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The newly rebuilt Penn Dutch Inn hosts a gathering of World War II buddies who served in the Afrika Corps. In reality, though, the veterans are looking for their old commander, rumored to have slipped into the U.S. after the war, and to have taken the identity of an Amish man. Also staying over are a world famous concert pianist and her historian husband, who has a mission of his own in mind. When a dead body turns up, it looks like an old vendetta has been carried out, and it's up to Magdalena to stir the killer to the surface.

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4.0 out of 5 stars Welcome to the wonderful world of the Amish, October 3, 2013

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"Play It Again, Spam" by Tamar Myers

Have you ever wondered how life goes on inside an Amish community? Well then, welcome to the wonderful Amish world of Magdalena Yoder. The owner and manager of the PennDutch Inn located in Hernia, Pennsylvania. The original 100 year old homestead was destroyed during an horrific tornado and now a rebuilt B&B was ready to open for business.

The phone started ringing and Miss Yoder started taking reservations. In no time at all the PennDutch Inn was booked. The diversity of guests were kept in check by Magdalena...or so she thought. And then a guest can not be found anywhere. The search begins and our reading of this marvelous story brings us that much closer to the inside workings of the Amish.

This book was an eye opener for me into the Amish practices and beliefs. It was also a new beginning for me in a fun series that I intend to continue. If you are searching for a new series with fun as its middle name...look no further. You have arrived. Enjoy!

Dee says

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Joan Schrock says

A Pennnsylvania Dutch mystery with recipes. This mystery has mostly Spam recipes and I truly do not like Spam but the mystery was fun and if you like sarcasism Magdalena Yodel has plenty to spare as she rules over her Amish Bed and Breakfast . Light reading .

Jan says

The best thing I can say about this book is that I might want to try some of the recipes, substituting almost anything for the spam. The plot is thin, the writing is awkward, and I don't much like the main character. There is a tenuous connection to WWII in the plot, so the fourth book I've read recently with that subject involved.

benebean says

somehow this series has weaseled its way into one of more liked series. I can always depend on it to make me smile. I've grown used to Magdalena's snarky humor and often unkind but still hilarious personality.

Lori Schiele says

One of the Pennsylvania Dutch Mysteries centered around a bed and breakfast in Amish country run by a Mennonite and local gossip, Magdalena Yoder. When one of her guests goes missing, she takes it upon herself to solve the mystery.

An okay story, nothing special.

Melody says

Funny enough that I looked forward to picking it up again when I had to put it down.I both liked and found annoying the main character. It's like she can't decide if she wants to be genteel or snarky and mean. It was well written with good pace and sense of place. The other characters were drawn to adequate depth to make the story interesting and they played well off each other. I really liked the ending. I'll definitely try another in this series.

Rebecca says

I didn't really like it. I think partly I am suspicious of the presentations and attitudes shown by Amish, Mennonite, and other Pennsylvania Dutch. It seems more stereotypical than realistic to me.

Hali Jacobs says

Not the best of Tamar Myers books but was okay. It was slow in getting going.

Kristen says

This is another good new cozy mystery to seek your teeth into, literally. It even features recipes you can do and make at home. I was also introduced to this series by a group read via an Internet egroup on cozies.

Karol says

I have a feeling Tamar Myers didn't know quite what to do with Magdalena Yoder. Early in the series, she gets married at the end of one book. At the beginning of the next her marriage has already ended - just when I thought having her interact with a love interest would add a third dimension to her otherwise 2-dimensional character. Now, at the beginning of this book, her famous inn that had been so popular with "Babs" and other celebrities has been lost in a tornado and she is starting over with a new type of customer, the famous folks that she loved so well having abandoned her.

Despite such upheavals, Magdalena covers the same old ground over and over again in each book - same jokes, same ponderings, same descriptions of people in her life, same formula for mystery.

One thing that gave her previous books some charm were the "Pennsylvania Dutch" recipes scattered throughout. In this book, it's all about how to make things with Spam. Oh, "yum". (I mean "yawn").

Rebecca says

Oh, this was fun. SO much fun. It even inspired me to ~BLUSH~ try a couple of Spam recipes. Now, before you go off the deep end, in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence, a precious church group dropped off a (much needed) box of canned goods, and it included two cans of the stuff, and since I HATE wasting food, it's a good time to try these!

Vernell Schutte says

I would have given it a 3 stars as an ordinary cozy (and I do like Tamar Meyers writing) but the extreme overuse of 'dear' and 'wailed' started to drive me batty!!

Mary (Biblophile) says

You'll find after awhile that if you've read one of these, you've read them all. Same old tired jokes and the author recycles entire paragraphs from one book to another. It gets tiresome.

Birgit says

Going through my towering stacks of mystery novels I came across this book by Tamar Myers. As I've never read any Amish books before I was certainly curious about it, especially because I always assumed Amish novels would be mostly of the contemporary/romantic kind.

Starting off with an unexpected humorous introduction to the main character, Mrs Yoder, it was all downhill from there. Her snippy personality already started to annoy me by page two. And as far as the story goes, well, there isn't much of a story. Unless you count Mrs Yoder's constant quarrels with the guests of her B&B and other town folk a story. And when "finally" a dead body showed up, as one might expect in a mystery novel, it was the "bad guy" that got killed through a collapsing roof (divine intervention, definitely) on the last few pages.

It's safe to say that I won't look out for more books in this series.

In short: An Amish mystery with Spam recipes which turned out to be the best part of the book.
