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Baker Winnie Johnson does her best work when the heat is on. As owner of the Emergency Dessert Squad, she has a deft touch in the kitchen and a soft spot for lost causes. So when her business professor beau, Jay Morgan, expresses misgivings over having to fail one of his fourth-year students, Winnie cooks up a sweet solution.

She'll offer an extra credit opportunity in exchange for a little help with her growing business. But when her protege's first dessert delivery poisons a student journalist, the publicity threatens to burn Winnie's business to a crisp. Now the entrepreneur-turned-detective must uncover the ingredients behind a recipe for murder before she crumbles under pressure...

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Silence of The Flans has a unique premise any foodie with a insashable sweet tooth won't be able to put down. The dessert ambulance and Winnie, the amature sleuth "rescuing" customers with life's problems with delicious desserts she bakes.

There's Winnie's charming elderly friends besides some insufferable characters. A precious love/hate relationship with her cat, Lovey who likes to tag along on Dessert Squad Deliveries. It was a interesting and heartwarming plot and a sweet romance or should I say romances

The Dessert names with the puns were fun and Winnie baking were my favorite parts of the story. Winnie proved to be a very determined character and what I love about most was her fighting for her dream and it came with a very flavourfull and delicious ending.

Betsy says

Second book in the Emergency Dessert Squad Mysteries. Unfortunately, this book didn't appeal to me at all. The mystery was uninteresting and I was able to figure out the details pretty early on. I understand Winnie enjoys spending time with her elderly neighbors, but it is like they are written as caricatures of themselves. And the whole "romance" with Jay (and to be honest, her relationships with Greg and Lovey) adds nothing to the book.

Christine says

This is the second book in the emergency desert squad mysteries. Winnie's boyfriend confides in her about a failing student. She agrees to have her as an intern to help get her grade up. This almost immediately turns into a disaster. On the first day, they get an order for a blackberry crisp to be delivered to a student at the college. Winnie takes her intern with her and they drop off the desert. The next morning Winnie finds out that the student died and the police think her desert is to blame. Winnie sets out to prove that she is innocent so she can keep her business and her reputation.

I really enjoyed this book. I like the idea of an emergency desert squad. It is so unique and fun. I love Winnie's neighbors. Mr. Nelson and Bridget are lovely. They are awesome characters. I didn't particularly care for Winnie's boyfriend in this book. I felt hw wasn't there enough for Winnie. I liked the interactions between her and Greg and the guys at the station house. I hope to see more of them in future books.

Regan says

The focus on the romance—or lack thereof—with Jay—made me want to reach into the pages and tell Winnie to give it up. She's only known him six weeks and while it's great he puts his 16 year old daughter, Caroline, ahead of Winnie at almost every turn, it's pretty clear they aren't going to have a happily ever after. To make things worse, there is Greg, aka Master Sergeant Hottie, who wants nothing more than to date Winnie and while she's friendly to him, and makes it clear she doesn't feel anything for him, she doesn't really give him a chance. That said, this is supposed to be a cozy mystery, not some angst-filled women's fiction or a contemporary romance and I felt there should have been a little more detecting and a lot more focus on finding the killer. The ending wraps things up – we know the killer got Winnie in his/her sights, but not how the actual take-down happened. And then the whole storyline about Batkas taking over the town kind of disappeared with no resolution except a quick summation at the end.

Debbie says

Ms. Bradford does it again, I loved this book. The whole idea of an emergency dessert squad is so intriguing, I wish there really was one.

When Winnie delivers a killer dessert the town looks at her as the murderer and the phones stop ringing for orders. Winnie and friends decide that they must figure it out.

I can't begin to say enough good about these characters, Winnie is real, she gets upset, she cries, she gets mad and frightened like any real person would do. Renee is so much fun and has Winnie's back at all times. Mr. Nelson and Bridget had me laughing out loud, I adore them when they get started. They are such an interesting mix of characters but they all meld nicely together and you feel like you are there right with them. The mystery was excellent, I had no idea who, I kept jumping from person to person with each new twist, but it all wrapped up to a satisfying conclusion. I will definitely continue on with this series and eagerly await the next.

There is the added bonus of some of Winnie's recipes that sound fantastic.

Melodie says

I think I'm in the minority, but this series just doesn't grab me at all. It's cute, which is okay, but I like my cozy series to be more than cute. Stopping with this one.

RebeccaS says

I really love the idea of an emergency dessert squad....so to find out it was in jeopardy during this book actually made me sad. (And my biggest disappointment with this one was that there were barely any emergency calls. I know that was all a part of the story...but that why I love the series). I was frustrated with many of the characters in this story, but in a way that I'm sure the author contrived on purpose. I love Winnie's elderly friends and they were constantly cracking me up. I can't tell if a real love triangle is forming, but if it does I am absolutely rooting for Master Sergeant Hottie. Jay's lack of communication DROVE ME NUTS and caused so many problems that I am annoyed with him. As for the mystery, I definitely had the pieces in place before Winnie did, which means the author did a good job of subtly dropping enough clues. The ending was actually kind of anti-climatic, which is pretty unique for a cozy mystery novel. This is a sweet and fun series that I am looking forward to continuing.

