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Every one loves the irrepressible Miss Julia. Her latest triumph is getting Hazel Marie and J. D. Pickens to the altar before it becomes too obvious that they're expecting twins! But why has Sam agreed that he and Julia will attend the odious Dr. Fowler's marital enrichment sessions? Could Sam feel their flames need fanning? Meanwhile, this lady of a certain age must spring Etta Mae from jail when she's wrongly accused of attacking Francie Pitts. With a fragrant felon to be caught- plus a wedding, babies, and a heaping dose of mischief-it's fortunate for all that Miss Julia's on the case.

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Bernice McGaha says

I love Miss Julia. She reminds me so much of many ladies I have known.

Maria says

This is another typical Miss Julia book. Once again, she is feeling paranoid about her relationship with Sam or some other thing. The adventure is the usual chaotic, confusing, gossip-ridden, secret-keeping adventure that keeps you smiling and laughing.

It still rather annoys me, though, that she seems to not care what other people think, and then in the next sentence she is worried about what everybody will say. She is opinionated and strong and secure, and at the same time worries that Sam is going to leave her or something else equally as distressing. I think her insecurities are what bother me the most about Miss Julia books. But I keep reading because they are humorous, and fairly well written.

Patti says

From my blog:

Boy, have I been missing out! I read the first Miss Julia years ago, and was recently sent her newest book, Miss Julia Renews Her Vows for review--what a good time! It has Southern hospitality, manners and charm, lots of humor, interesting characters, and a mystery or two!

In this series entry, Miss Julia finds her plate quite full of things to resolve to her satisfaction. Hazel Marie, her first husband's former mistress, is pregnant with twins and is beginning to show--first order of business is to get her married. Next, an old friend moves back to town, and within a few days of being back, accuses another friend of Miss Julia's of assault and robbery. Last, and most annoyingly, Dr. Fred Fowler, the doctor who tried to prove her incompetent after her first husband's death, has been hired by their church to provide a marriage enrichment course (Dr. Fowler has never been married and lives with his mother).

Miss Julia resolves all of the above in the most proper of ways, and by (mostly) telling the truth, just as a lady would.

I'm ready to read through this series, and am sad that I have to wait a year for the newest Miss Julia book!

Eileenjp says

Enjoyable as all of Ann B. Ross, "Miss Julia," books.

Heidi Burkhart says

I love laughing at the southern moires...memories of my relatives.

I just re-read this. Perfect entertainment for a gloomy day!

Nancy Kennedy says

I read this because it takes place near Asheville. This was the opposite of The Almost Sisters. Stereotyped characters, all frozen in time. 60-yr olds are opinionated like 90-yr olds. "I declare" was uttered often. Yuck.

Russell Sanders says

Ah, Miss Julia—irascible and opinionated but always the Southern lady she has been brought up to be. And Ann B. Ross, with Miss Julia Renews Her Vows, brings her main character back to what she's best doing: fretting, scheming, and solving crimes—never bloody big ones, but the small crimes that crop up in Miss Julia's world, the milieu of a tiny Southern town. I was disappointed in the previous addition to this series, for I felt it gave much too much attention to Hazel Marie and her pregnancy and not enough attention to Miss Julia and her crime-solving. But in Miss Julia Renews Her Vows, Ross had brought Francie Delacorte, a town resident who may or may not have caused the deaths of her five husbands, back to town, and Francie quickly is a victim of an attack and starts stirring up trouble. And Miss Julia jumps in to figure out who is the culprit because her friend has been accused, and you don't mess with Miss Julia's friends. The book is breezy and fun. I was pleased to laugh out loud a few times. You always know the outcome of these books, but the fun is in trying to figure out how Miss Julia will get you there. And, probably because the previous book dealt with the character Hazel Marie, we find her barely in this one for she is off for a honeymoon before her twins burst out. So it was good to get relief from Hazel Marie's dilemma, although she is a wonderful character. I must say, however, that earlier books in the series featured the local policeman, who had boarded with Miss Julia. He has not been heard from, except fleeting mentions, in the last two books I've read. I hope he shows up in the next books in the series, for I really like him.

Bednarzterry says

It makes me sad to say this, but Miss Julia and I are going to have to part company. I really loved the series when I first discovered it about 10 years ago. The last couple have just been okay...but this one (number 11 in the series) just stretches things too far for me. I read about 50 pages and realized that I was already just wanting to rush to the end (and not in a good way). That suddenly sounded like time to say goodbye to me. So, farewell Miss Julia :-)

Carol says

First Read: This is a decent read of Miss Julia. The characters they use from prior books has been good, and is fun. The story goes around and around and they keep working it until they get a fairly decent story. So when Hazel Marie marries Mr. Pickens, and they get pregnant with twins, it makes for a fun and interesting story. There's a ton of story, and I don't want to ruin the plot as there is a lot to read and learn. Recommend.

