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When genealogist Torie O'Shea returns home to New Kassell, Missouri, from a vacation in Minnesota, she finds two surprises: first, her mother-in-law is coming to town, and second, her mentor and boss, Sylvia, has finally passed away at the age of 102. Grief-stricken and further distressed by her mother-in-law's unannounced visit, Torie is dumbstruck when she learns that Sylvia has left all of her worldly possessions to Torie including the Gaheimer House, which houses the local historical society. With gigantic boxes of artifacts and paperwork dating back to the 1920's to sort through, Torie is quite overwhelmed.

But cleaning out Sylvia's things, she finds something strange: an old postcard from the late twenties, addressed to Sylvia, with a photograph of a little girl on the front and an ominous message on the back. Torie quickly becomes determined to uncover the truth behind the mysterious photograph. Who is the little girl? And where was the photograph taken? Unable to make sense of her discovery, Torie's suspicions deepen when she learns that Sylvia hired a private detective and installed a security system just prior to her death. Was Sylvia's death natural or intentional? As Torie resolves to find out the truth, she learns that some of the people in her town are not necessarily what they seem to be, and it becomes clear that somebody wants her silenced.

Filled with the intricate stories and engaging characters that have come to characterize her mysteries, once again, Rett MacPherson delivers a fascinating story that promises to delight fans and newcomers alike.

## **Thicker Than Water Details**

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## Maryanne Henderson says

I struggled between giving this book of two or three as a rating and decided that since I finished it and I did enjoy it that I would give it a three.

I really struggled to like the protagonist. I found her to have a quick temper, she did not treat her husband very well, and, I haven't read the other books in the series so there may be things I've missed, but I didn't find her hatred for her mother-in-law to be well-founded. Honestly, how terrible is a woman who comes over, cleans your house, takes care of your kids and cooks you meals?

The mystery was not particularly frightening, which was fine. I enjoyed the author's writing style. she paints characters that are well-rounded and I enjoyed the history that she wove in about the town.

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## Peg says

It is starting to look like this is all I read. It is true, I seem compelled to complete every one of the Torie O'Shea series. A quick, fun part of my day is to find out what she is up to this time. And I suspect I really won't be able to focus on much else now until the series is complete, even though each one is a stand-a-lone story, each book builds on events that occurred previously.

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## Mary says

Mildly entertaining, but nothing memorable. Weak characters

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## Kae Cheatham says

Small town Missouri: genealogist O'Shea is heir to the main historical society house and all the assets of crotchety Sylvia Pershing, who died at 102. Among her affects, O'Shea finds a postcard that sparks her interest. Some townsfolk, meanwhile, are jealous of her sudden fortune. She must also deal with her mother-in-law, whom she dislikes. Good mystery. Got a bit preachy in some places. Strong characters.

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## Arlene says

Torie is shocked to learn that her employer and friend, 102 year old Sylvia, has left her everything. She is further shocked to find that that includes about half the town. To complicate matters her mother-in-law is coming to stay and her husband didn't tell her. She and Mrs. O'Shea don't get along. Then at the town's Strawberry Festival someone attacks her.

I want to read more of the series that follow the adventures of historian and geneologist, Torie O'Shea.

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### **Elysabeth says**

This is a very quick read. I started Monday afternoon and finished it last night. I never suspected the troublemakers as revealed at the end. I need to get the first seven books and read from the beginning but again, as previously stated, the characters were easy to follow and I wasn't confused as to who was who. The covers are really cute - remind me more of the Amish area drawings; so I'm guessing the area in Missouri is probably a bit on the same level as the area in Pennsylvania.

I think anyone picking up any of the series will probably enjoy the books. Starting *Died in the Wool* tonight - will let you know how that goes.

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### **Beth says**

A Mystery. Torrie O'Shea, genealogist & head of local historical society is willed various houses and money thereby becoming the brunt of hate by someone in the community who wishes they had gotten it. The tale centers on finding out who it is through various trials & tribulations. The resolution also includes Torrie's growth as a person as she realizes what she has been like. I had trouble keeping at this story. Sometimes one reads and can go back after interruptions and the story embraces one to continue. Not this story- more of a chore to continue.

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### **Sheila says**

Good story!

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### **Karla says**

This was my first o'Shea book. She spent 1st half of the book angry with everyone. It wasn't a particularly relaxing read. Wasn't sure I would finish the book. I did. But to no particular fanfare.

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### **Grey853 says**

This was a great book, probably my favorite in the series so far. After Sylvia dies, Torie inherits the entire historical society along with lots of money and property. People she thought were her friends turn against her out of petty jealousy. To top that off, her mother-in-law, who is one of the most obnoxious characters on the planet, is coming to stay with them in the middle of all the hubbub. The kicker is that someone is also trying to scare her enough to leave town. She's attacked and stalked. It's not a good time in her life. Still, it makes for a wonderful read.

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### **Ann Living It Up says**

I would say this would be more like a 3.5. I did enjoy this story because I love historical mysteries with old photos of who is this and how does this person relate to this person, and who is trying to kill so and so. A nice quaint mystery story with a hint of danger.

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### **Katie Hilton says**

Torie O'Shea battles her visiting mother-in-law while trying to unravel a mystery involving her late benefactress, the irascible Sylvia.

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### **Patty says**

Torie is back and dealing with a whole new batch of problems. Since Sylvia died Torie has inherited the Gaheimer House and most of the real estate in her hometown of New Kassel, MO. Torie had no idea that Sylvia planned on leaving her anything more than some personal items, so she is understandably overwhelmed by her new responsibilities.

As she is preparing for the annual Strawberry Festival and spending time going through Sylvia's personal belongings, she is alarmed to hear footsteps in a supposedly empty house and she's not the only one. Local police haven't had any luck finding anything. To top off Torie's problems her mother-in-law is coming to stay with the family, for an entire month. Saying that they don't get along is an understatement and poor Rudy is caught in the middle.

Torie is under a lot of stress and undergoing some drastic changes in her life, including finding herself a wealthy woman. The growth of her character while facing all these challenges make this an outstanding addition to the Torie O'Shea mysteries.

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### **Robyns1 says**

I enjoyed the story--kept me wondering until the end! But, once again, I am left wondering where are the editors/proofreaders? I was so frustrated by the plethora of incomplete sentences. A simple change in punctuation would have fixed the problems and made this book much more enjoyable for editor-types (okay, grammar nazis) like me!

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### **Lisa Tawney says**

I went out of order on this series and read book number 8 due to lack of reading material! Totally against my grain. However, this was the best in her series thus far. This revolved around the death of Sylvia Pershing

and Torie's inheritance. This book talked about the underground railroad, antique photos, etc. Very interesting. Loved it.

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