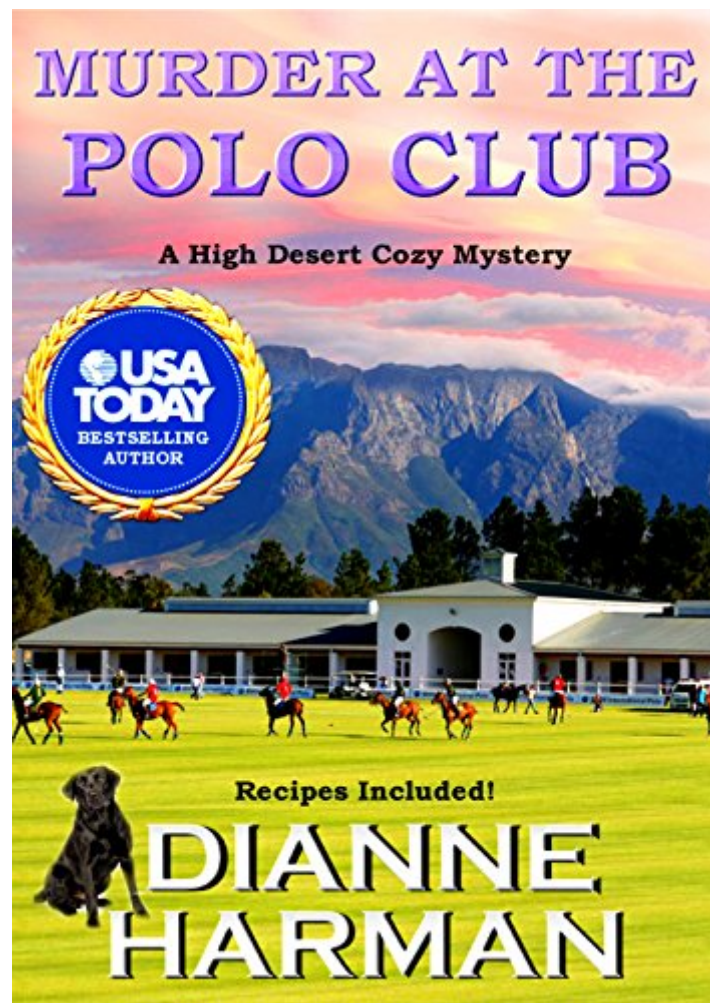




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Murder At The Polo Club: A High Desert Cozy Mystery



Synopsis

From seven time All-Star Author comes another page-turning murder mystery. Antiques, polo, and relationships. What do they have in common? Murder! Why was the Palm Springs polo club owner's fiancée, Pia, murdered? Old relationships, Mafia vendettas, and inheritances all play a part in this cozy mystery. Jack Rutledge, the owner of a world class polo club in Palm Springs hires Marty Combs, an antique appraiser, to evaluate Jack's collection of art pottery and Pia's collection of art glass. When Marty and her husband, Jeff, a Palm Springs police detective, attend a cocktail party at the Rutledge Polo Club, they find themselves in the middle of a murder mystery. Who killed Pia? Was it Kevin, the has-been polo player jealous of Jack's success? Roberto, the reputed second-in-command of the West Coast Mafia who loved Pia? Gerta, Pia's sister, who feels the art glass collection willed to Pia should be hers? Pia's ex-husband, a felon newly released from prison? Jensen, Jack's son, who'd been promised he would inherit Jack's very valuable art pottery collection, or even Lupe, the polo club owner's maid?

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Customer Reviews

"Murder at the Polo Club" is one of a number of books by Dianne Harman I've read. While I'm not ordinarily a fan of cozy mysteries, Ms. Harman's novels force me out of my comfort zone. Her books are well-written and like the best mysteries, are elaborate puzzles in need of solving. Pia Marshall sneaks behind the barn to grab a quick smoke. By the end of page 3, she's been murdered by someone who's placed a chloroform-filled gauze pad over her mouth and nose. The tension escalates and a number of suspects emerge. What do a pottery collection, a glass collection, an ex-husband who's a felon, a Mafioso lover, and a jealous friend all have in common? They figure into the mystery of who murdered Pia and why she was killed. As I said, a good mystery is a beguiling puzzle, and "Murder at the Polo Club" fills all the requirements of a top-notch puzzle. And Dianne Harman is a top-notch puzzle-master. Five well-deserved stars for yet another riveting read.

Another winner for Dianne. It was her cozy mysteries, that started me reading them. This takes you into the realm of the rich, and their hobbies. From collections, to polo. It's what is in the background, that is threatening people of Pia and Jack coming wedding. They both have ex mates, the one says he would kill her first, instead of letting her marry. The other is the greed for herself, and their son. Interesting, and you will be captured from the first page, to the happenings at the polo fields. Looking forward to how the ideas come for the next cozy mystery.

Dianne Harman's books flow just right. They are easy reading cozy mysteries. But the murderer is not obvious. There are always interesting personalities including the ones who live in the compound and sweet Duke with his pink doggy booties. It is always relaxing to read one of Dianne Harman's books.

The main characters in this cozy mystery continue from previous books, but it is not necessary to have read the other books to enjoy this one. Love, money, greedy relatives, pre-nuptial agreements, and criminal past make for an interesting mix when a polo team promotional party goes from fun to murder. If you want a more detailed plot summary, you can read other reviews, but it is a fun, easy book to read with mystery and murder without the blood and gore.

I have read all the books in this series, I love her mysteries she has you guessing who the murderer is, and she has fantastic recipes in her books, which I have tried, and they are great. Hopefully she will do a cookbook of all the recipes she has in all her series ok books would be great.

Once again Dianne has written another great story. Love all the books in the series. Be waiting for two next book in this series.

Dianne Harman has quickly become one of my favorite authors. All of her books, this one included, have wonderful characters, great plots, and fun to solve murders. This one was easier than most for me but still fun. I love these characters and how they are so different yet intermingle and are perfect. I believe this book is another hit. I am looking forward to the next book

I've read almost every book that Dianne Harman has written and enjoyed them all. The characters are interesting so I enjoy seeing what's happening in their lives as a series progresses. Having finished the High Desert series, I'll start the Midwest series but I'm reading faster than she's writing so I'll need to find another author soon.

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