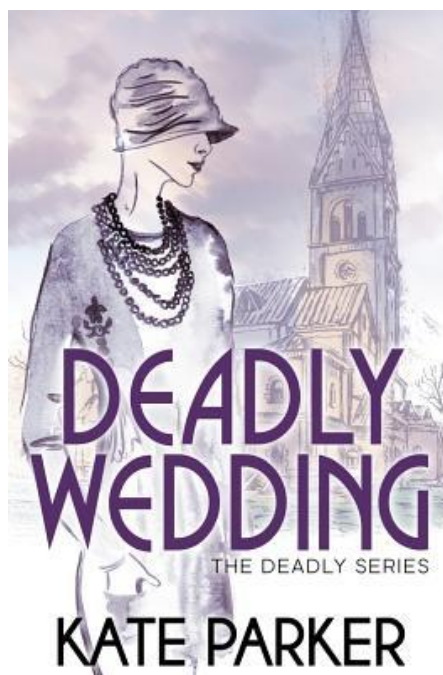




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Why murder a dying man? Olivia Denis is hesitant to help an old family friend get ready for her wedding outside London. The so-called friend is a master at using people. As a young widow trying to find her way through a new romantic relationship, Olivia would rather avoid the large party. She definitely didn't plan to find the bride's grandfather stabbed to death. The cruel, enormously rich aristocrat had changed his will only the day before, angering all his children. As Olivia is forced to investigate the murder, she's called away by her employer, the owner of an influential London daily newspaper. She must carry out another secret assignment, one that will take her to Vienna, now part of Nazi Germany. With war on the horizon and attacks on the old man's family increasing, can Olivia find a way to save lives in two countries?

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Nancy Wilson says

Less spy and more detective in this book, but equally entertaining. As the world rushes toward war Olivia's life forces her into the role of sleuth again. Sadly for her someone has used murder to resolve personal issues. I had a good idea who the villain was, largely because of all the murders I have read over the years! Still a good read!

Pamela Shropshire says

Book 2 of this series: it was even better than the first one. The recurring characters were more fully developed. In particular, Livvy's relationship with her father has improved as Livvy has matured since her husband's death, and she learns several things about him that's helps her see him as a person and not just as an overbearing father.

Livvy is attending the wedding of a childhood friend and family connection when the bride's grandfather is stabbed. This is merely the first of several attempted murders/attempted murderer. In addition, Livvy's boss once again asks her to take a special assignment, this time to Vienna, to help his late wife's Jewish relatives escape the Nazi regime. Once again, Livvy has a meeting with Oberst Bernhard.

I enjoyed the resolution of both plot lines, and look forward to seeing how Adam and Livvy grow as a couple.

LORI CASWELL says

Dollycas's Thoughts

This is another fabulous story from Kate Parker.

Olivia Denis is back and getting ready for a wedding of an old family friend. The problem is this friend is treating her more like a servant than a life long friend and Olivia just goes along with it to keep the peace just to get through a wedding that had already been postponed more than once. When the bride goes to her grandfather's room before the service Olivia is dragged along. What they find is the man dead with a knife in his chest and the bride tells her to keep it mum until after the wedding. Thankfully one of the real servants notifies the authorities. The bride begs Olivia to find the killer and we readers are off on another investigation with Olivia Denis.

The main plot is strong and compelling, the subplots are excellent and just as compelling. Kate Parker sets the scene, introduces the characters and draws us right in from the very first page. Olivia also makes a very dangerous journey for her employer and that part had me holding my breath. That coupled with the death and subsequent drama made for a book that was impossible to put down.

I discovered Kate Parker through her Victorian Mystery Series where she kept topping herself in each new book and now with this Deadly Series she is doing the exact same thing. I loved the historical aspects to the story along with the great mystery. The characters are colorful, unique and realistic for the time period. I love

what a strong woman Olivia Denis is and the way she takes on whatever is asked of her. She doesn't do anything halfway.

Deadly Wedding can be read as a stand alone but I strongly suggest you read Deadly Scandal first. I can't wait for book #3.

