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Cherringham - A Cosy Crime Series Compilation (Cherringham 1 - 3)



Synopsis

Jack's a retired ex-cop from New York, seeking the simple life in Cherringham. Sarah's a Web designer who's moved back to the village find herself. But their lives are anything but quiet as the two team up to solve Cherringham's criminal mysteries. This compilation contains episodes 1 - 3: MURDER ON THAMES, MYSTERY AT THE MANOR and MURDER BY MOONLIGHT. Here Jack and Sarah investigate a suicide in the River Thames - or was it murder? They investigate an "accidental" fire with deadly consequences, and they nab the culprit behind the Rotary Club choir poisoning. Cherringham is a series à la Charles Dickens, with a new mystery thriller released each month. Set in the sleepy English village of Cherringham, the detective series brings together an unlikely sleuthing duo: English web designer Sarah and American ex-cop Jack. Thrilling and deadly - but with a spot of tea - it's like Rosamunde Pilcher meets Inspector Barnaby. Each of the self-contained episodes is a quick listen for the morning commute, while waiting for the doctor, or when curling up with a hot cuppa. For fans of Agatha Christie's "Miss Marple series", Lilian Jackson Braun's "The Cat Who series", Caroline Graham's "Midsomer Murders", and the American TV series "Murder She Wrote", starring Angela Lansbury. Co-authors Neil Richards (based in the UK) and Matthew Costello (based in the US), have been writing together since the mid 90's, creating content and working on projects for the BBC, Disney Channel, Sony, ABC, Eidos, and Nintendo to name but a few. Their transatlantic collaboration has underpinned scores of TV drama scripts, computer games, radio shows, and - most recently - the successful crime fiction series Cherringham. The narrator of the audiobook, Neil Dudgeon, has been in many British television programmes including the roles of "DCI John Barnaby" in "Midsomer Murders" and "Jim Riley" in "The Life of Riley".

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Customer Reviews

It's barely worth 3 stars, more like 2.5. The writing is clunky, the characters wooden and situations stereotyped. The stories are short, written in short scenes that almost invariably end with a sentence beginning with 'And', such as "And then she went into the kitchen". And as if that wasn't enough, there are a few such sentences thrown into the general text for good measure. I managed to read through episodes 1-3 because I had the book but won't be bothering with any more.

This is a compilation of three books that came out as a serial. I will probably move on to the next compilation in this series. I'm all into the cozy mystery now and this series didn't disappoint. It is well written by two authors, one Brit and one American. The main characters, Jack and Sarah, are likable and work well in the story. The stories themselves are not all that complex and hard-boiled. It is more about the two sleuths determining that a crime has occurred and they pursue it until the culprit is cornered or gives themselves away. I like the setting in a small town. I like that Jack is an ex-pat and has a painful past. You know that he and Sarah will get romantic at some point but I do like that they don't even think about it in this book.

Overall a 5 star series of books. The writing is tight, without repetition, the characters are interesting & I like them & the situations are unique & not all murders. I appreciate the fact that they don't kill off everyone in the village one by one, the cops aren't always being represented as stupid idiots, the folks solving the mysteries are everyday folks, one with a little experience & our investigators aren't suspected of every crime. It's a refreshing take.

Refreshing and intelligent. A lovely, well written, comfortable and perfectly paced read you won't want to put down. Jack and Sarah are the perfect sleuthing pair for the village of Cherringham.

I like this series. It's perfect bedtime reading. It's truly a cozy mystery.. Retired NY policeman, Jack, tries to fit into this snug English village. The characters are well developed. It moves right along. Good read!

There's "cozy" as in Miss Marple and there's cozy as in Ruth Rendell's detective series. This series is a bit too superficial for me. Not enough setting/mood/atmosphere (although the village and people have a lot of potential), not enough character development. It has the feeling of being written using software. Sorry, but as a reader of hundreds of mysteries, this series doesn't satisfy.

They were cute stories that sounded like England. Clean, nicely written and without a lot of description.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. Can't wait to get started on the next.

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