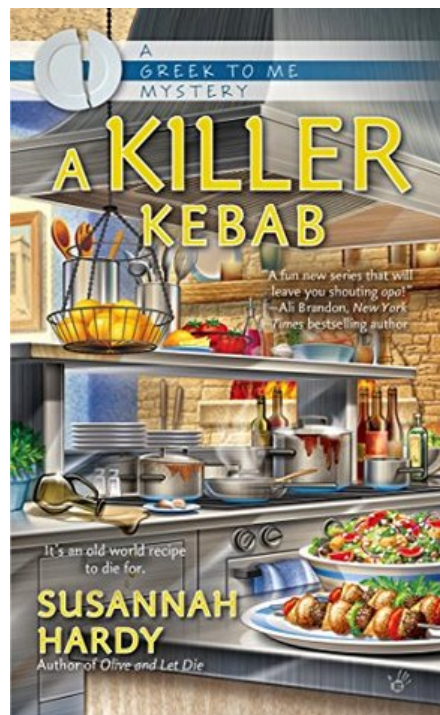




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The new Greek to Me Mystery from the author of *Olive* and *Let Die* and *Feta Attraction*

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Includes delicious Greek recipes!

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With The Bonaparte House closed for the season and her mother in law gone for the winter, Georgie is looking forward to a relaxing winter; having a some long needed work done on the restaurant's bathrooms, catching up on her reading and plans to throw a huge Thanksgiving dinner. After the contractors demolish the bathrooms, Georgie finds the body of James MacNamara, her divorce lawyer, dead on the floor, stabbed with a Kebab skewer! When Russ, the son of Georgie's employee, falls under suspicion, Georgie puts aside her dislike for Russ, who has caused trouble for Georgie in the past, and starts investigating, uncovering several suspects with some very big motives to commit murder.

This is a cute cozy series, well written with great characters and intriguing plots and Killer Kebab is no different. With a well paced multi-dimensional plot that kept me turning pages, the book deftly juggles several storylines, including the murder, a mysterious illness at the resort owned by Georgie's friend, and even the mystery of an original recipe for Thousand Island dressing, all sprinkled with a bit of humor. Although there was a lot going on in the book, it was all well plotted and easy to follow, and that's what makes this series so enjoyable. But it was the shocking ending that really makes this a 5 star book. I dare you to read this and tell me that you saw the end coming. Go on! I dare you!

There's some great recipes at the end of the book, and I'm going to try the Maple Walnut Sandies very soon, and the Tiropita (Greek Cheese Pie) sounds so easy (and so tasty!) I've got try it at some point.

Overall, Killer Kebab is an entertaining read to curl up with, and will keep you guessing until the very end.

Christine says

Being of Greek descent I always love a mystery with Greeks in it even if they always own a restaurant. (Lots of Greeks do, including my family.) Georgie finds herself in the middle of another murder that leads to a mishandled Trust and a Thousand Island dressing recipe.

Gail Chianese says

I love the Greek to Me mystery series. The characters are fun and the story line is unpredictable. There's just one downside. When I sit down with a Susannah Hardy book, I don't want to stop reading until I get to the end. Love this series and highly recommend.

Roberta says

Although the restaurant is closed in this book, there are good recipes in the back.

Summer is over and the tourists have all flown south so Georgie Nikolopatos wants to renovate the restaurant's bathrooms. To finance this, she has conspired with a local contractor to lie to her mother-in-law, owner of the Bonaparte House, saying that the plumbing is over the hill and needs to be replaced.

But in the midst of demo for the renovation, Georgie finds her lawyer in the bathroom run through with a giant meat skewer. Who killed him and why? Not only has he been killed in Georgie's home and workplace, but his death may delay her divorce. This is the same lawyer who is administering the estate that Melanie and Lisa are on the verge of inheriting that caused so much mayhem in the previous book. As much as she doesn't like Russ Riley, Georgia still thinks it's possible that the police have the wrong man in custody.

A second mystery in the book involves a turn of the century recipe for Thousand Island dressing.

Major characters in the first two books have only cameo appearances in this book. Georgie's mother-in-law, Sophie, leaves for Greece early in the book from whence Georgie's daughter, Callista, is expected to return momentarily. Jack, her coast guard boy friend, is away on a secret mission. Her soon-to-be-ex-husband, Spiro, and his partner, Inky, "have their own lives now." Her mother, Melanie, and Melanie's assistant, Caitlyn, are staying out on the island with Georgie's best friend, Lisa, so they are physically absent for most of the book, too.

Two minor characters in earlier books take up the slack; Dolly, chef at the Bonaparte House and mother of the prime suspect, and Brenda, who usually wanders around town collecting cans, becomes Georgia's new BFF.