Sherri Hollister says

I loved it and hated it. Beautiful, sad and fabulous! Beautifully written characters, plot and setting. The lives were so real and at times sad, yet the love and hope keeps it from being maudlin. I had to get the audio because I'd gotten halfway through the book and was overwhelmed with several projects. I loved the audiobook! Henrietta Meire brings Olivia and the horrors of pre-WWII to life. I'm so excited for this series.

Catherine Martin says

Lovely page turner!

I enjoyed this one very much! Livvy has really come into her own and isn't the demure little wife who suddenly becomes a widow at 25 and needs to have so much help to maneuver about in a man's world, in this book while she still has her trusty heroes who pull her fat out of the fire (even some unconventional heroes) Livvy manages to make her own way in some dangerous territory. Something you wouldn't have really seen the girl in the first book do. Nice character growth. She's far from GI Jane but she just has more confidence in this one.

The only thing I didn't really like was the rather abrupt ending.
Might as well have put see ya later bye!

Liz says

I found the relationships in this book intriguing. Those between Olivia and the bride-to-be, a master manipulator, and those between Olivia's father and his generation of the bride's family, all distant cousins.

Olivia would rather not even attend the wedding, let alone allow herself to be ordered around by Celia. Of course her job as a society reporter puts her at odds with some of the family because she is a working 'girl' and with others because they expect an excellent write up, of the wedding.

The wedding is to occur at the home place of Celia's grandfather with her separated parents and all her aunts and uncles in attendance. Only grandfather is stabbed to death and part of the family wants Olivia to figure it out, while the rest want it left alone. Of course a new will plays a major role in who receives the money and who wants the money.

Meanwhile, Olivia is called back to London for a special assignment that takes her to Vienna, now part of Nazi Germany. Her newspaper assignment and her secret assignment have to be carried out carefully so that she can return home without any problems.

Returning to England, the murder has still not been solved, more things keep happening at the house and

Olivia is just in time to reveal the murderer. A surprise ending.

I have to admit I was on Olivia's side during the majority of the house party, I had no desire to spend much time with the residents either. Not even her father felt how uncomfortable things were for her, and a budding romance with a man who did secret things in the military also left her off kilter.

Interesting read, you could often feel Olivia's discomfort.

Sally says

A stronger entry than the previous one in this series. Olivia Denis is pressured to attend festivities connected with the wedding of a friend. Unfortunately the woman's grandfather is killed just prior to the wedding, and Olivia is drawn into an investigation. She also is asked by her editor to go to Vienna on a secret mission, even though it is now under the control of the Nazis. Pretty well done.

Gail Gassen says

What a wonderful book!

After I had read the first book in this "The Deadly Series" I was totally hooked on them all. Without reading any of the others yet I knew they would be extraordinary, & so far I'm right. First whenever you read any of the books written during the time before WWII it has the ability to fill your heart with the horror these people were going to face. Since these characters are so well written you see them as being real people with a future ahead of them that will be a nightmare the like they'd never ever have been able to imagine. With there being murders committed it would be even harder on these characters.. with an ending that is in my heart was so heartbreaking for so many. Olivia barely makes it out alive, but at least she'll not be ordered around by her spoiled bratty cousin. Even if she is a distant cousin! And sometimes you read a wonderful book that the ones being murdered actually caused no sorrow they were such horrible people. The true sorrow is the one committing them being punished. Except we must never reach that callous a heart in reality., but it's okay when it's through the book we're reading. Right? I hope you enjoy this second book in the life of Olivia Denis, & her distant family. I highly recommend reading these books in the order they were written.

Susan says

The earl is actually stabbed before the wedding, but nobody tells the police because they are afraid the groom will get away if the nuptials are delayed. Because...that is the sort of family they are. It is somewhat of a relief for the reader when Olivia Denis gets away briefly for a dangerous mission to Vienna since the murder mystery plot is a bit worn.

Gary and Sandra Sims says

Great ?

