coffee shop with her husband Mr. McDermott. When Della goes to switch them back she finds Mr. McDermott dead and Jenny is soon a suspect. So Della is on

the case.

Martin does a wonderful job of getting Della involved in the case. I liked the fact that she took a simple misunderstanding like two women having the same purse and turns it into an opportunity to find a murder victim. The simplest things turn into a mystery where this author is concerned and that is extremely entertaining. I wasn't exactly sure how Bunny Boyd and the tapestry she ordered for the Whitby house was going to take a turn for the worst but Martin certainly pulled it off.

It seems that Mr. McDermott had a penchant for photography. The problem was his subject matter. I liked the fact that there were several suspects, including Jenny, which gave Della a good reason to investigate. I thought I had it pinned down a time or two but thanks to some twists and turns and few red herrings Martin had me stumped until close to the end.

I also enjoyed learning more about Della's relationship with Matthew. A friendship that is slowly, slowly starting to become more. I'm glad Martin wasn't too quick on the draw with them. I think the slow pace is endearing and will make their relationship all the more satisfying when it does happen. I have to admit I love Winston, Matthew's dog. He really adds a bit of comic relief and a reason for Matthew to continue to see Della. He is a great plot device and fun to read about.

What I didn't like:

There were a few moments in this book where the pacing was a bit off. It was like things slowed down to crawl and then sped back up really quickly. I prefer a steady pace or at least a building momentum and I felt like Tapestry of Lies suffered a bit from the ups and downs.

Bottom Line:

I enjoyed the tidbits about weaving much better in this book than the first in the series. Tapestry of Lies has a few pacing issues but nothing to strongly dissuade reading it. All in all there is a lot of potential in the series and I liked this one a lot. I'm looking forward to seeing where Martin goes with the series next. P.S... I hope she adds more of Winston!

Gloria says

I had read Martin's first book "Looming Murder" and enjoyed it. This one was great also. I like crafting mysteries and always learn something new about the craft while solving the mystery. The female leads are a group of strong women which appeals to me. I totally missed the real murderer in this case.

Sharon Chance says

I love the unusual craft of weaving and looming that is featured in this series. The cast of characters are delightful and the action is fast paced and fun. Cozy mystery lovers will enjoy this sophomore book in the series.

Carol says

An OK cozy, but Della's tendency to recklessly rush in to situations was a negative for me.

Nancy says

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Bernie Whitby is the killer. He didn't want it to get out that Bunny had an illegitimate child. Also, being blackmailed by victim.

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Debi Emerson says

Loved it!

Parker says

I enjoyed it. A nice, easy read. I like Della and her friends, and the push-pull of her relationship with Matthew has me rooting for them.

Jill says

What an excellent series!! I was guessing all the way thru the book. The love story is sweet as well. Great characters and setting. Highly recommended!

Fred says

Tapestry Of Lies is the second book in the A Weaving Mystery series.

I'm enjoying this series more, this doesn't have as much loom talk as the first did, so easier for me to follow. The book has a cast of believable and interesting characters.

Della Wright's shop, the Dream Weaver is doing well for only having been open for a short while, when Bunny Boyd, a celebrity designer, ask for her help in weaving some tapestry for a job at Bernard Whitby's mansion, she knows this job will definitely make a name for her and Dream Weaver. As Della is leaving a party at Whitby's mansion, somehow her purse gets switched with Mrs. McDermott, who with her husband own a coffee shop. When Della visits the coffee shop to exchange purses, she finds Mr. McDermott dead from a gunshot. Jenny, who also runs a tea and coffee shop in Della's store becomes a person interest and Della is convinced that Jenny had nothing to do with the murder. Soon Della learns that Mr. McDermott has been photographing women in suggestive poses. Della is determined to find out who wants Mr. McDermott out of picture, so to speak.

The characters from the first are back. Marnie is back with her delicious baking and humorously helping out Dream Weaver Jenny is busily running her tea shop and helping to draw in customers for both of them. Mercedes, a teenager is back and is starting to divest herself of wild outfits and hairdos. Hopefully she will become more active at Dream Weaver.

Then there are Della and her friend Matthew. Neither one seems to be ready to take their friendship to a higher level. But their mother's. along with Marnie and Jenny have their fingers crossed. I can't forget Matthew's wonderful dog, Winston, whose always ready for a treat.

Looking forward to book #3.

Kayt18 says

Love this series. All of the books are entertaining, full of wonderful characters and great mystery. This is a winner
