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**“This series [is] a real winner.”—*Fresh Fiction***

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# **From Reader Review Death, Taxes, and a Shotgun Wedding: A Tara Holloway Novel for online ebook**

**Annie (Under the Covers Book Blog) says**

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**Barb Fischer says**

This was a very enjoyable read. I had no idea that it was a series when I started, and admittedly (obviously) I had not read the previous books. The author did a great job of filling in the backstory of the characters so I didn't feel lost.

The story is about Tara Holloway, an IRS special agent. She is getting married, and starts receiving death threats. During all of this, she is also trying to solve a case and figure out who sending the threats.

The story was interesting and I wanted to know what happened all the way along. I actually pretty much read it in one day. (It was a rainy Saturday, but still!)

I was sad to see that this is the last in the series. I think the author does a good job in wrapping it up. I will be interested to read how followers of the series feel about the conclusion.

One thing I did find interesting was around how guns were portrayed in the book. The story takes place in Texas and the main character, when packing up her home to move talks about her gun rack (that her soon-to-be husband bought her). I was like.....whaaaat? Living in Toronto, that is so far outside my wheelhouse that I found it very fascinating. The theme is repeated throughout the book, referring to a conceal and carry pouch in her purse, and talking about different gun laws. For me, that added an interesting element to the overall story.

I would highly recommend this book as a stand-alone. But I would also say you might want to check out the

series. Based on the backstory of the main character, it sounds like she had some very interesting adventures.

Full disclosure: I received this eARC from NetGalley for a fair and honest review. (Thanks NetGalley!)

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## **DelAnne Frazee says**

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Reviewer: DelAnne

Rating: 4.75 Stars

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2. Death, Texas and a Skinny No-Whip Latte
3. Death, Texas and Extra-Hold Hairspray
- 3a. Death, Texas and a Sequined Clutch (Novella)
4. Death, Texas and Peach Sangria
5. Death, Texas and Hot Pink Leg Warmers
6. Death, Texas and Green Tea Ice Cream
- 6a. Death, Texas and Mistletoe Mayhem (Novella)
7. Death, Texas and Silver Spurs
8. Death, Texas and Cheap Sunglasses
9. Death, Texas and Chocolate Cannoli
10. Death, Texas and Satin Garter
11. Death, Texas and Sweet Potato Fries
12. Death, Texas and a Satin Garter
13. Death, Taxes and Pecan Pie

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The wedding is just around the corner and the excitement is crackling in the air as is the oppression of death threats that continue to arrive. It was fun to see her and Nick again waffling between joy and determined anger at finding who is behind them. Add in a con artist and trying to stay alive for the wedding and the suspense keeps rising. Enjoy an afternoon lazing away while reading the time in a hammock on a hazy summer day.

My rating of "Death, Taxes, and a Shotgun Wedding - Tara Holloway Mystery Book 12" is 4.75 out of 5 stars.

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## **Kay Hudson says**

Diane Kelly's Death and Taxes series comes to an end with *Death, Taxes, and a Shotgun Wedding*, the twelfth adventure of Tara Holloway, gun-toting IRS Special Agent. I'm sure it's no spoiler to admit that Tara and Nick do manage to get married by the end of the book, or that shotguns actually are present at the wedding.

Before they make it to the altar, though, Tara tackles a home rental scam, pursuing the fake property manager through an undercover job with Backseat Driver, and all her colleagues lend their talents to track down whoever is sending Tara death threats. That search serves as a trip down memory lane, as Tara and her friends check in with folks they've met—and some they've arrested—over Tara's relatively brief career as an agent. (She's sure packed a lot of action into less than two years on the job!) If you've been following the series you'll enjoy catching up with all the characters.

I'm glad to see Tara's Happily Ever After (complete with a five-years-later epilogue), but sorry to see the series end. Never fear, though—Kelly's Paw and Order K9 team of Megan and Brigit will continue, and rumor has it Kelly has a new series in the works.

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## Wit & Wonder Books says

\*\* ARC provided by the author for an honest review \*\*

Diane Kelly consistently gives us romantic mysteries with feisty women and sexy men. Oh and let's not forget the humor. *Death, Taxes, and a Shotgun Wedding*, the twelfth and final *Tara Holloway* novel, is no exception.

Tara and her fiancé, Nick, are preparing for their wedding when Tara begins to receive death threats. The two of them work as Special Agents for the IRS and even with receiving death threats Tara is on a case. She is determined to solve a case involving a real estate scam for the Dallas Police Department and death threats and wedding planning are not going to stop her.

I enjoyed getting to follow how Tara juggles the death threats, her case, and the planning of the wedding. It was a lot of fun. The frustration of the case combined with the frustration of wedding planning made for some great hilarity. Then there is the added suspense of who is threatening Tara. As with many of Diane's books, this was a suspense and rom-com in one.

This is the last book in the series and I recommend reading the entire series in order. You may be a little lost at times if you don't, but it is still a great read even if you haven't read the others. The author had me laughing out loud at times and there were enough twists and turns for me to be invested in how it would end for Tara and Nick.

Well written, descriptive, and nicely paced. This is a perfect ending for the series and great for a fun escape read. Four stars.

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## Teena in Toronto says

Tara is a Special Agent with the IRS. She has recently gotten engaged to fellow Special Agent, Nick, and they are planning their wedding. While mailing their wedding invitations, someone tries to run Tara over. She doesn't initially take it personally until she starts getting death threats. Then she starts digging into her past to see who would be seeking revenge ... and that list is long.