This is book two in the series and is as good as it's predecessor. This time we had murder, poisoning and a wedding. Everyone has a motive and Olivia is tasked to find out who did it the only problem is that the suspects are related to her. Her assignment for her boss takes her into dangerous Nazi Austria and a meeting again with a friend or possibly an enemy she can't quite figure out yet. On to book three.

Barb in Maryland says

3.5 stars

Not a sophomore slump, but not quite a great leap forward, either--just more of the same.

This time Livvy (and her father!) are wrangled into investigating the murder of the Earl of Millhaven. He's a very distant relative and a nasty piece of work. Suspects abound! Alas, 90% of them are family. Lots of twists and turns in that plot, with a kicker of an ending.

On the romance front Livvy and her beau Adam spend more time apart than together. He's off doing his super secret stuff, she's making another perilous foray into Nazi territory--this time Vienna.

All in all, quite satisfactory. I kept turning the pages with a need to know what happens next. The Vienna portions of the story were nail-bitingly tense--easily the best part of the book.

Bring on Book 3!! While it certainly helps to have read the first book(Deadly Scandal), it is not absolutely necessary to have read it in order to enjoy this one.

Deb says

If you like the Maggie Hope series, you will enjoy this murder mystery. Olivia is a society columnist for a London newspaper in the late 1930s. Her whole life she has spent vacations and holidays with her third cousins at Millhaven Manor. /the house is home to three generations: the earl, his four children and their children, nearly all of whom are now adults. The weekend her cousin Celia is getting married, the old earl changes his will and is promptly murdered. Celia and her mother decide the wedding should go on before the police are called. What!? After Celia goes on her honeymoon in South Africa, Olivia and her father try to identify the murderer. At least two poisonings and another murder later, all becomes sadly clear. While trying to unmask a killer at home, Olivia also keeps on writing for the newspaper and carrying out a secret mission to Vienna which involves helping a group of Austrian Jews get out of the country and into England. I liked Olivia and found the book almost impossible to put down.

Gail says

Olivia is a young widow in London just before WWII. She is called upon to solve the murder an elderly distant relative. This is second book in this series. They are pretty good, although I am getting tired of WWII books.

Katreader says

DEADLY WEDDING By Kate Parker
The Second Deadly Mystery

Olivia Denis is called upon to help her distant cousin Celia prepare for her wedding. Although act more like a servant than help an old friend and relative is a more accurate description. The residents of Millhaven House are the epitome of a dysfunctional family, but who would kill the ancient patriarch when he was already dying? And kill him the morning of the wedding? Although Olivia is a strong woman she always gives in to Celia's demands, from packing her trucks for the honeymoon to agreeing to look into the murder of Celia's grandfather.

With murder on the home front, Olivia also has to deal with Nazi atrocities as she travels to German occupied Austria on another mission from the newspaper. With the threat of war looming will Olivia be able to help those in Austria as well as the family on her own soil?

Families have secrets. Aristocratic families seem to have even more and Olivia must dig deep into the recesses of her own family to uncover them. The mystery itself is complex, the characters challenging, and there are more motives to shake a stick at.

As a history buff I am especially drawn to the special missions Olivia performs. The conditions in Europe just prior to World War II are fascinating, horrible, and riveting. The true story behind what Olivia does is amazing. Obscured all these years, I'm grateful that Kate Parker has shone a light on these facts.

I love this series. The attention to detail, the well plotted mystery, and the burgeoning romance in the background provide a captivating look into a fascinating era. For all she's been through and everything with which she still has to deal, Olivia remains strong and eminently relatable; a woman I would like to know and call friend.

FTC Disclosure – The publisher sent me a copy of this book in the hopes I would review it.

Jeanne Adamek says

I think that I enjoyed this story more than the first book in this series! I found that Olivia has grown and turned into a person that I would like to know.

Strangely, my interest was more in the secret assignment Olivia took on and the historical time that the author portrayed than the mystery of who killed the Earl (although the mystery was also well done). I really think that Kate Parker did exceptionally well describing the late 1930's and I really found myself immersed in history, so much so that I cannot wait for the next installment of this series.