Second Read: I like my second read a lot more than the first. It made a lot more sense to me and I was able to combine the personal, medical and employment situations together. Tough as they were, Miss Julia was in fine form as she worked to help put the stories together and to help her family which is evident how much she loves them all.

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The icing on the cake is Sam wanting Julia to take a Marriage consulting type class. I think I rolled in aisles when I read about that. Every now and then I just need to read "fluff books" that will be cute and happy, and Miss Julia always fits the bill! I love these characters and I feel like I know them, and I like the recent plot developments. Now I'm looking forward to the twins. Recommend.

Ellen says

Miss Julia Renews Her Vows by Ann B. Ross.

Miss Julia is nothing short of a hoot in this 11th entry in the Miss Julia series.

There's utter chaos, in Miss Julia's mind anyway, regarding the marriage enrichment classes she wanted Sam to attend with her. A person, an old time beau, from way before Sam entered her life is also going to attend. How in the world can she get around this and keep a possible confrontation from turning the classes in mayhem?

Then, Francie Pitts, a more than manipulative elderly lady, gets hit on the head from an unseen attacker. Francie puts more than a damper on Miss Julia's life as she uses every way possible to get her own way...included attempting to put the blame on a vulnerable acquaintance of Julia's. Now it's up to Julia to be the protector.

This was hilarious and Cynthia Darlow narrating on CD can't be beat. Cynthia has perfected the wit and sass

coming from both Miss Julia and Francie to the point of laughing out loud. If you haven't enjoyed one of the Miss Julia's books on CD yet...here's your chance.

Rosemary says

A little bit of déjà vu here, since once again the plot revolves around Miss Julia not trusting her lovely husband, Sam.

The best thing about this book for me was when Miss Julia needed young Lloyd to take some pictures of suspects on his phone. Hilarious. The only thing was I don't think Lloyd would have understood her in real life. Here's Miss Julia from the book, and my view of a more realistic response from 10-year-old Lloyd:

Miss Julia: "You have film in that phone?"

Lloyd: "...?"

Miss Julia: "Where can we get them developed?"

Lloyd: "...?????"

Harry Addington says

Delightful tale of Miss Julia and her cast of characters.

Laurel says

Miss Julia is concerned: concerned about Hazel Marie's health, concerned about Sam's interest in a marriage enrichment group, concerned about Francie Pruitt's return to Abbotsville.

Listening to these audiobooks is always a real treat!

Jimmy Lee says

One minute, you're reading Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind; you blink, and suddenly, book 11 is on the stacks (I'm sure the author doesn't feel that way). I really enjoyed books 1-4 of the Miss Julia series - even had a few laugh-out-loud moments. So when I saw this book and picked it up, I had no idea we were already on book 11. They don't have numbers or mention a particular order. And I didn't know at the time I've already read book 12 and enjoyed it. But book 11 - I'm sorry - was not at all as fun.

"Renews Her Vows" just didn't have that zip and zing that the others did. Could be my fault, for not investing in books five through ten, but I can't guarantee I'm going to make that kind of investment in any part of my life - outside of Star Wars movies.

In "Renews," Dr. Fowler, who we might remember from Book 1, is back in town as part of a church program to renew and refresh marriages, and husband Sam has volunteered to be a part of the program - which Miss

Julia simply cannot stomach given her previous interaction with the aforementioned doctor. How to get out of that course but not confess why to Sam...that's going to take some doing. (And just what is in such a course? Why did Sam volunteer? Is he unhappy in our marriage? Bored? We are very concerned.) Meanwhile, Etta Mae, the landlady at one of Miss Julia's properties, has been accused of assault, attempted murder and stealing from one of the patients she cares for at a nursing job. Well fear not, Etta Mae, Miss Julia is all over that case, which may seem open and shut but of course, is not.

Sadly, I found the crime story ending to be completely lackluster (we only see Lt. Peavey for 20 minutes? and never get to rub his nose in his investigative mistakes?) and the Dr. Fowler/nursing patient story line to be highly predictable. I do love the Miss Julia character, and am committed to our next encounter; I just found this particular book to be a disappointment. Hopefully the next one I find, whether it's #13 or #6, will return to the Miss Julia I know and love.

FangirlNation says

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