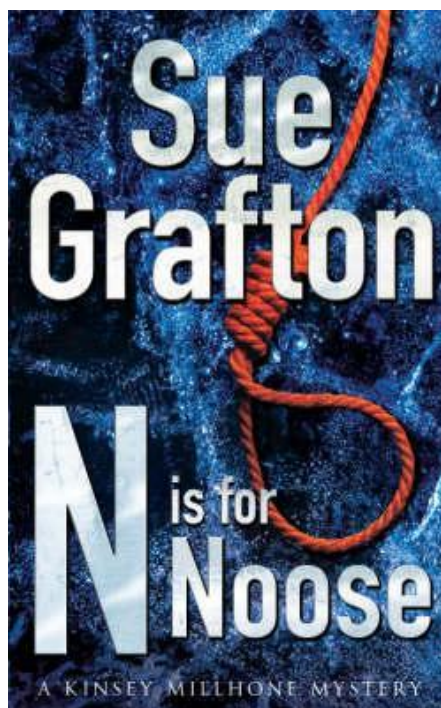




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Kinsey Millhone should have done something else--she should have turned the car in the direction of home. Instead, she was about to put herself in the gravest jeopardy of her career.

Tom Newquist had been a detective in the Nota Lake sheriff's office--a tough, honest cop respected by everyone. When he died suddenly, the townsfolk were saddened but not surprised: Just shy of sixty-five, Newquist worked too hard, smoked too much, and exercised too little. That plus an appetite for junk food made him a poster boy for an American Heart Association campaign. Newquist's widow didn't doubt the coroner's report. But what Selma couldn't accept was not knowing what had so bothered Tom in the last six weeks of his life. What was it that had made him prowls restlessly at night, that had him brooding constantly? Selma Newquist wanted closure, and the only way she'd get it was if she found out what it was that had so bedeviled her husband. Kinsey should have dumped the case. It was vague and hopeless, like looking for a needle in a haystack. Instead, she set up shop in Nota Lake, where she found that looking for a needle in a haystack can draw blood. Very likely, her own. "N" Is for Noose: a novel in which Kinsey Millhone becomes the target and an entire town seems in for the kill.

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Hayley says

My least favorite of the half-dozen Grafton's I've read. Though it had a compelling enough mystery, the ending was terrible. I know, going into a Grafton that the protagonist will be in grave danger at the end of the story... it's just a trope Grafton follows.

However, the danger she is in usually makes some kind of logical sense within the confines of the story. This time, Kinsey was just an idiot and I had little sympathy for her. Also, at the end of the book I didn't really understand what the killer's motive was. It was kind of explained, but there was never a clear wrap-up, so it was unclear if that was what had actually happened or if it was just what Kinsey thought happened. Basically the nonsensical ending ruined an otherwise decent mystery.

Darinda says

Kinsey works a case for the widow of a dedicated cop. The widow doesn't question her husband's death, but she's curious what he was working on during his final weeks. The case becomes more complicated when Kinsey discovers the cop may have been onto something, and someone doesn't want Kinsey to know what.

The 14th Kinsey Millhone mystery in Grafton's alphabet series. This is another out of town job for Kinsey. Once again, the locals aren't keen on an outsider questioning the locals. This one seemed a bit slow, but I still enjoy this series. Kinsey is smart and independent, with a sarcastic humor.

I listened to an audio version of this book.

Brenda says

2.5★s

On the referral of her good friend Dietz, PI Kinsey Millhone left Carson City where she'd been caring for him post-surgery, and headed to Nota Lake in California. Kinsey was going to interview a client about a prospective case, one which started off vague and confusing, and didn't improve. Her initial instinct had been to head straight home - looking back, she would have been much better off if she'd trusted her instinct, ignored Dietz's referral and kept on driving...

Kinsey's investigation into the six weeks prior to Detective Tom Newquist's death was instigated by his widow. Selma knew something had been bothering her husband, and now that she couldn't ask him what it was, she expected Kinsey to get the answers for her. But Kinsey could find nothing. And there was definitely someone in the town who didn't want her there! What would be the outcome to this seemingly innocuous case – one which was turning into something Kinsey feared?

N is for Noose by Sue Grafton was disappointing for me. It was way too wordy – I skimmed quite often over the many descriptions of rooms, buildings, what people were wearing, what their houses looked like – all in extreme detail. The mystery itself was intriguing though, and I quite enjoyed that.

