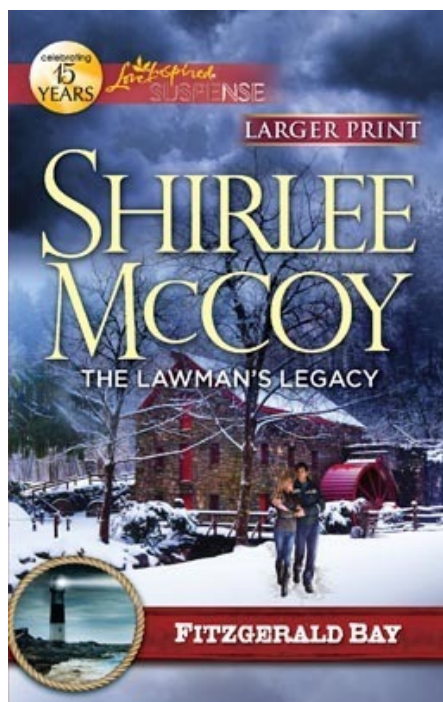




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Judy says

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Fitzgerald Bay Series Book 1

Captain Douglas Fitzgerald has found the woman he believes is his soul mate, obviously she don't. When a nanny is found dead and that very woman is at the scene they are thrown together. She is holding something back from Douglas and the man who keeps shooting at her is proof of that. How can he get the woman of his dreams to trust him?

Merry O'leary has a secret life. If she didn't have to protect four year old Tyler above all else she could see herself settling down for good in Fitzgerald Bay. Maybe even settling down with a handsome police captain. Police. Even more reason to stay away from him unless she wants to lose everything she cares about, Tyler. Time to leave town again and start over if only she can get away from the eyes of the lawman. If only she could learn to really trust and allow him to share her burden.

What a great start to this exciting Love Inspired series. Book one starts with the murder of a nanny. A nanny who worked for a Fitzgerald no less. This quiet town is buzzing with unrest and whispers that maybe it was a Fitzgerald who committed the crime. This family puts God first and family second so they will do all they can to quiet the whispers and prove the rumor mongers wrong. The Rookie's Assignment is book two in this series. You will definitely want to read them in order as each key to the murder slowly unfolds in each book. <http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Hannah says

3.75

A very good cozy mystery about a small town in New England. Merry is on the run, and Douglas isn't about to let her run alone. He realizes she's hiding something from him, and after a murder and an attempt on her life, he makes her tell him. Now he's got to keep her safe...

I will say that Douglas was superhumanly reasonable for a man whose best girl keeps stepping on his ego. :) I have not known very many men that wouldn't take off eventually after her prickly behavior and continual lie about her past.

Apparently the murder mystery is strung throughout the six books of this series, so I will just have to keep reading.

Val says

merry has waaaay more guts then I do! a really good story with very interesting characters that I can't wait to meet.

Nellie says

Excellent. Clean, fun, easy to read, romantic. From the book: After a nanny is killed in Fitzgerald Bay, police captain Douglas Fitzgerald's brother becomes the prime suspect. "Faith and family" is the Fitzgerald motto—Douglas won't let his own go down for a crime he didn't commit. Yet when Douglas questions the single mother who found the victim, he notices Merry O'Leary is nervous. Secretive. Deeply scared of someone. The nanny's killer...or someone else? When the truth comes to light, it will take all of Douglas's faith—and his love for this little family—to keep a killer at bay.

D says

I love the Fitzgerald family. I look forward to reading the rest of this series. The siblings meet their spouses while trying to untangle various mysteries and villains.

Michelle says

Fitzgerald Bay
Book 1

Because this is the annual multi-author series where the six books build on each other, these should be read in order. But what I like about these is that they each have a story all to themselves.

The main theme of the entire series surrounds the murder of a young nanny. The police have no idea who killed her, but some are pointing a finger at the Fitzgerald doctor, Charles.

The book theme surrounded the past of Merry O'Leary. She has lots of secrets and police captain, Douglas Fitzgerald, aims to find out every one of them.

