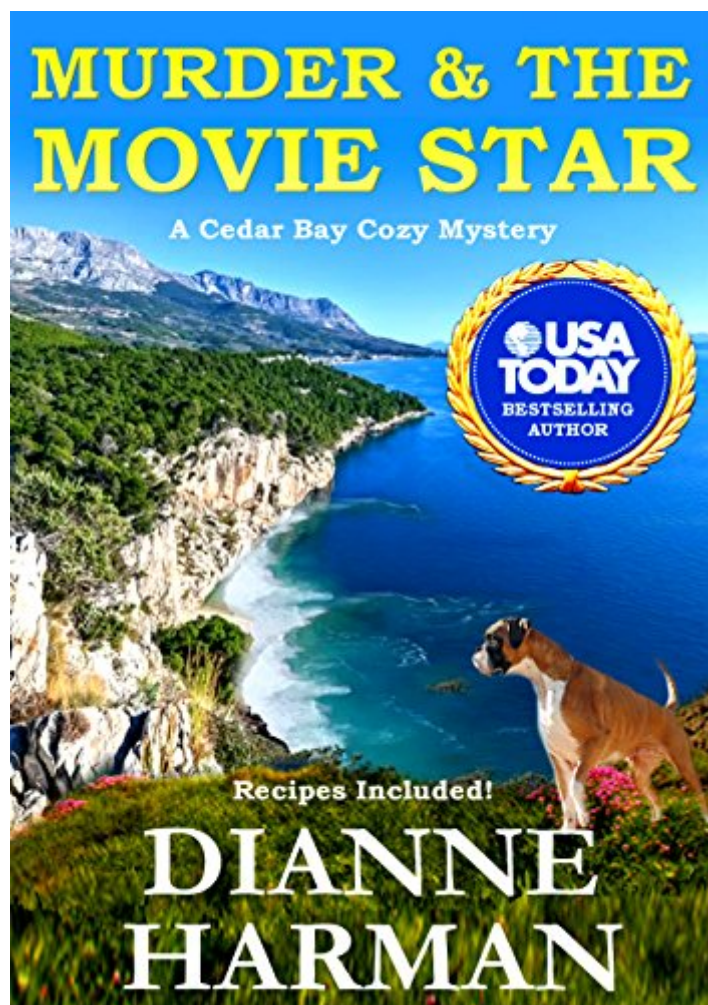


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Synopsis

From USA TODAY Bestselling Author and seven time All-Star comes Book #12 in the Cedar Bay Cozy Mystery Series. The last thing Mike Reynolds needed in the final weeks leading up to his run for re-election as sheriff of Beaver County, Oregon, was to have his wife, Kelly, discover the body of a famous movie actress. It didn't help that she'd died under mysterious circumstances from a fall off the cliff behind her home. Did she accidentally fall over it or was it murder? And if she was murdered, who did it? Was it her daughter who wanted her mother's money, so she could give it to the yoga guru she was studying with at his spartan retreat center located in the nearby forest? Or was it her gardener, who desperately needed money to deal with the terminal diagnosis his wife had been given by her doctor? Or could it have been the director of The Triangle, the movie she was about to film, because he was afraid she'd ruin his chances for an Oscar? What about the supporting actress who'd wanted to have the lead role in the movie? Or the screenwriter, who didn't understand why the movie star refused to read the changes he made to the script? Or even the star's ex-husband, furious with what she'd told a reporter about his acting ability? Join Kelly, Mike, their dogs, and a helpful neighbor by the name of Roger Babowal, as they try to find out what really happened on the cliff that night.

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Customer Reviews

Dianne Harman has done it again! Another Cedar Bay Cozy that will keep you guessing along with all the character's. And of course all those tempting recipes that Kelly makes for her little eatery (and appear at the end of the book). Kelly knows she has to help her husband even though he doesn't want her to--but what else is new? Mike is running for sheriff and he has some stiff competition this time who will try every dirty trick in the book to make sure Mike loses and he wins. When a movie star falls to her death Kelly knows she just has to find out if it was an accident or murder. So many suspects-all with valid reasons to murder the actress. Kelly has her hands full between keeping up with all the extra customers and trying to get to the bottom of this mystery.

