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Judith McMonigle Flynn has her hands full with unexpected family ties and a dead body in the backyard in this delightfully zany mystery in Mary Daheim's popular Bed-and-Breakfast series.

Rodney Schmuck and his wife, Millie, Hillside Manor's latest guests, seem normal, well, except for that last name. Innkeeper Judith McMonigle Flynn is touched to hear that the fortysomething couple is in town to visit family. Rodney is especially eager to see his long-lost mother—who he insists is Judith. Shocked to meet an alleged son she's sure she never had, she can't believe Rodney when he swears he has proof from a Norway General Hospital birth certificate listing Judith Anne Grover as his mother.

The father's name is Unknown.

Judith has never heard of Rodney, let alone given him life. But she's got a bigger problem when one of the B&B guests turns up dead in the backyard. To Judith's surprise, Joe is willing to help investigate. He can't ignore a potential homicide that hits so close to home.

But Rodney is seeking compensation for Judith's so-called abandonment of him. Perhaps she'll sign over Hillside Manor? Fat chance of that, Judith declares, and wonders what kind of scheme Rodney has on his devious mind. For that matter, she also wonders why the rest of the guests in his party are acting so strangely. With Joe hot on the killer's trail, Cousin Renie is persuaded to help Judith discover the truth about the Schmucks and their mysterious hangers-on. If they don't act fast, Hillside Manor could end up as Schmucks' Gold Mine.

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Susan Webb says

Judith and Renie are hilarious together. More like sisters than cousins and Judith cant help but get involved in trying to find out 'who done it' and Renie, albeit reluctantly, agrees to help.

Nese says

The beginning of the book and the story line appear to be promising and the last hundred pages of the book have some action, but there is almost nothing happening in between, other than some of the main characters having lunch, preparing dinner, getting ready for the cocktail hour, and having discussions with neighbors, friends and relatives about the B&B guest, and unfortunately the story fizzles down at the end. There isn't much of a murder mystery, character development, or action. However, I liked the author's writing style and her command of the English language and I plan on checking out another book by this author.

Kristin says

Trudged through the book. Takes me 3-7 days to read a book im particularly interested in. As a mystery novel I expected it to be riveting, especially with the plot being revealed early into the book, but I never found myself enjoying it.

Kathy Worrell ? says

It's not a bad story, but I trudged through it...it is number 30 in the series, maybe I need to find a new cozy mystery writer.

Betty says

Slow go

I think I have read everyone. Easy, no heavy lifting here. You don't have to read in order. These would be G rated in there was a rating for books. Friendly, loveable characters. A Summer's day read...and no blood or violence.

Ann says

I enjoy this series with two middle aged cousins who run into crime and murder on a regular basis. Judith and her husband Joe run a bed and breakfast with her mother living in the tool shed out back. Renie, Judith's cousin is her sidekick investigator. This book (#30) has a wedding party staying at the B&B with some

strange family members. When one is dead in the back yard the girls need to find the murderer and who is trying to scam the neighbors into selling their properties. Always a good mystery and always a few giggles and laughs. Don't need to read previous book to love this series but they are fun and worth the effort. Mary Daheim also write the Emma Lord mysteries and they are also a good read.

Mysteryfan says

This is a generally enjoyable series. The bickering was cut way back in this volume. The plot was a bit scrambled but i enjoyed it. A good quick read.

Susan says

Judith Flynn is glad to have her bed and breakfast occupied, until the wedding party from Los Angeles arrives. First, the father of the bride, Rodney Schmuck, greets her as his long-lost mother. Then the mother of the bride is found dead in the garden. Here, again, the police seem desultory, wanting to wait until the death is declared a homicide before a full-scale investigation. But Judith and her cousin Renie do their own snooping, even after the suspects have decamped to the house that the Schmucks have bought in a nearby gated community. The plot doesn't hold together too well, but we have the pleasure of Judith's company, which may be enough to pass some enjoyable reading time.

Barbra says

I would rate this as a possible 3.5 as this story was too convoluted. I have read the entire series, but I couldn't make tails or heads on this one. There was too much going on, and not enough detail. Maybe it is time to finish this series off, and start another.

Pamela Maring says

I read others in this series several years ago and enjoyed them, but this time, I guess my tastes have matured. I thought this plot was unrealistic and childish. It was supposed to be funny. It was supposed to be a mystery. Neither was fulfilled sufficiently to make me want to recommend it to others.

mary says

I always enjoy a visit with Renie, Judith, Joe and Judith's mother. It's like visiting with people you've known for a long time. Ms. Daheim always makes sure to explain in the beginning of the book what's gone on before with the characters so even if it's the first book you've read you won't be lost. The ending seemed a little abrupt to me but it in no way took away from the story. I don't want to say too much and give away any spoilers but let me just say, buy the book and enjoy it!

Chi Dubinski says

A light and cozy mystery in Daheim's long running series. Rodney Schmuck and his wife Millie book rooms for a wedding at Judith Flynn's bed and breakfast. When they arrive at the inn, Rodney surprises Judith by announcing she is his long lost mother. Judith is sure she would remember if she had given birth, but can't dissuade Rodney he's mistaken. When Millie drops dead in Judith's back yard, it's almost too bizarre to believe. Judith, her husband the retired cop, and her cousin investigate.

Suzanne says

Momma dearest is getting boring.

I know it must be hard to come up with different ideas. This book was just ok. Only read to see if she finally bumped off the old lady.

Brenda says

Set in 2006, the 30th installment of the Bed & Breakfast series is like catching up with old friends.

Judith's latest B&B guests are so strange that they make cousin Renie look normal.

Claiming to be Judith's long lost son, Rodney Schmuck arrives with an entourage. None of their identities can be verified when Judith sets out to figure out how Rodney's wife, Camilla aka Millie, ended up in her garden - dead.

Debra McEathron says

It's almost like she is copying and pasting conversations from her previous books to add to this book. The cousins are always sniping at each other and the words are the same. It's the same with her mother and Joe as well. The plot was not really thought out. I was disappointed.