Linda says

I love the Sue Grafton Kinsey Milhone books and the alphabet series. WHY? N for Moose is a fun easy read. As other reviewers noted:

1) Grafton's books are not "memorable". 2) Many were written before cell phones, etc. 3) They may contain bad words and have mistakes. 4) Not a ton of romance. That is ok with me. If I forget them ten minutes later? So what. The important thing is I had a great time reading them. I like books that are entertaining and upbeat. Sue Grafton's Alphabet series fills the bill perfectly. And the books in the series are all different. I've never noticed any mistakes. I find the books well written to my [low?] standards. I look forward to reading them. I could never get enough of the alphabet series fast enough for my amount of reading (or listening). I don't remember details from N is for Moose. I know I enjoyed it and look forward to reading another book in the series. Hope this helps. The series is a fun easy read, mixed with some mystery, and Kinsey Milhone is likeable. Not perfect. I won't spoil it for you describing her. Grafton is one of my favorite authors. I wish she had written more books. I look forward to the next one. THANKS Sue Grafton for such an entertaining character.

Kelli says

Ok, so my enjoyment for this series has dropped progressively through the past few books and I think I've finally dawned on the reason why: I hate Kinsey.

Kinsey is a rude, judgmental bitch who's greatest pleasure in life is lying to people. Every time she offers up some snarky remark (which is basically constantly) I find myself rolling my eyes and grinding my teeth. She's just a horrible person. And because I'm still irritated with her, I'll offer you several reasons why.

-We're reminded in every single book that Kinsey is one of those women who doesn't understand makeup and hair fixin', to the point of "cutting her own hair with nail scissors." She owns one "All Purpose Dress" and if something in her life requires more than this, she's out of her element and has to ask for help. But then she is constantly criticizing the clothes/stylings of other women she meets. In this one she throws shade on some grieving widow who had bleached her hair so extensively that it "looked like doll's hair" and she wondered if she took a closer look if she'd be able to see the plugs. It just doesn't make sense that she's so critical of others while not giving a shit about herself in that regard.

-Kinsey loves shitty food. Her favorite food of all time is McDonald's and the only food she can manage to fix for herself are peanut butter and pickle sandwiches. In this book, she's staying with Dietz for awhile and almost every meal they eat is canned soup. Then later on, she looks through someone's cupboard and criticizes all of the "processed food." She then gets invited over for dinner and is appalled that she was served powdered mashed potatoes and bottled salad dressing. And further bitches about a brownie tasting like chemicals because it was from a mix. Pick a side or STFU already.

-And the biggest thing that has irritated me throughout this entire series is Kinsey's assertion that she isn't a people person and loves her life of solitude. And yet in EVERY book, she is somehow immediately fast friends with whoever she entangles with during the course of the investigation. Apparently she can only be friends with strangers and then dislikes everyone else.

Ugh. I had hopes that I could stick with this series and see it to the end, but from where I'm at right now, I'm

thinking not so much.

Susan says

DISCLAIMER... Kinsey Millhone is my favorite character ever and I couldn't find fault with a Sue Grafton book even if the alternative was a root canal. Having said that, it should come as no surprise that I loved 'N'. I read 'M' in a pre-published form so it's been nearly two years since I've had a chance to visit with Kinsey - way too long. She picks up a client who's husband is quite dead by natural causes (heart attack). But, the wife wants to know what was bothering him before he died. See, what I mean? The premise is weak and there is even one huge leap of faith which I, ordinarily, would not forgive. But, I can't help it. I'll love every one of these right through 'Z'.

Emily says

Different structure, certainly an amusing ending. I like this Kinsey adventure but I was also glad when it was over. Had me reaching for the next one (almost every one does) but I was happy this particular cast of characters I wouldn't have to read about any more.

David Highton says

A complex plot for Kinsey Millhone in this book, working for the wife of recently deceased and troubled detective, she starts to uncover what was troubling him. A sense of menace is present from halfway through the book, leading to a dangerous ending to the book. Great series.

Mary says

Sorry, I'm a nit picker!

First let me say I love the Alphabet Series. Kinsey Millhone is one of my all time favorite characters. As in many similar series, I picture the the main character as the author. (Think Michael Connelly/Harry Bosch. Or Patricia Cornwell/Kay Scarpetta.) I really dig Sue/Kinsey! I think of her as Nancy Drew for big girls.

HOWEVER....I have this bad habit, I guess, of noticing errors in books and it drives me nuts. I often wonder how books make it to the publisher with mistakes that are so obvious. There is one in this book and reading it (again) last night it jumped out at me again.

