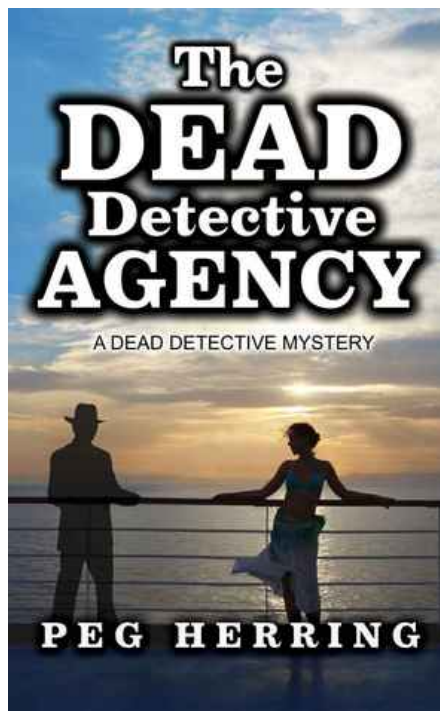




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Young secretary Tori Van Camp wakes one morning on a luxurious ocean liner where she is offered whatever a person might desire: food, clothes, recreation, and the companionship of congenial people. But Tori has no memory of booking a cruise. What she does have is a vivid recollection of being shot point blank in the chest.

With the help of the stunningly handsome Mike and the unnervingly serene Nancy, Tori soon learns the purpose of her voyage. Still, she is haunted by the image of the gun, the crack of the shot, and the malevolent face of the shooter. Who wanted her dead, and why?

Determined to find out, Tori enlists the help of Seamus, an eccentric but shrewd detective. Together they embark on an investigation unlike anything Tori ever thought possible. Death is all around, the future is uncertain, and if Tori does not act quickly, two people she cares about are prime candidates for murder.

The Dead Detective Agency marks the start of the new Dead Detective Mystery Series.

The Dead Detective Agency Details

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Su Halfwerk says

I couldn't categorize this book.

It has nostalgia, hope, sadness, suspense...It was this light mixture of different feelings.

I think the lightness bit got to me, maybe I thought it wasn't as a heavy read as I wanted it to be!

Then I figured it out; the bad guys have a deficiency of evilness in them LOL

I don't know how else to put it.

But I guess that's what makes this book unique. It's interesting and riveting despite the lack of blood, gore, and sex.

I will definitely be looking forward to Peg Herring's next book.

Georgia Tumbleweed says

Unusual story but quite good

This book was written from a usual perspective, but was done very well. Will read the other books in this series. I recommend this for the people who enjoy a good mystery and unusual perspectives.

Chrystal says

Peg Herring's novel, *The Dead Detective Agency*, is the first case in *The Dead Detective Mystery Series*. Herring writes a stimulating, though somewhat improbable, detective novel in *The Dead Detective Agency*. Meaning that some of the characters are supposedly dead and the others are seemingly serving as their hosts. And yet, other scenes are somewhat reminiscent of a Nancy Drew or Hardy Boys mystery. And as in the amateur sleuth mysteries, this 261-page detective mystery has some twists and turns that will keep readers guessing right until the end. [Read More](#)

Peg Herring lives in Michigan and writes both historical and contemporary mysteries. When not reading or writing, Peg loves travel and directing choral music.

I actually give this book 2 1/2 stars

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Micki says

A very good read.

I truly enjoyed this novel. The author not only conceived a fresh new look at life after death, but created well defined characters, a great plot line, and several well constructed subplots. I have every intention of reading

the rest of this series.

Julie Hendricks says

Imaginative, well-plotted. I thought the detective in question was underdeveloped, but perhaps later books address this.

Shanna Tidwell says

Overall this was a good book. Some original ideas & also a bit hard boiled detective style. I would read more books by Peg & revisit the detectives world. It wasn't an all consuming can't put it down kind of book but still very good & I really enjoyed it. While I do love books like that I also enjoy some like this one that you sip like a good glass of hot tea.