In the meantime, Tara is looking for a scammer who is renting out apartments ... but doesn't actually own the apartments. He's collecting the down payments and then disappearing. The renters doesn't realize this until they go to get the keys and move in.

I've read many books by this author and I thought this one was just okay. I liked the writing style ... it was funny and sarcastic at times. It is written in first person perspective from Tara's point of view. As a heads up, there is some swearing.

It is the twelfth and final book in the *Tara Holloway* series (I've read them all and like this series). Though it is part of a series, it works as a stand alone and you don't have to read the others to know what's going on but

it helps, especially this one since it's the last one and there are lots of references to cases in the past. I thought the "whodunnit" was a let down and was a bit disappointed that it ended that way. And the escapade just before the wedding was ridiculous. While I'm going to miss this series, yes, it was time for it to end.

Blog review post: <http://www.teenaintoronto.com/2017/11...>

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### **Elisa Hordon says**

Oh what an absolutely fantastic finish, I have loved this series from the beginning so it was fitting that the ending was an Blast to lol.

Tara and Nick are at their very best in this story going after tax evaders, dodging bullets because Tara tends to have a kill me sign on her forehead lol and planning their wedding.

Funniest part well there was so many but seriously Henry's hiding place because he didn't want to go in his cat crate was a classic lol.

Great story, wonderful characters brilliantly written.

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### **Teresa says**

From beginning to end this book held my interest. Tara is a beautiful bride to be wrapped up in wedding preparation. She is also a kick-ass IRS cop who takes great joy in her gun collection and taking down those bad guys. There are rich details about a rental scam case she is working on but someone is also trying to kill her. I thoroughly enjoyed this book!

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### **JoAn says**

Death, Taxes and a Shotgun Wedding by Diane Kelly is the final book in the Tara Holloway series and was a perfect ending to this series.

Ms. Kelly's descriptive writing had me riding along with Tara as she has two cases to solve in this final book. She is helping the Dallas police department to track down a rental scammer and she's been receiving death threats. Taking it all in stride Tara does what she does best by tracking down the scammer and her friends at the IRS watch her back as she chases down the clues. The plot is quickly paced and the twists allowed the reader to remember her previous cases as she is trying to figure out who wants to kill her before her wedding. I will miss Tara, Nick, Lu, Eddie and all of the other characters that were such an integral part of Tara's books. I would like to thank Ms. Kelly for the epilogue so that I could see how Tara, Nick and the rest of the characters had progressed five years after the wedding. This book was a pure delight with laughter, a few tears over past relationship memories and a mystery that had me baffled until the reveal.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book from St. Martin's Press via NetGalley. All of the above opinions are my own.

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## **Leslie aka StoreyBook Reviews says**

I have to admit I got misty at the end of this book because I knew it is the last one in this series and I didn't want it to end! Thankfully the author does an excellent job of wrapping up the series with no loose ends. There is an epilogue that fills us in down the road and what our favorite IRS agents are up to, as they all are a family and not just co-workers.

There is a mystery to solve - is someone trying to kill Tara? This book takes us through all of her previous cases to try and determine who might be after her. I'll admit that I didn't figure it out or anywhere close to guessing! But in the process it was nice to take a look back at the previous cases and how she almost died many times. I have always thought that Tara was much like Stephanie Plum, making me laugh and getting into tight spots...so I enjoyed remembering those times in this book.

There is also a new scam she is trying to help the Dallas PD solve in regards to rental scams. I appreciated the way the author always included relevant situations to make the books interesting but also educate us a bit. There was even a reference to the shooting and loss of 5 Dallas police officers during a peaceful riot in the last year.

This book kept me engaged and it was hard to put down, but I thought this of all of the books. I laughed a lot and was on the edge of my seat during some of the tense moments.

If you have not read this series, start with book 1. You will be glad you did!

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## **Cheryl says**

Anything enjoyable book in the IRS special agent series. Tara and Nick are planning their wedding but Tara is getting death threats in the mail. They aren't sure who is sending the threats since Tara has put so many white collar criminals behind bars. Tara is also trying to figure out who is behind a rental property scam. Very sad to hear that this is the last in the series.

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## **Kelly says**

**\*\*I voluntarily read this ARC\*\***

Nooooo! Why did the series have to end? OK, now that I got that out of me... I honestly could not put the book down. The humor, the mystery, everything was just so well done. I was laughing so much throughout this book.

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## **Nancy H says**

[The wedding is a success, but the end of this book has a surprise - please tell me it isn't so!!!! (hide spoiler)]

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## **Linda Quick says**

LOVED this book! This is one of my favorite series of all time, and, while I'm sorry to see it end, this is a well written and satisfying conclusion to the series.

Tara is a feisty Special Agent for the IRS and is well known for her firearm skill. Nick is her hunky fiance that she can't wait to marry. They've planned a lovely wedding, but then someone keeps threatening to kill her, which would really ruin her day.

This novel has it all - from laugh out loud humor, to poignant moments that brought a tear to my eye, to a wonderful revisiting of her most memorable encounters, both victim and criminal.

If you've read any part of this series, this book is a must read. While this is a stand alone novel, you really should have read at least one prior book in the series to really appreciate this novel. I hate saying goodbye to Tara, Nick, and the rest of the characters, but love the way the author crafted their farewell story.

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