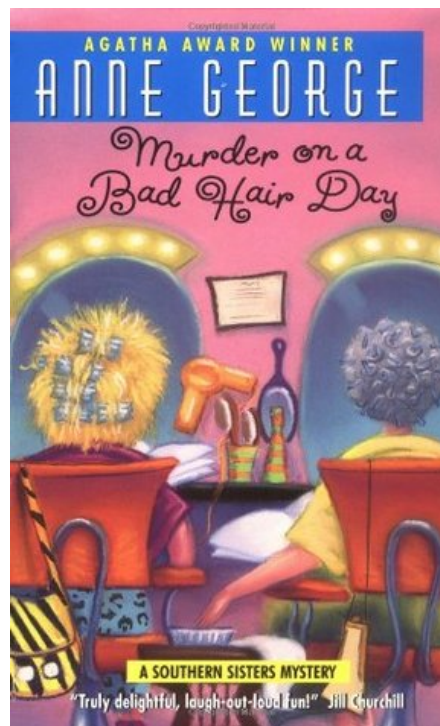




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It's hard to believe practical, petite ex-schoolteacher Patricia Anne and amiable, ample-bodied, and outrageous Mary Alice are sisters, yet sibling rivalry has survived decades of good-natured disagreement about everything from husbands to hair color.

No sooner do the Southern sisters discover a common interest in some local art, when they're arguing the artistic merits of some well-coiffured heads at a gallery opening. A few hours later, one of those pretty ladies ends up dead—with not a hair out of place. The other shows up on Patricia Anne's doorstep dazed, disheveled, and telling a wild tale of a narrow escape from some deadly cuts. Now the sisters are once again combing for clues to catch a killer with a bizarre style in art—and murder.

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Lindsay Boitnott says

I read Murder on a Bad Hair Day last March, unaware that it is set during the Christmas holidays. I decided to read it despite the setting and the age of the main characters. Patricia Ann and Mary Alice are twin sisters in their early sixties. Now, I have nothing against anyone of retirement age, but I do tend to pick stories where the leads are in their late twenties and early thirties. It is just easier for me to connect with them. Well, I am glad that I kept reading, or, listening because I had the book on CD. It was a nice cozy mystery that kept me guessing until the end.

I recommend this novel just for the relationship between Patricia Ann and Mary Alice. The sisters are mischievous and competitive; constantly armed with verbal fodder for their bantering conversations. I also enjoyed how real and sweet Patricia Ann and Fred's marriage read. And I was intrigued by the role of local folk art in the mystery. George's imagery was perfect and I can still picture one of the main art pieces.

I wasn't a fan of any of the secondary characters. I couldn't make myself trust any of them. George nailed it if it was her goal to keep readers constantly guessing! And of course, the mystery could have been tied together a tad smoother, but that is a common issue in cozy mysteries. Definitely do not let that deter you from reading it!

Murder on a Bad Hair Day goes perfectly with a crackling fire and cup of hot chocolate. Let the holiday themed reading commence and sit back for some fun with these southern sisters! Have you read any of Anne George's novels?

Lindsay

Anne/ Roebbes_reads_and_treats says

It is a very merry story about two sisters who unwillingly stumble into other people's problems. It was a nice and easy read, perfect for the days around Christmas while I was recovering from the flu. It had its funny moments and was entertaining enough. I had some issues with the language but this might be due to the German translation and/or the fact that it was written some years ago. As I said it was entertaining enough but I wouldn't necessarily need to read the other books of the series.

?Susan? says

A cute cozy mystery with two bantering sisters. Parts were hilarious and not a bad mystery, but it did not necessarily keep my attention. I had a hard time finishing it.

?Trish says

I have now read all eight of Anne George's Southern Sisters Mysteries.

I really enjoy exploring the relationship between polar-opposites Mary Alice and Patricia Anne. Each story is filled with just the right amount of good-natured sisterly squabbling, lots of sweet & silly humor, and just a touch of murder mystery to keep it interesting . . . a perfect cozy.

Moon Stumpp says

I listened to the entire series of 8 books on audio so the books for me were like one very long book. So I will review the entire series. Listening to them on audio was a joy...I laughed myself silly a couple of times. Mouse and Sister's adventures will put a smile on your face, no matter what age you are.

Teresa Collins says

The second of the Southern Sisters Mysteries, this book is just as enjoyable as the first. Anne George had a talent for throwing red herrings out and making you fall for them hook, line, and sinker. You think you are so smart because you have it all figured out and then, wham, she throws the curve ball, most excellently.

In this story, Mary Alice and Patricia Ann, our Southern Sisters have attended an art gallery opening in Birmingham. The owner winds up being murdered with hair mousse, hence the title. As usual the sisters get all involved in things that don't really concern them until all of the truth is revealed.

