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The list of suspects isn't exactly a brief one. Nolan had a habit of disagreeing with just about everybody he met. Between fixing dinner for twelve and keeping her four kids from tearing each other limb from limb, Lucy has a pretty full plate already. So what's a little investigation? But if she's not careful, she just may find herself served up as a last-minute course, stone-cold dead with all the trimmings...

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Kate says

Great Thanksgiving theme; it really put me in the mood for Turkey Day!

Jonathan says

Another in a series I'm currently working my way through, *Turkey Day Murder* was one of my least favorite in this series so far.

I mostly like Lucy. She's kind and caring, but she honestly has no spine when it comes to her husband. Her husband who, in this book, told her that she should've been cleaning the house instead. It was so infuriating, and, if you cannot tell, I absolutely CANNOT stand Bill!

The mystery was good, though parts of it were slightly obvious and the ending was too perfect for my taste. I know this is a short review, but I really have nothing else to say about the book. Overall a good book that would've benefitted if Bill would've been away on a trip.

Catherine says

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Diane Morasco says

Thanksgiving in Tinker's Cove with the Stone brood makes this chica smile. Meier's series has been one of my absolute favorites for over 15 years. I picked up my first Lucy Stone @ the now defunct B. Dalton in the South Shore Mall - now Westfield South Shore Shopping Center - in Bay Shore, New York when I was 18. Suffice it to say, I haven't looked back since.

I own the series in various forms from my mint *hands off* copies to reader editions to lending but don't hold your breath waiting for them to be returned copies aka donations. *exhale*.

The Lucy Stone Series has been such a part of my life, it is like visiting warm friends & catching up on the daily day to day while stumbling over a body or two.

In Meier's 7th outing, we find the industrious Lucy escorting a preschool field trip to a turkey farm, entertaining her husband's operose clients, her college son's roommate and baking for the annual Stone Thanksgiving feast.

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, part-time reporter, Lucy covers a town meeting for Tinker's Cove local paper, the Pennysaver. The main agenda item is whether the selectmen will support the Metinnicut Indian tribe's petition for recognition by the federal government. Getting the green light would enable the tribe to build a casino on land belonging to Native American Carl Nolan's employer. The story is barely put to bed when Nolan's body turns up at the high school Thanksgiving football game, his skull bashed in with a rare tribal artifact. It isn't long before Lucy dons her sleuthing cap and starts unearthing secrets better left buried.

Meier's prose flows sleekly from start to finish & she doesn't fail to give us a glimpse into the sparkling milieu of life in New England.

Once again, Meier has delivered another "keeper" to an outstanding series that illustrates the word cozy mystery.

Lorraine says

Lucy is working as a part-time reporter for the local paper. The local Indian band wants to build a casino on some land being used as a turkey farm, and many locals are opposed, as is Curt Nolan, a member of the tribe. When Curt is found dead at the Thanksgiving Day football game, Lucy is upset as she had met him at the local town council meeting. She agrees to take his dog, renamed Kudo. Lucy nearly comes to harm at the turkey farm when cornered by the killer, but Kudo interrupts (along with the local policeman) and she is saved. Months later, at the ground breaking for the casino, Indian remains are unearthed by the excavator, and construction is stopped due to their historical importance. Another fast and fun read.

Kimberly says

An author and series completely new to me. I really enjoyed this book and have now ordered other books in the series.

This book really got me in the Thanksgiving spirit. I loved the descriptions of the Thanksgiving table, the family, the food, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade on TV, local football, the town and its people. Even though this is a book 7, I saw it as a stand alone. I did not feel I had missed anything from previous books.

I recommend this book for anyone who enjoys Thanksgiving and likes some mystery to go with their turkey!!

Mandy says

Nice little cozy mystery. Lucy Stone is always in the middle of a murder no matter what her husband or Horowitz says to her. This one had more action in it and had a nice plot. I was completely floored with the

killer, had no idea who it was until the last two chapters. Nice, solid book and would recommend! Perfect for the upcoming season. Happy reading!!!