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Faith Freewoman says

This is good, clean fun, with a quirky, intriguing premise, well developed characters, and a very engaging author voice. It's well written, diverting and light. And even though the concepts of death don't really match Christian theology, I think this book would be a comfortable read for most Christians who are distressed by sex, bad language, and so on in popular fiction.

Anne says

Title is a bit misleading

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

It would not be my first choice for a paranormal or mystery. I found the story and performance just OK.

If you've listened to books by Peg Herring before, how does this one compare?

I haven't, this is the first Peg Herring book, audio or print, for me.

What aspect of JoBe Cerny's performance would you have changed?

I know there are a lot of voices, especially male, so it was challenging, but I would have liked more definition between them. Carmen's Latin accent seemed a bit Irish at times as well.

This may not be due to the narrator, but at times it sounded quite choppy with short pauses between words in the same sentence.

If this book were a movie would you go see it?

It would depend on the reviews.

Any additional comments?

My headline for the review states I find the title misleading. While there is a dead detective, Seamus, he doesn't have an agency nor does he play a substantial role in the story.

What I found interesting was the variety of paths this story takes. First it's Tori and how she finds the afterlife. A cruise ship limbo was a nice touch. As a frequent cruise I can see it working. Then we follow Seamus and Tori on the trail to find out what happened to her. Then it switches more towards the two live police detectives and then we also get to follow two of the other characters. The non-dead characters had the more interesting story lines, especially the police detectives.

The story seemed to stretch on a bit too long for the content and I never really cared about the characters perhaps because they weren't developed enough and the principal action being divided among 6 or more characters.

While I have a kindle copy I purchased, the audiobook I reviewed was provided by the author, narrator, or publisher at no cost in exchange for an unbiased review courtesy of Audiobook Blast.

Aly says

I found this book to be not as good as I had hopes for. I really wanted more mystery and more ghosts. To me the Dead detective agency meant ghosts. The story was not as exciting as I thought it would be. I was really hoping for more than what this book gave me. It didn't keep me interested and I had to struggle through it.

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Shelly says

This book had an interesting premise, and that premise held up thanks to good writing, believable characters, and using just enough "facts" about ghosts to make the story credible for this real-life ghost hunter. :) I enjoyed it very much.

Leslie Fisher says

This was an enjoyable read with an interesting premise: a dead detective investigates cases of the recently deceased who believe they were murdered. I liked the descriptions of the characters and thought they were easy to relate to. I enjoy mysteries, and this book held up well. I listened to the Audible audio version of this book narrated by JoBe Cerny. I enjoyed his narration and thought he did a good job with pacing and cadence. His female voices did NOT annoy me (several other male narrators give females a whiny voice that is hard to stomach). I didn't find a huge differentiation between characters (male, especially), and sometimes if I had to give my attention elsewhere for a second, I couldn't always tell which character was speaking. Despite that, it didn't interfere with my enjoyment of the narration. Overall, if you are interested in a different take on the detective mystery, you should check this out. I look forward to reading the next book in the series.

Suzan says

I was gifted this book with the understanding that I would give an honest review. So here goes. I both liked and found this book over the top at the same time. It is unlike anything I normally read which is not a bad thing just hard to get used to. I love murder mysteries but I have not ever read or even thought about the main character being the victim and the investigator. I would say you need to read this book and make your own decision on if you like it or not.

Joann says

I had no idea what this book was about and was ready to quit reading it as it started out with all dead people but who were still living - well sort of. You'll have to read the book. Anyway, I became intrigued by the well written book and was anxious to see how it would end. This was a fun concept of afterlife and had well developed characters. It was an entertaining book without any foul language.

Kim says

Well-written and entertaining light mystery. Three stars, rather than four, because it had a little too much religiosity for my taste.

Sandra says

[be moving on once she has solved her mystery(view spoiler)