Nit picking: page 44 Sheldon Todd, a genealogist hired to locate potential heirs to Georgie's great great grandfather's trust, enjoys the mediocre breakfast served at the River Rock Hotel so much so that he asks Georgie if he can have the limp margarine toast she hasn't eaten. Georgie thinks "Sheldon wasn't exactly a gourmand." Since most of us use the word "gourmet" to describe a connoisseur of good food and the word "gourmand" is generally considered to refer to a person that overeats and is, by implication at least, not overly discriminating, then "gourmand" is actually a more or less apt description of the portly Sheldon Todd.

page 192 Georgie is looking at some old recipes and thinks "Lard -- a thing I wasn't even sure it was possible to get anymore and I was in the restaurant business." All the grocery stores that I shop at; Price Chopper, Hannaford's, and Walmart, carry lard. Rendered lard comes in small boxes and it is shelved right near the Crisco. Sometimes you can find fresh lard in the meat cooler, next to the suet. Martha Stewart made lard pie crust on her show (Episode 3037). Alton Brown thinks it's "Good Eats " and my King Arthur flour pie crust recipe has a lard option.

Doreen says

12/29/16 3.5 stars. Full review tk.

Lisa Ks Book Reviews says

This installment in the GREEK TO ME Mysteries is a perfect dish to this so far three course series.

I know next to nothing about Greek food other than what I have learned from this series. Well, I did know they serve lamb, but, well, no that you on that.

Author Susannah Hardy's writing has really grown from her first two books in this series, making A KILLER KEBAB an even stronger, intense mystery. But I have to admit, it isn't my favorite in the series. The writing is just as good, and the plot was on point, but something wasn't clicking for me. That being said, I still want to read the next book, because as a whole, I do enjoy the series.

If you have read the first two books, do give A KILLER KEBAB try.

This book also includes some tasty Greek recipes, and an author's note about Thousand Island Dressing!

Mark Baker says

With the restaurant closed for the season and most of her family out of town, Georgie figures now is the perfect time to do some much needed renovations on the restrooms. But Georgie comes back to find a dead body in the rubble of one of the bathrooms. The victim is her divorce lawyer, and the police are quick to arrest a former employee of the restaurant. While Russ is not a nice man, Georgie doesn't think he's a killer. But what happened to the victim?

With many of the series regulars out of town, it falls to a minor character from the previous books to step up. That's not a problem since I really enjoyed getting to know Brenda better. The plot twists in some surprising directions, although I do have a couple of niggles with it. The book ties in some of the on going series plot threads, so it is best to read them in order to fully appreciate this book.

NOTE: I received a copy of this book

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Sandra says

This book is a bit better than the first two so, if the author decides to write more books in this series, I have hopes they will continue to improve.

The characters are more developed in this one.

The problem is that there were actually two mysteries that were loosely connected but this did make the story confusing at times.

Paula Ratcliffe says

This book follows Georgie Nikolopatos whose looking forward to fix somethings at the Bonaparte House while her mother-in-law Sophie is in Greece what Georgie didn't count on was her lawyer winding up skewered to death! Who killed Jim and why? Also Georgie is dealing with a sick mother and her mother's assistant Caitlyn is also ill.

This book was different as it didn't have some of the characters in it as much. No Sophie and running around mad at the restaurant. Georgie's ex was minimal at best. Even Georgie's family is very mild in this book. We learned more about other characters. Dolly, Georgie's chef was in this book granted another person sick. But we got to see Dolly at her own place. Also Franco the pizzeria owner was in this book as well as Brenda a local to the area who spends lots of time collecting cans played a more pivotal role to Georgie. Brenda has no qualms about getting dirty with Georgie after seeing what happened to Franco.

I love this Greek series it's incredible especially this one that dealt with the receipe Thousand Island Dressing and all the hoopla with it. You never consider where you will be educated about a dressing! Can't wait to see what Ms. Hardy comes up with next!

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A Killer Kebab

A Greek to Me Mystery #3

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Review:

A Killer Kebab, the third book in the Greek to Me Mystery series, is a pleasant read with a plucky protagonist and contains plenty of twists and turns to satisfy mystery readers.

Georgie has the Bonaparte House to herself for the winter season and decides the time has come to remodel the restaurant's restrooms. The crew barely gets started when Georgie finds the body of Jim McNarmara in the ladies' room, stabbed with the spit that usually holds the gyro meat. Jim was handling Georgie's divorce and her family's trust so she feels compelled to get to the bottom of his murder. Suspects abound, including Georgie's former employee, the local contractor, and Jim's son among others. When Franco, the pizzeria owner, is attacked, Georgie thinks there is even more at stake, and her fears are confirmed when she, too, is assaulted. As if this was not enough, Georgie's cousin, mother, and her assistant are all deathly ill. Oh, and we cannot forget about Thousand Island dressing. Lots and lots of Thousand Island dressing.

