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She's got a passion for antiques and a penchant for mystery...and Olivia McKenna is about to find herself in the middle of a murder investigation led by a devilishly handsome state trooper who could be the love of her life! Check out this fun, exciting debut novel from an Amazon Top 100 author in cozy mysteries. It will make you smile and keep you guessing from start to finish! Olivia McKenna has her own antique shop in the beautiful White Mountains of New Hampshire, where she makes just enough to keep her Golden Retriever, Molly, stocked in treats. But her peaceful existence is about to get turned upside down. One day, while she's out antiquing, she discovers a body in a quaint little antique store. And that leads to a fateful meeting with Josh Abrams, the stunning state trooper with the sexy blue-green eyes who's leading the investigation. Can Olivia help Josh solve the mystery? Will their instant attraction turn into true love? Order the paperback today and find out!

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C.A. Larmer says

A fun ride

If you love a fast-paced mystery with a bit of antique shopping and shaggy creatures mixed in, this is the book for you. There's also romance, skydiving and some trekking thrown in. It's clear the author loves her animals and her antiques, and she manages to give you a good dose of both as she weaves her mystery around a murdered man and his adorable kitty. A fun read.

Dawn Whidden says

What a wonderful debut novel for Jane Firebaugh! Ms. Firebaugh has a gift for developing rich and colorful characters that pull the reader in and will not let you go until the end and even then you are anticipating more.

Much like Janet Evanovich, Ms. Firebaugh can spin a tale making the reader feel they personally know her main protagonist Olivia and feel her anxiety and compassion as each page is turned. This is not just a mystery but a strong character driven novel. I can see a long and successful career in her future and am looking forward to more of what Ms. Jane Firebaugh has to offer.

Julie says

This book hooked my attention in the first paragraph. The setting, the dialogue and the characters in the first few chapters teased me enough that I wanted to read more. The book is skillfully written and has a cast of characters and setting that makes a reader feel at home and as if they possibly could step into the story. Add twists and turns, a little humor and it's a winner in my book.

Fiona Ingram says

Could anything bad possibly happen in a small, pretty town in New Hampshire? Of course not, but then maybe it could. Olivia McKenna, an antiques buyer for her collector clients, inadvertently stumbles upon a murder in an antique shop, and thereafter becomes a target for someone who might just be the murderer. But why? Olivia hasn't seen anything that could make a killer worried. Or has she? And what about the poor old man who met his demise, the poor old man who turns out to have had a criminal past... Olivia crosses paths with handsome detective Josh Abrams, who also has a few secrets he's keeping under wraps. Join Josh and Olivia, and not forgetting Molly, Olivia's adorable (and clever) Golden Retriever, and Sheyna, the cat Olivia rescued from the scene of the crime, as they try to solve the murder before anyone else gets hurt.

If you like antiques and love a readable, cosy murder mystery, look no further than Antiques and Avarice by author Jane Firebaugh. I found myself drawn into the story, the beautifully described locale, and the characters, both main and secondary. Olivia is a spunky heroine with backbone, not needing a man to take care of her. Josh is a totally swoonworthy hero, the kind of man every woman would love to date: handsome, courteous, considerate, romantic, just delicious. Through appealing details, the author lets the daily activities

of her characters unfold, giving the reader a bird's-eye view of their lives and motivations. The plot is nicely done and the reader does not get tangled up in too many red herrings or false leads. A lot happens and there's a strong back story of robbery, fraud and corruption which will surprise readers. I only wish the author had included the recipes for some of the mouth-watering dishes the characters tuck into as the story progresses. I got hungry every time they had a meal!

Joanne says

Antiques and Avarice is the inaugural book in a new series, White Mountains Romantic Mysteries, by Jane Firebaugh. This book held my attention on first page. This series is set in White Mountains of New Hampshire, vividly described, a beautiful locale that inspires creativity and activity. The town is an homage to the past, offering unhurried peacefulness. I would love to experience what the residents enjoy every day – authentic character and characters, cultural gems, beautifully described outdoor settings, and a wealth of antiques with the exception of a recent murder. The protagonist, Olivia McKenna, is a sweet, compassionate, observant woman who I would treasure as a friend. While shopping for antiques, Olivia discovers a body and quickly becomes an integral part of a murder investigation. The handsome detective, Lieutenant Joshua Abrams leads the police investigation of the murder, strives to keep Olivia safe and realizes they enjoy each other's companionship. Josh has a few secrets which he holds tight. I appreciate cozy mysteries that include animals. Olivia has a dog named Molly, and acquires a cat, Sheyna, after discovering the body of its owner. the suspense keeps going as Olivia is attacked and stalked. I loved how Olivia's eye for detail and her furry friends helped Josh and her solve the case. The plot is well written, and flows smoothly with unanticipated twists and turns.

I am thankful that author Kathi Daley gave her readers a heads up on her friends' book! I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I can envision a long, successful career in Ms. Fairbaugh's future and am looking forward additional books in this series. This was the ideal book for me as I love antiques, food, animals, sweet romance and a good murder mystery. If you like clean cozy mysteries with sweet romance, or if you desire want a really good book, this is for you. I highly recommend this great book!

Christa Nardi says

Olivia searches for antiques on her clients' wish lists and happens to be in the wrong place at the wrong time when an antique shop owner is murdered. She contacts the police and sparks fly when she and the state trooper meet. She ends up with the owner's cat, Sheyna, who gets along amazingly well with Molly, her golden retriever.

Olivia feels somehow responsible, that she should have done something to stop the murderer. She decides to do a little investigating on her own. There's also something niggling at her brain but she can't remember what it is. It could be important though as someone seems to be stalking her and looking for something in her house. Josh is determined to keep her safe, but even he has secrets.

