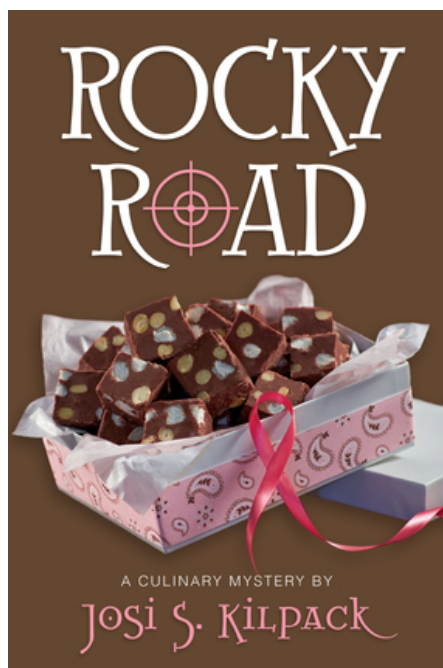




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THE ST. GEORGE SPECTRUM

Dr. Trenton Hendricks was last seen Friday, April 8, when he set out alone on a backpacking trip. Hendricks's Jeep Grand Cherokee was located Tuesday at the Chuckwalla Trailhead, but after six days and thousands of man-hours, the official search has been called off. He is presumed to be deceased.

It was supposed to be a girls' weekend in scenic St. George, Utah, that would included shopping, trying out the local cuisine, and participating in a breast cancer fund-raiser. The fact that one of the organizers of the fund-raising event, a local doctor, had disappeared two months before was not supposed to be Sadie's problem.

When Sadie learns that her friend Caro and Caro's cousin, Tess, have started a grassroots investigation into Dr. Hendrick's disappearance, Sadie graciously refuses to be a part of it. With her wedding to plan and her most recent case still fresh in her mind, Sadie is determined to leave this case to the police—until she meets the ex-wife of the missing man.

How could she not ask a few questions ... that lead to more questions ... that lead to a small town and even more questions? When the local police ask her to be their eyes and ears, Sadie can't help but jump in with both feet. Before she knows it, she is on the rocky road of another investigation, following a convoluted trail of good intentions, hidden motivations, and philanthropy turned big business.

Rocky Road Details

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Pink (Shine) says

I LOVED IT! IT WAS SO INTENSE!

Chrissy says

It's kind of hard for me to rate this book. It starts out soooooo slooooooow. Like, actually kind of boring. More like a PSA for breast cancer awareness. Which isn't a bad thing... unless you're reading a mystery novel and you're expecting to be dealing with a mystery and not a medical article. The beginning just felt kind of forced because Sadie wasn't directly connected to the mystery. Sure, she's investigated things that affected the lives of complete strangers before, but they never felt shoehorned like this one did at the start.

But once she gets involved fully - and once Officer Nielson comes onto the scene - this story trucks. And doesn't let up. In fact, a little past halfway is when the story hits the gas and doesn't stop at all until the end. There's lots of sordid intrigue involved here and all kinds of terrible people doing awful things (the charity foundation turning out to be one big fraud really made me want to throw something). But the beginning of the story took a long time to get there. Thus, the three-stars (really, more like 3.5).

Marsha says

This was a bit different than some of the others in the series but I really liked it. Interesting twists and turns in the plot and I liked Sadie's character more in this one than some of the prior ones. Enjoyable and fun read.

Leesa Curtis says

I'm SUPER ADDICTED to this series! I loved that this one took place in Utah (my home state)! I really like the writing style of Josi Kilpack. Each book has enough twists and turns to keep it interesting and hard to put down!

Chris says

Another great mystery!

Tiffeny says

I'll admit it. These books have grown on me. And I like the recipes.

Heather says

Another fabulous installment of the Sadie Hoffmiller series. I missed Pete in this one, but I loved how Sadie just can't resist getting caught up in an unsolved mystery even when she's on a "girls only" vacation. The further I got into the story, the more complex it became... definitely a rocky road of a plot!

Anastasia says

Rocky Road by Josi S Kilpack is the 10th book in the Sadie Hoffmiller Culinary Mystery series. Sadie is reluctantly pulled into an investigation into the disappearance of a local doctor by her friend Caro and her cousin Tess. Another enjoyable book in the series with plenty of food descriptions and recipes. Sadie has improved a great deal as an investigator and I like that she is cooperating more with the police and sharing her findings rather than taking unnecessary risks.

Becki says

I was prepared to be all same ol same ol here with this book, but I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed it. There was a little less formula and a little more depth to this book than some of the others in the series. Maybe it's because she finally had a weapon. My goodness it's about time.

Sonja says

An enjoyable book.

Cinda Edwards says

I love Sadie Hoffmiller!!!

Janet says

I've really enjoyed all of the books in this series, but this one not quite as much. In this tenth installment, Sadie finds herself involved in solving the disappearance of a popular doctor in St. George, Utah. Instead of sticking to the mystery and following the formula that I've liked reading for the past nine books, however, Kilpack decided to make Rocky Road a primer on life as a Mormon. The constant references to Mormon culture, church buildings, and organization felt awkward and forced. I am a Mormon and understand all of her references, yet it just felt weird to me.

From the beginning of the series, we knew Sadie Hoffmiller as a person of faith. Her faith was never

identified, though, and was only touched on lightly throughout the series as these references helped the reader to get to know who she was and what her motivations were. Yet after nine books, one religion, that has nothing to do with any of the main characters in the series, is heavily referred to in specific ways throughout the book. The problem is that it also had nothing whatsoever to do with the plot. It was just distracting and, again, forced.

The other problem I had with the book was the character of Tess. She was completely irritating and there was no resolution with her. I also thought it was strange that as Kilpack was familiarizing everyone with Mormons, she introduced a Mormon character that was completely immature, self-centered, and territorial. Not really a ringing endorsement.

I just wish she'd left all of it out and written a mystery with the characters we've come to enjoy.

Katey says

This book started off slow, and didn't really pick up for me until the middle. And then finding out about Dr. Hendricks's personality and what he was capable of, I didn't enjoy this book as much as I have the others in the series. But the recipes in this book look delicious.

Sydney says

Josi S. Kilpack nailed another culinary mystery. Sadie Hoffmiller is back for a mother mystery, but this time in St. George, Utah. Sadie sets off with her friend Caro for what was supposed be a relaxing girls weekend in sunny St. George. They were there to attend a breast cancer research charity walk but they also found themselves searching for answers of the late Dr. Hendricks who went missing. Anita, Dr. Hendricks wife runs a boutique Tess is Caro's cousin who can't help but dig in other peoples business. Sadie doesn't get along with Tess but is determined to solve the case. Sadie has done it again in this culinary mystery. This book is part of a series but can stand by itself as with the other books in the series. The theme of this book is, things turn for the worst and the best. Sadie never gives up on any case and always follows through.

Ellen says

A good little mystery novel that served well to distract me from life fir a few hours. The beginning seemed a little rough, but the story developed nicely. I appreciated the author's ability to help me as the reader keep track of the different characters. I enjoyed the story.