On page 124 - in the paperback - Kinsey goes to the Rainbow to talk to Nancy at Alice's suggestion: "I ate a BLT on wheat toast and then chatted idly with Nancy while she rang up my bill. I already knew what she had to say, but I quizzed her nonetheless, making sure Alice had reported accurately".

Then on page 150, Kinsey goes into the restaurant with Rafer and when Nancy waits on them he says, "You met Kinsey?" And she says, "Not formally, but I know who she is. I'm Nancy. You talked to Alice about

me". Kinsey answers, "How are you, I'd shake hands if I could".

Maybe its not such a big deal, but it does bring me out of the story when I come across a mistake like that!

Lorena says

N is for Nothing happens.

I gave this book two stars only for the writing style. Otherwise, there were no characters whom I could find interesting and the plot was not much eventful.

I will start reading T is for trespass cause it has been in my to-read pile of books for months and I hope will like it.

Alondra says

4.5 Stars

This was really good, and old Kinsey wasn't so bitchy. Probably because she was scared.

Kinsey is getting to close to the truth and the killer is none too happy about it. Nice pacing after the initial set-up; and before you can spur Kinsey on, things get a little scary.

I didn't see this one initially; but had an inkling mid-way through, had it taken away and then confirmed.

Laura says

I am not surprised that Sue Grafton received the Ross Macdonald Literary Award in 2004, which is given to "a California writer whose work raises the standard of literary excellence."

- 4* A is for Alibi (Kinsey Millhone, #1)
- 4* B is for Burglar (Kinsey Millhone, #2)
- 4* C is for Corpse (Kinsey Millhone, #3)
- 4* D is for Deadbeat (Kinsey Millhone, #4)
- 4* E is for Evidence (Kinsey Millhone, #5)
- 4* F is for Fugitive (Kinsey Millhone, #6)
- 4* G is for Gumshoe (Kinsey Millhone, #7)
- 4* H is for Homicide (Kinsey Millhone, #8)
- 4* I is for Innocent (Kinsey Millhone, #9)
- 4* J is for Judgment (Kinsey Millhone, #10)
- 4* K is for Killer (Kinsey Millhone, #11)
- 4* L is for Lawless (Kinsey Millhone, #12)

4* N is for Noose (Kinsey Millhone, #14)

4* S is for Silence (Kinsey Millhone, #19)

TR M is for Malice (Kinsey Millhone, #13)

TR O is for Outlaw (Kinsey Millhone, #15)

TR P is for Peril (Kinsey Millhone, #16)

TR Q is for Quarry (Kinsey Millhone, #17)

TR R is for Ricochet (Kinsey Millhone, #18)

TR T is for Trespass (Kinsey Millhone, #20)

TR U is for Undertow (Kinsey Millhone, #21)

TR V is for Vengeance (Kinsey Millhone #22)

TR W is for Wasted (Kinsey Millhone #23)

TR X is for... (Kinsey Millhone, #24) - to be released in 2015

Martha says

Really enjoyed this one. Definitely one of her better ones.

Elizabeth says

So glad this book is over! One of the worst books I have ever read. The characters were flat and nearly unemotional. There was absolutely no plot. The story just drug on indefinitely. This was no page turner. Ugg now I have to read the next few because someone gave them to me. There is no way I would ever spend my money of any of these books. This book is something that you just endure and get it over with, not enjoy. I almost felt like it was taking off a bandaid, you just have to get it done fast and minimize the pain. I I could quit a book in the middle this one would be it. But I can't do that so I just had to get it over with. Two thumbs down.

James says

Book Review

3.5 out of 5 stars to N is for Noose, the 14th book in the "Kinsey Millhone" cozy mystery series, written in 1998 by Sue Grafton. When one of your own dies, it's hard enough. But when his widow begs for you to help solve the case, as she doesn't think her husband died of natural causes, you're in a tough spot. Especially when you have a feeling something dangerous is going on, your first instincts are always right. But Kinsey takes the case and soon finds herself embroiled in a very scary investigation. A noose is not a good way to die, and as much as she doesn't want to find out, she will come awfully close in this one. The series is still going strong. Kinsey learns a lot along this path, as well as how to hide from the rest of the town when you are trying to help them out... they don't seem to like her, even though she was on the same side as the poor detective who just bit the dust. But she always makes it thru, as we wouldn't have an "O" is for Outlaw if she didn't, right? Another good one to read in the series.

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