I confess that I have not read the previous two books in this series, and thus I am missing out on a lot of back story having to do with the family trust and its heirs. That said I do not feel like this hampered my enjoyment of A Killer Kebab. There is a lot going on in this book. The series long story arc with the trust, the lawyer's murder, and the subplot having to do with salad dressing all come together to make a satisfyingly twisty mystery. I probably now know more about Thousand Island dressing than I ever wanted to, but the history of the condiment is interesting and actually proved to be my favorite part of the story. Had all of the plot points not led to a common end, this book could have been a mess. I did think that, at times, the story dragged a bit, not from lack of action but from everything that was going on without getting anywhere.

Hardy does write entertaining characters. In a genre where it seems that most protagonists are about thirty years old, Georgie is appealingly a little older (Maybe I can just relate to her more because we are about the same age). She is steadfast and likable, and though she does make some poor choices she never comes across as "too dumb to live". Her boyfriend Jack is missing from most of this book, and I would really like to get to know him better. Brenda is proving to be a multilayered character. However, I do think I could do without Melanie though. Perhaps, I just need to spend more time with her (yes, I know I need to read the other books in the series).

A Killer Kebab is an enjoyable read, and I do plan to go back and catch up with the other books in the series. It is standard cozy mystery fare, and I recommend it to readers of the genre, especially those who enjoy a lot of talk about food.

LORI CASWELL says

Dollycas's Thoughts

Another mouth watering mystery from Susannah Hardy.

Even with the tourists gone and The Bonaparte House closed for the season Georgie Nikolopatos still finds herself with a mystery to solve. Georgie has contracted to have the bathrooms of the restaurant updated before Thanksgiving when she hopes to have a huge feast for friends and neighbors and local patrons. She can't believe after just one day of demolition the remodeling comes to a screeching halt when she finds a dead body with the rubble. The fact that it is her divorce attorney just adds to the urgency to catch the killer. Could it be an old employee seeking revenge? or another one of the lawyers clients? Before she can serve her planned dinner she has to find out for cooked the turkey in the suit!

I love this series! Some of characters were away because of the off season but Hardy introduced new ones to whet my appetite. We also visit Georgie's mom, Melanie, at "the Spa" with a mysterious illness. Georgie is trying keep their search for additional heirs on track especially now that the lawyer handling Melanie's affairs has been murdered. Her love interest, Jack, is away on assignment with the Coast Guard and I missed him too but Georgie was so busy I don't think they would have been able to spend much time together.

What I truly enjoyed was Georgie's quest to find the original recipe for Thousand Island dressing. There are probably more than a thousand different recipes for it and every one has their own twist or special ingredient. I had never really thought about where it originated or that it referred to a popular destination located along the border between Northern New York State (United States) and Southeastern Ontario (Canada). To me it was just a choice of what to put on salad. I love learning new things.

The author has packed a lot of drama and action into the pages of this book. Again she kept me up late reading. The story starts at a nice pace and builds to the point where you need to read just one more chapter, and then another and another. I was totally in the dark on the actual killer until Georgie and I shared our huge "Aha Moment".

Every book in this series is excellent and every one has left me wanting more. The Bonaparte House is a unique setting, the characters are vibrant, and the mystery deserves all 5 stars and maybe more.

A Must Read for foodie cozy lovers!

Cheryl says

Georgie is getting a divorce, her mother-in-law is leaving the country and the tourists are gone so she is getting some renovations to open in time for a Greek Thanksgiving. A former dishwasher shows up on the crew and she is worried that he will take his anger out on her place. Georgie then finds the body of her divorce lawyer and the former dishwasher is arrested. She doesn't think he did it and goes through a confusing list of people that could do it. Georgie does take some precautions when looking for the murderer but then she takes foolish chances and almost gets herself, her newly found mother and her daughter killed.

Liz V. says

Quirky story, but standard complaint with cooking based novels. Not all mayonnaise and ketchup are alike, particularly in 1907. So one cup of mayo and half of ketchup is not useful.

April says

Georgie is at Bonaparte House by herself as Thanksgiving approaches. She is having the bathrooms in the restaurant redone. The day the fixtures are torn out she comes home to find her lawyer dead on the floor of the bathroom. Franco at the Casa finds a recipe for Thousand Island dressing from 1907. Melanie and Caitlyn are sick. Liza gets sick too. Someone ransacks Georgie's car. The Bloodworth Trust seems to have decreased substantially in value.

How all these things are related and how they all come together to make the whole picture is the mystery. Before the end, Georgie is battered, bruised and nearly dies, which seems to be par for the course in this series. Pay attention to every detail because each is somehow going to play a role in the story somewhere.