Love this series! The way that Dianne writes she gives a little information about several people in the story which gives you an idea what they are like and which one could be the murderer. But to find that out you need to read the book it was a good ending.

Another awesome story by Dianne Harman, Kelly and Mike are at it again.. A star gets murdered and they much find out who did it. As always, I enjoyed reading this series..

In The Kelly Koffee Shoppe Cozy Series. by Dianne Harman, Kelly and her husband, Mike, are involved in another murder mystery. This one involves Jacquie Morton, a very famous actress. She is making a movie named "The Triangle." However, all sorts of problems begin to occur. The main one is Jacquie's own death. She is thrown from a cliff behind her house and lands by the ocean. I had my suspicions immediately about who murdered her. Wrong! Anyway, it's a simple to read cozy with an interesting character. He is the Indian Guru who needs help up and out of a financial situation. He wants more retreat centers where he can teach Yoga and meditation. I had one or two problems with this cozy. Mainly, I never did find out the plot of "The Triangle." For some reason, I thought that knowing whether it were a Thriller, a Romance or just Drama would add to my knowledge about the screenwriter, the director and the supporting actress, if needed, Lisette. Dianne Harman really makes the life of the fictional character fascinating. The lives of movie stars are not always sugar and cream especially if your last movie ended up as a flop. There are also health

problems suffered by a growing older actress. This one suffers with not your every day Arthritis or cramp in the old back. She suffers with... I had never heard of it. It also bothered me that Mike, her detective/policeman, husband had so little to do with the solving of the crime. He really seemed like a flat tire. In this one, Kelly seemed just too good at snooping. After everything is finished with at the crime scene, he shows up. Still, I'm going back again to Oregon with more e books in this series. Love ya, Dianne Harman.

I've missed several books in the Cedar Bay Cozy Mysteries since the last one I read (I have them, just haven't had the chance to read them), but when MURDER & THE MOVIE STAR came out, it simply sounded too good to wait to read it. That being said, I had no problem jumping into the story and enjoying it without feeling lost from having missed the others. Ms. Harman certainly knows how to write a mystery that draws you in. It amazes me that she can produce as many books as fast as she does, and keep her stories of such wonderful quality, but she does, and each new book is as good as, if not better than the one before. There are only a few author I know of who can do that. I really enjoyed the way author Dianne Harman told MURDER & THE MOVIE STAR. She went back and forth to before the murder, and after. With each trip to before the murder another suspect, or motive would appear making it very hard to guess who the killer was. Harman really kept me on my toes all the way through. Make sure to read the Epilogue of this book. I love the way it was written. It really put a wonderful finishing touch on this story. If a wonderful mystery isn't enough reason for you to get MURDER & THE MOVIE STAR (but I know it is), pick it up for the amazing recipes that are included!

The two series that I have really enjoyed by Ms. Harman is The Kelly Koffee Shoppe and Liz Lucas, both are written with a "strong woman" as the main character. The series also has some great recipes, which I have used on several occasions. This story is regarding a famous movie star, Jacquie Morton who has recently built a home in the town of Oregon where Kelly has her shop and Mike is Sheriff of the county. The story features is made up of two stories intertwining into one. The first being the possible murder or accident of Ms. Morton, the 2nd being Mike running for re-election for his job as Sheriff. Ms. Harman has a way of bring each possible individual into the story line, giving a little back ground on why they might be the murderer. I have to say I wasn't sure till almost the way who I suspected. I do have to agree with another reviewer, the reference to the movie, The Triangle could have been expanded upon a little more. As I stated before I love these two series and they are my go to series when I have read a

heavy deep book prior, that being the John Grisham, Lee Childs, etc. Looking forward to more in both series.

This famous movie star has more people who hate her than Carter has liver pills. The problem is not trying to find a suspect, there are too many suspects. Kelly and Mike were able to shorten the list. I think that I guessed who did it about the same time Kelly did. I enjoyed this book and recommend it.

Another well written christian murder mystery, with many clues to help you try to unravel the killer. Dianne goes back in time to provide you with information on each of the suspects. I was able to determine who the killer was, see if you can. Great read for those who enjoy christian mysteries.

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