The story is definitely a light, easy read but so delightful for us Birmingham natives who know the places she's talking about, even when she changes the names "to protect the innocent". I highly recommend Murder on a Bad Hair Day for anyone looking for a quick beach read or as a break from some of the heavier stuff out there.

Beth says

Fun little cosy with two 60 year old sisters running around in Birmingham, Alabama. They don't so much solve mysteries as crash them at dangerous moments.

What was fascinating was the glaring absence of cell phones. The book is from 2001, so there are pay phones, answering machines, a lack of texts, and nobody has a handy camera in their pocket. It was jarring until I realized that the book was 15 years old.

Amelia says

Entertaining. The narrator of the audiobook goes a little overboard on the accents (I'm a native of B'ham!) but it's hilarious and suspenseful. A nice relaxing read.

Deana Pittman says

I really did not enjoy this one as much as the first one. I still love the main characters; I just thought the "mystery" part of this one was lacking!

Ivy says

Patricia Anne und ihr Schwesterherz Mary Alice sind so grundverschieden und die Dialoge so voll von trockenem Humor, dass es richtig Spaß gemacht zu lesen.
Sehr gelungene Cozy Mystery.

Michelle Harris says

A good southern who-done-it with a twist

If you like Mary Kay Andrews mixed with a little Agatha Christie, you will like Murder on a Bad Hair Day. It is the second book in the series, but you can pick up what has happened without reading the first book. A great beach book!

Cait S says

2.5 stars.

Anne George, the author of this series, was an old Southern woman. And reading these books is very much like sitting down and having a conversation with an old Southern woman.

Which is a nice way of saying I rather think she was ignorant and slightly homophobic. Not only this but she treats very heavy subjects (rape accusations, drug use, sexual assault of a child by their parent, serious mental health concerns, etc) incredibly flippantly. A line here, a line there, tossed around like gossip with no substance. It's...off-putting, to say the very least. I want to shake the characters and ask why they are so incredibly shallow.

At the same time, the stories themselves are likable. The characters aren't horrible people, just sort of closed minded in the way older people are. It's a frustrating set of circumstances because I like the characters, I just don't like who the author paints herself as through them.

But about this book specifically, it definitely wasn't as good as the first one. Patricia Anne barely knows any of the people involved, in fact other than one of them, she meets them all in the first two chapters of the book for the first time in her life. This makes it incredibly hard to keep them straight because we not only know nothing about them, but we also, for lack of a better term, do not give a fuck. I didn't care at all who as getting killed or why, these people meant nothing to Patricia Ann or to me.

Mostly I enjoyed the sections with the returning characters from the first book, Debbie, Henry, and Haley especially. I will most likely keep reading but if the aforementioned issues keep up, I'll have to get my cozy mystery fix elsewhere.

Jeanne says

This is the first of the Southern Sisters Mysteries that I have read. I am not generally a fan of the "cozy" genre, and I found this to be just an okay read. I liked the relationship between the two sisters, but found the mystery not terribly intriguing, and the author didn't tie up a lot of loose ends. I did learn something about Birmingham, Alabama, and the book led me to look up the statue of Vulcan, so once again, I find that I learn something from every book I read.

Patti says

Another fun reread with the Southern Sisters. And whodunnit was not who I suspected (it's been awhile since I read this book, so I didn't remember at all). Perfect for bedtime reading (rereading in this case :))

Diane Perry says

A nice, fun read. The banter between the sisters reminds me of me and my sister. I needed this lighthearted story after some of the heavy reading I have done recently.

Laura Edwards says

A fast, fun read. The mystery is not overly simplistic, which keeps the story interesting. However, the best part about these books is the humor weaved throughout. And Anne George does an excellent job of creating a real family around Patricia Anne and Mary Alice. I really enjoy spending time with them and their families and can't wait to see what happens next to all of them.

Lauren E. Smith says

A Bad Hair Day For The Sisters

Another rip-roaring mystery in the adventures of our favorite mystery-loving Southern sisters! Patricia Anne's history as a school teacher gets them involved in yet another mystery!

Cheryl Cooper says

A nice cozy mystery. Easy read with good writing. Enjoyed the banter between the 2 sisters.

Sherry says

I really enjoyed this book. I can relate so much because of my age! It was fun to listen to this in audio form. The narrator was perfect! I will read more in this series. I'd like to listen to the series actually.

Anne Hawn Smith says

This is a light mystery, as much about the personalities of the sisters as a mystery. If you are from the south, you will recognize all these people right away. It is a nice pleasant visit with old friends and relatives.

I agree with some that the ending was a little abrupt, but it didn't detract from the story.