Sue Ross says

What a great story

When I first started this series, I wasn't sure. The more I read, the more I wanted more and this is what I got. Another great mystery. The characters in the series feel like I've known them my entire life and I find myself cheering for them. I can't wait for the next book in the series.

Karen says

I really like main character Winnie and I especially love her neighbor Mr. Nelson. The dynamic of their relationship is what I enjoy most in this series. I found it difficult to figure out who the murder truly was and their motive in this book, I was truly surprised in the end when both were revealed. I was caught up in the side story of the relationships Winnie has with each character, even though I knew it was all centered around the murder, it was the relationships I took most from in this story. I am looking forward to reading book three for sure.

Stacie Amelotte says

Laura Bradford is one author that never disappoints. From the moment you pick up one of her books you are immediately drawn into an adventure. She has a way of transporting you into the setting. For a moment in time you can escape reality and enjoy being part of Winnie's life. When you close your eyes you can smell the mouthwatering desserts. If only we could call the real Emergency Dessert Squad to rescue our sweet tooth! Luckily some of the recipes are included and they sound yummy. This second book in this series continues with a balanced blend of uniqueness and creativity. Watching Winnie struggle to keep her business alive while trying to solve a murder draws you into her frustration. Ms. Bradford will keep you guessing and changing your mind several times while trying to find the killer. The secondary characters, Winnie's neighbors, Mr. Nelson and Bridget add a touch of humor. The developments of their personalities as well as the bonds they build are very touching. Winnie's love life is a roller coaster. The honesty of her struggle between Jay and Greg leaves us wondering which one she will end up with. Greg would be my pick as he has shown sincerity and has believed in her no matter what. I guess we'll have to wait for book three, Dial M For Murder, to see what happens next!

Anastasia says

Silence of the Flans by Laura Bradford is the second book in the Emergency Dessert Squad Mystery series. Winnie Johnson, owner of the Emergency Dessert Squad, delivers a rescue dessert to a student journalist who is then found poisoned by the dessert. I love the concept behind the Emergency Dessert Squad and I love the characters, but I found the murder investigation rather weak in this book and the ending rushed. I felt there was too much focus on the lack of attention from her boyfriend and a lot of whining about her business downturn. The main redeeming quality was the recipes.

Mark Baker says

Winnie's new Emergency Dessert Squad business has been opened for six weeks, and it is quickly gaining customers. But then the unthinkable happens – someone dies after eating one of Winnie's desserts. Now the phone has stopped ringing and it looks like Winnie may go out of business. In order to keep her new business running, she needs to find the killer, can she do it?

This series has such a fun premise, and the punny names that Winnie uses for her desserts are a delight. Just as much fun are the characters. They're a bit unusual for a cozy series, but I appreciate them for that. The plot is strong as well. I saw a few plot points coming, but others caught me by surprise.

NOTE: I received a copy of this book.

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Jayne says

Absolutely love the Emergency Dessert Squad. Winnie offers to help one of Jay's students. A call comes in for a blueberry pie, Winnie changed it to a blackberry crisp... that's when Winnie's life changes until she can prove she didn't poison the dessert. I was completely stumped up until the very end... great story, laugh out loud moments with Mr. Nelson, yummy recipes in the back.. what more could you ask for??

Linda says

Hello, 9-Yum-Yum? I'm calling the Emergency Dessert Squad! I'm in the middle of studying for finals, and I need a fudgelicious chocolate cake with buttercream frosting!!!

A lip-smackingly wonderful cozy mystery. Ingredients contain delightful characters, humor, and a clever, refreshing plot. Delicious recipes at end of story! I highly recommend this series.

Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

THE SILENCE OF THE FLANS

Book 2 in the Emergency Dessert Squad Mysteries

By Laura Bradford

5 stars

EMERGENCY ALERT! The Emergency Dessert Squad Mystery series is one of the tastiest cozy mystery series I've read!

I have had a craving to read THE SILENCE OF THE FLANS since I read the last page of ÉCLAIR AND PRESENT DANGER, book one in this delightful series. As always, author Laura Bradford has penned a tale that was totally worth the wait!

I've read all sorts of books ranging from awful to fabulous. Fabulous is the description that has fit every book I've read by Laura Bradford (including her pen name, Elizabeth Lynn Casey). She has a way of making me feel I am living a story as I read it. I can envision myself in every scene, watching it play out before my eyes. This wonderful book was no different.

Humor, decadent desserts, and a first rate mystery are what you'll find between the covers of THE SILENCE OF THE FLANS. Everything great about the first book in this series is multiplied tenfold in this delicious installment. This was a solid mystery. Harder to figure out than some I have read. However, if you listen to your inner Nancy Drew, you may come pretty close to guessing it. But Ms. Bradford won't make it easy for you. ;-)

Creative and unique, THE SILENCE OF THE FLANS is everything cozy readers are looking for in a book, and so much more!

Make sure to check out the fun recipes at the back of the book. And, read an excerpt of book three, DIAL M FOR MOUSSE!
