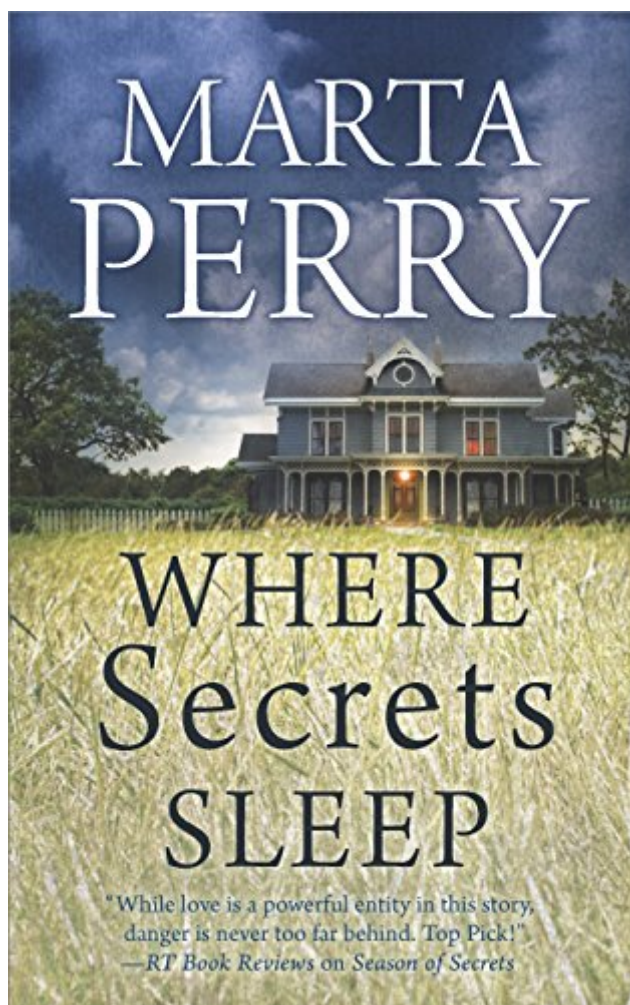


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Customer Reviews

In this book Allison Standish inherits a building in Laurel Ridge, in Amish country, from a grandmother she never met. Her Father having abandoned her as a child, she knows nothing of the grandmother or her life, and the inheritance is a surprise. She is a city girl and this is a far cry from the life she is used to. As she drives to the country with her cat, she does a lot of soul searching, because the day she left the city she found her boss and her boyfriend in a compromising relationship, that shuts the door to her heart, to her job and her boyfriend. She has a heart of resilience though and as she arrives in the small town, she is surprised to discover she has to stay there a year to be able to keep the building or sell it. The building is full of tenants, a bookstore, a quilt shop, a lawyer, and a real estate agent. The building needs a lot of work and she finds a young man named Nick to help her remodel it. Nick has a son Jason, and is a widower. As the plot develops Allison is soon in danger from someone who wants her to sell the building. Nick becomes protective of her and his brother Mac the local police, helps to find who is doing this to her. The story is suspenseful as the plot thickens when over and over Allison is attacked. She however, is a courageous soul and instead of being frightened helps to unlock the mystery of who it could be. The story develops into a love story that will please you. And the suspense steadily builds until you want to know "who done it" and will stay up reading all hours to find out. It is a pleasant read, with characters that are endearing and a suspenseful mystery that will please the mystery buffs. It is also a clean read which is one of my requirements. Give Marta's books a chance. I have read many and enjoyed them all thoroughly and find myself drawn to find more of her books to read. They are pleasant and fill up the time well, and are a worthy fiction read.

Browsing through a new books list on a website sometimes tends to draw me to a book that I might not have otherwise read. Though Marta Perry is an established author, for me her works are new. When I saw the title and description of this recent publication, I knew without a doubt I had to read and review it because the synopsis of the tale captured my imagination. A young woman learns of an inheritance from a grandmother she never met, so she travels to a little town and meets with the grandmother's lawyer. What she thought would be a quick matter to take care of actually becomes a more complex reality that calls for Allison to make a decision. As Allison sets out to learn what she can of this grandmother and the inherited property, unknowingly she becomes entangled in a web of mystery, becoming the center of someone's sinister intent. While Allison is learning about the people, businesses and town, she has to deal with issues of the heart from her past. Nick is one of the business owners who ends up not only interested in learning Allison's final decision about the property, but begins to form an emotional

bond with her that he fights against. The intrigue and mystery are especially spellbinding. As the characters begin to understand Allison, the person who is out to hurt her really drew me in further. The variety of people who inhabit the town makes figuring out who has the most to gain by Allison leaving is difficult as more people become suspects than those who can be considered safe. When a murder occurs on the property, Allison becomes more determined to inherit the property according to the terms of the will. The interaction between some of the characters is refreshing to imagine along with romance in the wind in a small town where everyone knows what is happening. With the addition of the author revealing some of the pasts of her characters, it makes the plot thicken, drawing the audience into the book. For me, this was a very enjoyable, entertaining and captivating novel which I am glad I read. I plan on reading more of the author's suspense with romance set in Amish towns. Join me in entering the mysterious world where things aren't always what they seem!

Marta Perry has done it again! She has combined her love of Amish, with suspense and romance, into a story to capture your attention. A interior designer, Allison, has been the beneficiary in her grandmother's will. She inherits a building. There are stipulations to the will that will require her to stay in town longer than she had planned and changes her plans for the building. Along the way she meets a variety of characters that add an element of mystery to the story. Marta continues to use realistic settings and descriptions of characters that make you feel as if you are present in the story. I look forward to her next book!

Marta Perry is my absolute favorite "Amish" fiction writer. Her Amish suspense/romance books are woven around a central character that leads you through the mysteries and the romance of the story line. Supporting characters create the atmosphere of the perpetual "who done it" and the gentle introduction of a budding and consuming love story woven into the mystery fits in so flawlessly. This story is about a city girl who inherits a building of shopkeepers in an Amish community from a paternal (englisher) Grandmother she has never met. Her Grandmother also left a partnership with an Amish quilt-shop business and other tenants including a carpenter shop with a handsome divorcee with a 6 years old son. Each of the characters play an integral part in the eventual revelation of the person responsible for murders of the Grandmother, a wife and a nervous mouse of a shopkeeper. Worth the read.

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