This is the first in the White Mountains Romantic Mysteries Books. Olivia and Josh are very likable and well-developed characters. Molly and Sheyna will appeal to all the pet lovers out there and have critical roles to play. Secondary characters are developed and hopefully many will continue in later books. There are twists and turns with another murder and kidnapping, but the resolution - for the murders and the romance -

are satisfying.

The second book in the series, OLD CRIMES AND NURSERY RHYMES, was recently released and spotlighted last month. I think I need to add that one to my TRB list.

Jane Firebaugh says

Well, I wrote this book, so I have to give it five stars and rave about how wonderful it is.

In truth, I do love it.

Olivia and Josh have become good friends of mine and I'm quite curious to see what else goes on in their lives after this book.

I hope you are too.

Jane

G. Miki says

Olivia finds the body of the store owner inside an antique shop, and soon after meets a remarkably attractive detective named Josh. Welcome to book one of the White Mountains Romantic Mysteries series. And what fun. Not only does the antiques picker find a dead man, she finds his beautiful calico cat and takes the animal in as a new best friend to her dog, Molly. But all is not peaceful for the new “family” with someone stalking Olivia, seeking...something. And not only is Olivia both capable and brave, Josh will do anything to protect her and her furry friends. The mystery twists and turns around these charming characters and some friendly neighborhood types as, while Olivia hunts antiques for her clients, this someone is hunting her. The mystery is a good one and the romance is sweetly on track for both true love and a surprising and exciting conclusion.

Rosie says

Olivia McKenna searches a second hand store, feeling blessed to be the only customer searching the shelves for antiques which her customers have requested. At the cash register, Olivia is unable to get the cashier's attention and quickly discovers the store owner, Lewis Ketterer, murdered in the back room. Olivia is listed as a suspect due to the fact that she'd been the one to call 911, was able to point out the murder weapon at the scene and was that she was in the store at the time of the murder, but the chief investigator, Josh Abrams, knows that something doesn't fit and believes Olivia to be innocent, while wondering why she keeps obsessing over her cat. When he realizes the link between the cat and the dead body before him, his protective instincts kick in. Olivia finds herself thinking about Josh as more than a detective, not realizing that the attraction is mutual. When Olivia becomes the repeated target of a stranger, Josh breaks his own rules and gets personally involved, up close and personal, determined to do whatever it takes to keep Olivia safe at all costs.

Jane Firebaugh pulls out all the stops to deliver the most explosively powerful romance novel I have read in

a long time. Amidst all of the crime, suspense and drama, Olivia's love of animals shines through and when she sees how much of a soft spot Josh has for them too, the dam wall of their attraction shatters, allowing the romance to flow so beautifully. I enjoy stories that feature animals in such a positive atmosphere, and the lengths that a police officer will go to in order to protect the woman that he loves warmed my heart. Antiques and Avarice was a real winner, in my books, and I recommend it to readers over the age of 15 years who enjoy a whole lot of animal antics, police drama, murder-mystery and action entwined in an epic romance which sizzles with every turn of the page.

- Rosie Malezer for Readers' Favorite

J.D. Holiday says

Antiques & Avarice (White Mountains Romantic Mysteries Book 1) by Jane Firebaugh

This is a good cozy mystery with twists and turns to the very end. The characters are great from mystery sleuth Olivia, her Two four-legged pets plus detective Josh Abrams.
5 stars.

JD Holiday <http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/...>

Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

This debut novel by author Jane Firebaugh is a wonderful start to what I hope will be a long journey.

My first thought after reading only a few pages of ANTIQUES & AVARICE was . . . I'm really going to like this book. I was wrong. I loved it!

I immensely enjoyed all of the characters in this rom-cozy (romantic cozy). Protagonist Olivia McKenna is a refreshing delight. She's someone I can see having a friendship with. I really want to go antique shopping with her. And she's an animal lover!

A fun escape as well as a great mystery, ANTIQUES & AVARICE was a great read. Ms. Firebaugh has a simple, fluid style of writing. There were no long, drawn out scenes just to add to the word count. Every sentence moved the story along at a pleasing pace, making it very hard to put the book down. Okay, I didn't put the book down. Once I started reading it I couldn't stop until I was finished.

I am anxiously awaiting the next installment of the White Mountain Romantic Mysteries, as well as other future offerings from this author!

Sue says

I am so glad that author Kathi Daley gave us a heads up on her friends' book! I really enjoyed this book...and look forward to seeing if there will be more, a lot more. This would be a great series.

With a beautiful young woman who buys antiques for her clients and has a wonderful dog and cat as her companions, and a wonderful policeman who worked with her during a murder investigation. Love is in the air...and I want more of this!!!

gretchen says

I don't know if this Author lives in the Mountains or what but WOW, did I feel like I actually was there in every single part of this book.

I felt like I personally KNEW these characters and would be comfortable around them. I can't put the right words together on how impressive this story was.. Was this a debut novel? I don't believe it if it was!

I appreciated the "insta-love" with Josh.. Because, I was swooning for sure! I also loved Sheyna and her background and part in the whole story, what's a cozy without a cat!

The murder was interesting, not what I was expecting and while I have read a ton of books with a million false leads that were just not worthy... This had the right amount of what the heck is gonna happen that left me on the edge of my seat!

It took me a bit before I got the chance to begin this book, but after finishing it.. I am READY to see what happens next!

Fantastic story, I highly recommend!

NP says

I love this book. It has a dog, a cat, antiques, romance and mystery. Lots of fun and plenty of twists and turns. I'd recommend it to anyone who enjoys cozy mystery and romance.

Cathie says

A delightful read from new author Jane Firebaugh. If you enjoy mystery, antiques, dogs, cats and a dash of romance you will enjoy this book!