The suspense on both issues was good. The romance was great. I appreciate it when a romance is allowed to blossom throughout the entire book instead of at the very end.

Great story!

Patricia says

Great Series! This is the first of six , all having to do with the Fitzgerald family. Some are cops, one is a doctor, and one owns a bookstore. In this first book, the family's friend, Olivia, hired to watch twin children of doctor Charles Fitzgerald is found dead at the base of the lighthouse....the family's cops and Dad, the police chief are on the case to solve the murder. However, this series continues, so, we have to read on to see just how and who killed Olivia. Keeps your interest and I kept turning pages into the night!

Janell says

What do you read when you just want a simple surface story that requires very little thinking? :-) This line of suspense/romance books from Steeple Hill are very simple, Christian and clean, and can be read in 3-4 hours. However, there is definitely a *sameness* about all books in this genre but sometimes that's comforting. :-)

This particular book is the first of a six part series (Fitzgerald Bay). Although the main mystery was solved, the second underlying mystery will apparently run through all six books.

Lisa says

The Fitzgeralds are a family like the Regans of "Blue Bloods" - an entire family of law enforcement officers with a few firefighters thrown into the mix.

This book is the first of six - there are 6 Fitzgerald siblings. First up is police captain Douglas, who is investigating the murder of much-loved young nanny, Olivia Henry. A key suspect in the case: Douglas' own brother Charles, for whom Olivia worked as a nanny. Merry O'Leary, another young woman new to Fitzgerald Bay, was somewhat close to Olivia and was also the person who found her body.

Olivia has some secrets (included an unnamed "sweetheart") that are not as yet revealed. Merry O'Leary has secrets of her own that she is fearful Douglas will discover as he conducts his investigation. And the Hennessy family - determined to destroy the Fitzgerald name - continues to tout Charles as the number one suspect.

In the course of the story, Douglas discovers the truth about Merry and her five-year-old son Tyler. Douglas and his siblings save the pair from a vicious gang member wanted for murder. Of course, a happy ending is in store for Douglas, Merry, and Tyler.

Since the series continues, the murder remains unsolved and the Hennessys continue their attacks on the Fitzgeralds...

A nice, clean romance - rather a pat story but still fun for the beach or backyard.

Cathy Beckett says

First book in Fitzgerald Bay series. McCoy starts off this six book series with a murder and the attempted murder of the witness.

The Fitzgerald nanny, Olivia Henry, is found at the base of the cliffs. She has been murdered and thrown over the cliffs. Her friend Merry O'Leary finds her body and calls the police. Captain Douglas Fitzgerald arrives at the crime scene along with several other officers all Fitzgeralds.

The youngest brother, Charles, has been accused of the murder. It is Douglas' job to find out the truth. Douglas has one problem though--Merry. He loves her and wants her to trust him and his family. He knows she is running from somebody. He must get her to trust him before she is killed and her son is kidnapped.

Patrizia says

Mi sento di essere di manica larga perché questo libro si fa leggere, la storia mi ha proprio preso. Essendoci un mistero che viene risolto nel corso di tutta la serie, mi butto subito su secondo e poi sui successivi, sperando che sia intriganti come questo.

Judine Brey says

The fact that Douglass and Merry had already dated made their relationship believable, but a lot of the middle of the book felt really repetitive.

Kate says

Whoa! This story moved really quickly once Merry entered the 'scene'. I felt like I couldn't turn pages fast enough to find out what happens next. I did like how Merry learned how to trust, even when she felt like she was alone (except for God). But, Douglas was a little one-dimensional for me: I saw no visible character growth in him. That said, it wasn't enough to make me dislike this book in the slightest.

Note that while this book solves one mystery, the other crime remains unsolved as yet. (Though it should be noted that this book series is completed, so one does not need to wait for publication dates to arrive before finding out what happens next.)

3.5 stars

Gloria says

I enjoyed this book and look forward to the other books in the Fitzgerald Bay series. It was very suspenseful and gripping.

charmaine White says

More Please

Action,action and more action.This one starts out fast and just keeps getting better.Has you sitting on the edge of your seat,holding your breath.
