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An actress led into a life of crime (sleuthing, that is) and cat-sitting, Alice Nestleton has returned to the theater - dozing in a box seat through a Lincoln Center production of "The Nutcracker." She's happily imagining her Maine Coon cat, Bushy, and all-American alley cat, Pancho, doing the dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy when her reverie is interrupted by some off-stage excitement - the discovery of former ballet great Peter Dobrynnin dressed like a derelict and shot dead as a doornail. And when the murder is pinned on her close friend, Lucia, Alice starts snooping for clues among New York's homeless to find the real killer. From flop houses to the elegant salons of wealthy art patrons, Alice is drawn into a dark, dangerous dance of deception... until a mysterious cat drags in the shocking solution to this pas de deux with death.

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Dharia Scarab says

Since I don't normally write reviews unless I have something specific to say, here's the break down of how I rate my books...

1 star... This book was bad, so bad I may have given up and skipped to the end. I will avoid this author like the plague in the future.

2 stars... This book was not very good, and I won't be reading any more from the author.

3 stars... This book was ok, but I won't go out of my way to read more, But if I find another book by the author for under a dollar I'd pick it up.

4 stars... I really enjoyed this book and will definitely be on the look out to pick up more from the series/author.

5 stars... I loved this book! It had earned a permanent home in my collection and I'll be picking up the rest of the series and other books from the author ASAP.

Carolyn Jenkins says

Missing Anna Pavlova Smith

Alice Nestleton is hired to clear a friend from a murder charge. The longer the investigation lasts the more confusing it gets. Can she find the real murderer? The plot twists keep the reader guessing.

Susan says

I like the book for the most part, but probably won't read any more of this series. I read it because it took place at Christmas.

Gemma says

Very clever, and very funny.

In this book, Lydia Adamson delivers some truly wonderful characters--and by "characters" I mean unusual, one-of-a-kind, never-to-be-duplicated weirdos. The protagonist, Alice Nestleton, is a cynical yet oddly fanciful forty-something with a love of cats and a disregard for how a murder investigation "should" run. Tony Basilio, Alice's ex-lover, defies all explanations with his antics. Alice's cats, Bushy and Pancho, aren't really main players, but they deserve mention anyway. I was honestly reminded of my own cat as I read

about them.

The big case is certainly a big one, all right. Former ballet star, Peter Dobrynin, was found shot to death at Lincoln Center on Christmas Eve, and everyone's a suspect. When Alice's friend Lucia is arrested, Alice is called in to clear her name. And I can tell you right now, the resolution is not what you'd expect.

The more I think about it, the more I really loved this book. It was a good mystery with great characters, priceless one-liners, a curve ball of an ending...I just might have to read the other books in the series!

Sandra Strange says

I really enjoy this series, all revolving in some way or another around cats. The "sleuth" is an actress who is semi successful, but who needs a day job to stay afloat financially, so she "cat sits" for various cat loving owners who much leave their pampered kitties. It's her "day job" that brings the murders to her attention. Her love life sometimes intrudes (a bit PG 13, but not explicit) with its casual attitude towards extra marital sex, but the stories are charmingly told with eccentric and real feeling characters and cares.

Sandy Weir says

Light read and quirky!

Susan says

Famous ballet dancer Peter Dobrynin has dropped out of the public eye amid disgraceful rumors. Now--apparently homeless--he's reappeared, dead. Actress Alice Nestleton becomes involved in the mystery surrounding his murder when her old friend Lucia becomes a suspect. Through their lawyer, Lucia's wealthy family hires Alice to find out about Dobrynin's life since his disappearance.

Nancy H says

This mystery has a somewhat 'noir' feel to it, similar to the mysteries of the '30's or '40's. The world top male dancer has become a derelict, and has been murdered at Lincoln Center during a performance, although outside on a balcony, where he is positioned to look like a homeless person. Alice and her friend Tony are called in to help her friend Lucia escape a murder conviction when the gun who killed him is found taped under Lucia's desk. With many twists and turns and red-herrings, the duo eventually accomplishes that, but with a great surprise at the end.

Phillis says

It took Alice a bit longer than usual and a bit more involvement but she caught the murderer of a former ballet great, Peter Dobrynin.

Michelle says

great, suspenseful, twist at end, ignore language, etc.
