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At the Wings & Co. Fairy Detective Agency, Emily Vole and her friends are beginning to worry. It's five months since their official opening and they still haven't had one case. Then local landowner Sir Walter Cross dies suddenly and mysteriously. The detectives suspect fairy meddling. And when Mr Rollo the tailor mysteriously loses everything and Pan Smith's wedding plans are ruined the night before her big day, they're convinced there must be magic at play. Now they have not one, but three pickled herrings to deal with! Can they solve the mystery of who is stealing people's luck before the meddling fairy goes too far?

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Anthony says

Wings & Co., The Fairy Detective agency has been open for five months, and so far not a single case. Three seemingly separate cases fall into the lap of Emily Vole, and her friends all at once. Elves, goblins, fairies, magic, excessive wishes being granted and murder are sure to keep Emily, Fidget, and Buster up to their ears in mystery, and the art of detection to solve each crime which all three seem to be interconnected to each other.

Mira de la curiosithèque says

Libérée de ses affreux parents adoptifs, Millie vit désormais dans la boutique de la Compagnie des Ailes, en compagnie de Fishet, le chat, du désagréable Buster, des clefs et de l'ancienne lanterne d'Harpella. Il est temps de reprendre les activités de la boutique : les enquêtes ! Et voilà justement que plusieurs phénomènes étranges ont lieu, tous liés à la chance...

Bonus : la boutique qui n'en fait qu'à sa tête, un elfe bien intentionné mais qui fait boulettes sur boulettes, un teckel en costume de poisson, un chat qui tricote... Et que sais-je encore ? ?

Lydia says

Emily, Fidget and Buster are back, this time with the fairy detective agency, Wings & Co. operational! Except in their five months of opening they haven't had a case, until three cases appear within 24 hours! Fidget smells something fishy, and Emily's best detective senses are tingling that perhaps the cases are intertwined, however, all of them are sure that someone from the fairy world is at the bottom of it all.

One of the reasons I enjoy Ms. Gardner's writing so much is she doesn't mind going for the unexpected, but it all feels very solidly based in fairy-world lore. She also doesn't mind going a bit dark, but she knows when to pull back so that the world isn't all gloom and doom and darkness; a little unexpected perhaps and a little morbid humor, but not as extreme as a typical Tim Burton film. In the end, though, she knows how fairy-tales are supposed to finish!

Content notes: No language issues, characters say "Buddleia" when expressing disappointment, which is a flowering bush (I've always known them as "butterfly bushes"), you can decide if that's an issue or not. No sensuality issues. Someone dies because of magic and gravity, and other violence is threatened (including petrification), but other than the death, no permanent injuries.

Carol Kennedy says

"Whimsical" is the word that best sums up this story, a fantasy/mystery featuring a detective agency made up of fairies and humans. It is the second in the series Wings & Company, featuring Emily Vole, Buster Spicer,

Fidget the Cat, and Detective Cardwell. Suddenly, three separate cases appear for the agency to solve, after a long dry spell. They consist of one murder and two cases of stolen luck, and it turns out that they are all connected. Slowly, and with much word play and silliness, the detectives, endearing characters all, peel away the layers of mystery to solve all of them. Quite a bit of magic is involved, as well as goblins, elves, a living magic lamp, a six-foot talking cat, keys and houses with minds of their own, and plenty of fairies. This would be a good one to read to younger children and would also appeal to reluctant readers at the middle-school level.

Lena says

This is quickly becoming one of my favourite children's book series!

In book #2 of Wings & Co, The Fairy Detective Agency, Emily, Buster and Fidget, the cat, take on three mysterious new cases that somehow seem to be magically related. Everything reeks fishily of fairy work.

This one, too, was really exciting. I was anxiously anticipating how the cases would be solved and loved the ending. I love our heroine, Emily. She is clever, yet not boastful. Gardner somehow has created her own little story universe and I love it. New magical and unmagical characters are introduced and I look forward to seeing some of them in the sequels, hopefully. The way good and bad people are treated in this series often makes me smile to myself.

Luna says

After falling head over heels in love with the first book in the series I couldn't wait to get started on The Three Pickled Herrings. Like Emily I do miss the charming Miss String and I was happy that she wasn't forgotten by the characters.

This book is the first mystery, or rather it's three mysteries that might or might not be related. Look I'll keep using words like 'love' 'adore' & 'wonderful' when it comes to these books so you might as well get you to it.

Living at Wings & Co. Fairy Detective Agency (which has the best library btw) isn't quite turning out as Emily expected, her and Buster aren't getting along. I actually appreciate this storyline – because instant friends don't always happen and you can respect each other's skills regardless. Also while Emily is certainly smart she doesn't know everything so Fidget, Buster and Emily working together benefits them all.

The Three Pickled Herrings is a great sequel, the writing and language (particular Fidget's fish-focused vocabulary) is perfection. I loved the way everything came together. Bring on book 3.

Jennifer says

Cute and easy read.

Morgane N. owens says

Not one but three cases for Wings & Co agency ! ;-)

Elena says

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Fiebre Lectora says

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Mehsi says

Another wonderful and funny book from Sally Gardner. I can't wait for more books for this series. :)

Barbara says

I enjoyed the second in this series about a partnership between a fairy and a human. Emily Vole and Buster Ignatius Spicer have an uneasy relationship partly because he resents her involvement in the Wings & Co. Fairy Detective Agency, but also partly because he is jealous of her abilities and feels guilty for his part in things getting messed up. In this title, the agency suddenly finds itself with three cases to solve: the disappearance of Sir Walter Cross, a tailor whose fortune has gone bad, and the messed up plans of Pan Smith. Can they possibly be related? The characters are interesting, and the antics of the elves and goblins are just what readers might expect if they are familiar with the fairy world. Readers who are just a wee bit too young for Harry Potter and Company may find this one intriguing.

Birdie Matern says

Hilarious!

Elizabeth Schwertfuehrer says

I love this series. Great read for 3rd grade and up (could be younger if ok w/a lot of text and few pictures.)

Can't wait for the next one!

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