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Maxine is making the wedding cake for the Christmas Wedding of the season. And it's to be held in one of her favorite places, Butchart Gardens. But before the day is over the bride lies at death's door and it's up to Maxine to find out just who wanted Julianna dead.

Could it be something to do with the rivalry between their parent's two gaming companies? The two founders started off together, fresh out of university. At some point they'd started fighting with Julianna's dad, Zeke branching off with a new game.

A game, Amoury, Rohan's dad, had always claimed was stolen from Zone 2 Gaming. The two had gone on to become wildly successful in their own right, while remaining fiercely competitive.

And then, Rohan, for whatever reason, had quit university part way through to take an entry level job at AC Gamers, instead of finishing university and going into Zone 2 Gaming. Maybe Julianna had been the draw from the beginning.

Maybe once Rohan started working there, they became closer working on projects together, where Julianna's love of social translated into marketing success, while Rohan's gaming skills resulted in a brand new game and huge success in the online gaming world.

And then they decided they were in love and wanted to get married. Tension didn't begin to cover the situation. But was it enough to cause someone to try offing the bride?

Will Maxine be able to stop a killer from striking again so Rohan and Julianna can have their own Happily Ever After?

A Christmas Wedding To Die For Details

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Patricia says

Tradition-- each year in the weeks leading up to Christmas I select a book to read on Christmas that has a Christmas related theme. I want something light and fun (preferably a mystery) to read while relaxing and listening to Christmas music. This is the book I chose this year. I'm not sure it would be an interesting book in mid-summer but it was a good read on Christmas and it had one of my other favorite things, chocolate.

No sex

No violence (although someone was murdered)

Dee says

Christmas is such a beautiful time of year for a wedding. All is ready but no bride. Maxine Peters had come a long way and doing the Wedding cake and accessories for this wedding would be the feather in her cap she had been working for.

What did I like? Pat Amsden knows what it takes to write a story that will have you glued to the pages. Her story line shows she has done all her homework. The descriptions of the chocolate candy had my mouth watering and I had to stop and get some. Great characters, well developed and very easy to like.

What did I dislike? Well, the fact that I didn't have enough chocolate to the end of the book.

What will you like? A well put together story that will keep you reading, laughing and wanting to have more chocolate. A surprise ending but tempered with a nice love story. Add in some great tips for chocolate making and you have it all.

Jane Firebaugh says

Loads of fun and chocolate too!

Such a fun read! I enjoyed it a lot and have already bought another book by Ms. Amsden.

If you like cozy mysteries you will enjoy this book. If you like cozy mysteries and chocolate, you will be in heaven. :)

Glenda says

I skipped book 1 in this series because I am reading Christmas themed books during the holidays. I think I should have read book 1 first. The author kept referring to it and some of the characters were a bit hazy as you were expected to know them from book 1.

Denise Zendel says

This was a moderately entertaining book about a caterer who specializes in desserts, engaged to make the wedding cake for the “Christmas Wedding of the Season.” The bride and groom are from rival computer gaming families and someone is angry enough to try to keep the bride from making the wedding ceremony, let alone celebrating the honeymoon. The caterer investigates to clear herself of suspicion and to help her client.

This book had potential, but was rife with grammatical errors – I counted 12 before I gave up. Likeable characters, decent plot, but things like using “there” instead of “their” and “Chocolate Santa’s” (Chocolate Santa’s what?) and other poor editing choices made me crazy.

I think this book would greatly benefit from some professional editing, or at least some sharp-eyed beta readers.

Oh, this is Book 2 in the series. I didn’t figure that out until I looked it up on Amazon to write the review. I didn’t find the references to events occurring outside the book to be annoying, so these could be read out of order if one wanted to.

Sheri says

A Christmas Wedding To Die For (Death by Chocolate)by Pat Amsden

Maxine is a wedding cake maker. But the bride has a brush with death, and soon a dead body turns up. Maxine finds herself caught up in the melee and tries to find the killer. She is determined to see this wedding happen.

A cozy murder/mystery. The characters are likable, the story is fast paced, and I just loved the cover! A must read for those who enjoy a sweet who-done-it.

Tiffany Tinkham-Graves says

Great mystery that kept me trying to figure out who the killer was.

Eileen says

An enjoyable book. I like to read a cozy mystery once in awhile. I like all mysteries and the cozy mystery gives me all the elements without all the dark and gory elements

Diane says

A cozy mystery with a good story but a little language.

Tricia says

There were so many errors (grammatical or formatting) in the first chapter that I couldn't go on. Probably didn't help that I'd just finished a well-written book, making this feel even more pedestrian by comparison.

Krystyna says**Eat, drink and be merry - or die.**

A decent plot but it just felt a bit unfinished. The characters too seemed to lack depth and vision. It was going to be the wedding of the year. Two gaming families joined together in Juliet and Romeo style. However when the bride goes missing, she and her helper (the cake was more or less set up) to find her. When they do, they find that she has been poisoned with cyanide. Their prompt action gets her to the hospital in time to save her life but she can't remember parts of the events. As she (going against the detective's wishes) investigates they keep find things out. But nothing that leads them to a suspect. A death at the New Year's Eve party makes things more serious. Will the killer now be found?

Philip says

OK

Sheila says

This was a quick read and I did enjoy the story. Victoria was painted as a quaint little town and Maxine's chocolate shop sounds divine. The story starts out at a wedding where the bride is found near death. She has no memory of who gave her the poisoned drink when she recovers. Who wanted to kill the bride and why? I won't give it away. You will have to read the book to find out.

Suzanne says

Quite a good little murder mystery. .enjoyable

Julie says

A Christmas Wedding to die for by Pat Amsden is a 2013 publication I picked this novella up in the kindle store. This short cozy Christmas themed mystery is part of Death by Chocolate series.

Maxine is helping to cater a wedding. The couple have decided to get married despite the opposition of the groom's parents. Before the nuptials can take place, the bride is poisoned. Maxine's quick thinking saves her life. Now Maxine is determined to find out why someone would want to kill Julia.

With the help of Detective Shannon and Maxine's partner Heath, as well as her grandmother and her mother who has arrived for a visit, they snoop and gather information that could lead to an arrest. It's not until an actual murder takes place that the pieces begin to fall into place.

I enjoyed this holiday themed mystery. A quick read that will have your mouth watering by all the descriptions of rich chocolate. There are candy making recipes included at the end of the story. Overall this one is a B.