Luffy says

I've had second thoughts about the rating, and I may have been harsh, but in the end it doesn't matter. I will keep on reading this series till the end. The reasons for that are scattered throughout the book. The author knows when to reveal the full details of Lucy's thoughts, but she doesn't become attached to her character. She never praises Lucy and simply relays her highly moralistic meanderings. Officer Barney Culpepper makes a late entrance, but then the murder itself was late in coming. Altogether a very neatly ended mystery with a nicely tied bow. And the climax was different, as Lucy was not dragged through hot coals here. She was barely hurt. We can be thankful for favors, big or small.

Pamela says

I spied this cornball-cover cozy on a shelving-endcap at the library, and thought - What the heck? - I'll give it a whirl. After all, there's a whole gaggle of Halloween and Christmas novels and mysteries, but you don't find too many Thanksgiving-themed gems. Even if it had turned out to be as corny as the cover, nothing wasted but a dollop of time.

Oh, but what a delightful surprise!

TURKEY DAY MURDER is quite the respectable little mystery. Entertainment with substance.

Loved the fictional cozy town in Maine. And the colorful cast of characters too; they're the sort you'd love to have as friends and neighbors. Well, most of them. Just like any small town, there are those who like to ruffle a few feathers. Which tied into the Thanksgiving theme and story-line quite aptly. A story that was both plausible and intriguing. The catalyst being: Whether or not descendants of the Metinnicut Indians should be recognized as a tribe, and whether or not they should be allowed to build a seaside casino.

Plenty folks thought it was a fine idea, and enthusiastically voted for approval. But the naysayers were equally impassioned, getting their waddles in a wad over the proposal. Instead of using her journalistic skills to cover a civic story, Lucy Stone found herself wrangled into a murder investigation.

Yipper, a quick, quaint and respectably mystery - of substance! I'll be looking for more Lucy Stone Mysteries in the future.

Not quite four stars, but rounding up anyway for holiday-theme originality and respectability.

Susan says

Turkey Day Murder was another enjoyable read in Meier's Lucy Stone series. I really find myself enjoying this series especially the holiday titles. Lucy was looking forward to having her son come home from college for the holidays and got a lot more than she bargained for when she ends up with extra guests for

Thanksgiving, becomes involved in a community debate over a casino, and tries to solve a murder. I really like how Meier interweaves these different stories which makes for an interesting holiday for Lucy. The book's mystery was well done full of many twists and turns since the victim had a lot of enemies, and I enjoyed the humor mixed in as Lucy tried to prepare a great Thanksgiving. Overall Thanksgiving Day Murder was a great holiday read, and I am looking forward to more books in this series.

RebeccaS says

I love this series because it always puts me right in the festive mood (and Thanksgiving is coming up this week!) I really like Lucy because she is down to Earth and I actually really enjoy all the scene of her family life and more of the mundane things that many people do every day. This book had a lot of drama and there were so many angles surrounding the murder that I couldn't quite decide what the motive or who the murderer was. I definitely guessed wrong and was surprised in that aspect, but I felt like the ending was very abrupt. Poor Lucy and her disappointment with Toby. I was so mad at him the whole time, but was reminded (along with Lucy) that we were all teenagers once (though I was the one who totally felt bad and wanted to see my parents when I came home.... my brother was more like Toby and friends). Again, I loved all the Thanksgiving aspects and our own meal is very similar to the Stone family's. I can't wait to read more of this series and really enjoy the town of Tinker's Cove.

Tabby Kat says

This time the topic is casinos. Lucy is writing a feature story for the Pennysaver regarding this subject, and while doing research for the article, she discovers that the town is split as to whether they want a casino or not. The economy has been tough for the residents of Tinker's Cove, and Lucy knows that a casino will add jobs to a struggling economy. But she also knows that gambling can be a hard addiction for some, and she worries that her town will never be the same again if a casino is added to her sleepy town.

I have really enjoyed all of the books in the Lucy Stone series. Reading them in order, I have watched Lucy's children grow, and have also glimpsed a change in the relationship between herself and her husband, Bill. In previous books, Bill has been portrayed as a grouchy, demanding husband. However, in this book, he was a bit more understanding...a welcome change to the series. Her kids, however, seemed a lot more whiney and unappreciative. I look forward to reading more Lucy Stone mysteries for years to come!

April Wood says

Resident amateur sleuth Lucy Stone has a lot on her plate this Thanksgiving... Besides fixing dinner for 12, having to come up with something suitable for two vegan college kids to eat, write for the pennysaver, and deal with her chauvinistic boss, she also has a murder to solve!

Curt Nolan and his chicken murderer of a dog are hardly welcome in small town Tinker's Cove, making his murder next to impossible to solve. Everyone is suspect! Lucy puts her journalistic skills to work and gets a bit too close to the killer... Maybe she should of listened to her boss and stayed home to cook and clean for

her family? But, then she just wouldn't be the Lucy Stone everyone loves!

There is a lot to like about this small town murder mystery, Turkey Day Murder, by Leslie Meier. Lucy Stone is very likable, and her antics are hilarious! This was my first Lucy Stone mystery, but it won't be my last. I already have my eye on the sixth Lucy Stone mystery, "Christmas Cookie Murder".

Fans of murder mysteries and holiday stories alike will enjoy this book. I gave it four stars!

Jennifer says

This review was originally posted to Jen in Bookland

Turkey Day Murder is the first book by this author I have read. I was expecting a fun, light mystery around Thanksgiving day. Maybe a little zany fun. What I got instead was a rather dull read. All of the characters were rather boring, the murder, the investigation, everything. Really Lucy didn't do much investigating she just thought about things for the most part and noticed people as she did her job.

Lucy is a reporter who covers the town meetings. She never writes what really goes on, how the one guy sleeps through the whole thing every time for example, as the small town wouldn't like that. She has three daughters and a son who left for college in the fall and will be home for Thanksgiving. She misses him and is excited to see him again. He is bringing a friend, but she hopes it will be just like it was when he lived there. Only it is not. Her son brought home three friends, they are almost never home, they are just off doing their own thing. Most of this book seems to be about Lucy wanting everything to be perfect and the way it used to be and lamenting it is not. The way she is, the way she thinks, I didn't care for her at all. She just is...she never says anything about things that bother her and just expects them to change. Like she never talks to her son while he is home, just expects him to be the same as he always was. There is talk with her friends about how you never get back the same kid once they go off to college, how that changes them, how they grow, and on and on. There was just a lot of domestic details that I didn't really care about that made the story not so much fun to read.

Through all of that you also have the Metinnicut tribe trying to be recognized as a tribe. Lucy finds that they have plans to build a casino in town if they do get tribal status and that of course is polarizing in town. Some people support it, some people don't. Curt was a very vocal member of the tribe who doesn't want anything to do with a casino. He is really proud of his heritage and just wants them to be recognized for who they are. He gets in a lot of verbal sparing matches with people so when he shows up dead at the Thanksgiving football game there are a lot of suspects. Lucy's friend asks her to help investigate, and Lucy grudgingly agrees, but then the friend is not very nice to her. When the friend doesn't think she is doing enough or finding the killer fast enough she just tears into Lucy. It was strange and just made me think why would you still help this person out? I mean if they are not going to be thankful for what you can do then why bother with them? Or her husband who doesn't seem like the best as he yells at Lucy for not taking care of the house and stuff. It was just...I didn't really get to know or care for any of the people I met in the book. It was not fun and lighthearted, it was more Lucy bemoaning everything which made me not want to continue reading. I did and it felt like everything just suddenly got wrapped up, but I wanted more of a holiday read. Maybe next year I will find a good Thanksgiving read.

MaryBeth says

Nice, easy reads combining family, cooking, holidays and mystery!
