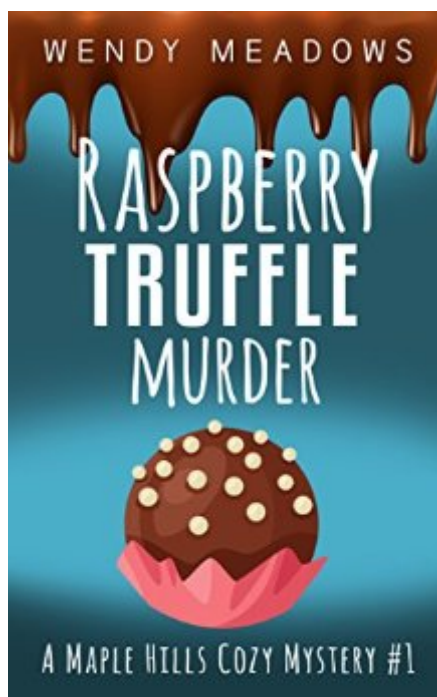


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# Raspberry Truffle Murder (A Maple Hills Cozy Mystery Book 1)



## Synopsis

Maple Hill Cozy Mysteries can be read in one to two hours. It is perfect for those moments when you are waiting at an appointment or want to enjoy a quick read. When Nikki's husband of 20 years decided that he wanted a different life in Los Angeles it spawns a new life for her as well. Leaving behind Atlanta and her Journalism career there, she and her college bound son move to the small and tightknit town of Maple Hills, Vermont. With a bustling tourist season, the thriving community seems the perfect place to set up her new Chocolate Shop | yet opening day proves more deadly than profitable. A hit and run right outside her shop door leaves a man dead and questions swirling. When the victim is identified as Steven Denforth, the most hated and reviled man in town, it resurrects the fissures that had recently torn Maple Hills apart. It seems that when Denforth first came to town, the quiet man bought the local paper, then proceeded to publish damning articles about some of the communities' most prominent members - secrets that no one should have known about. Now he is dead and everyone is a suspect, including Nikki. As both a former reporter and an FBI Consultant, Nikki instinctively knows the dirt in Maple Hills is piled high and if she doesn't get to the bottom of it, and to the murder, then her stay in the quaint Northern Town may very well be short lived.

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## Customer Reviews

I love this first book in a brand new series!! I don't like to say anything so that I don't give anything away for people who haven't read this book but what I will say is that this book is excellent!! I would have never guessed who the murderer was before finding out. I love cozies that revolve around candy, deli's, bakeries, etc and I can't wait for the next book to come out in this series!! Very good!!!

Ms. Wendy Meadows wrote the start of a new series that will have you turning the pages quickly. Nikki runs a bakery and when a man is killed in front of the store, Nikki wants to find out why. Detective Hawk wants to find the killer also. Will Nikki and Hawk become friends? Watch for the next book in the series.

Nikki is a great protagonist, strong willed, determined and caring. I enjoyed Hawk he's going to be an interesting counterpart for her, great mystery I can't wait to more of the secondary characters and how the author develops this main protagonist. When you start reading you have to finish and wish the second was out already.

How does the story connect to the title? No connection at all. Was great at first, but it gets worse a few pages in because of the writing. Spelling errors and lots of grammar errors too. Have to re-read some of the sentences a few times to get what the author is conveying. A lot of telling & not showing.

Set up for a series, very obviously. Characters say what is needed to advance the plot but without any internal motivation that I could discern. Not anything in main character's background in any way related to working with chocolate.

This is a cute lightweight story of a young businesswoman who establishes a bakery in Northern Vermont and does some detecting on the side. She gets involved with the police and along the way, and recruits her reluctant employee.

Book 1: Maple Hill Series Life has a way of changing on you when you least expect it. After 20 years of marriage, Nikki's husband decides to call it quits, and move on with his new life. Nikki is looking

for a change of pace by leaving the busy world of journalism in Atlantic for a slower pace in the small town of Maple Hills, Vermont. She has high hopes for her chocolate shop, but who knew chocolate could be so deadly. A hit-and-run turns into a spiral of events that leave Nikki in a dangerous and compromising position. Nikki finds that the skills she learned as a journalist will come in handy when trying to solve a murder mystery. Secrets and political propaganda with a dash of blackmail is enough to turn this small town into a world of mayhem. I hope to see many more books in this series.

Nothing like moving to a new town, opening up a business, and then trying your darnedest to get run out of town. I got to chapter 10 and gave up. There was no attachment whatsoever to the victim. The fear of it happening to her was too far out there. All she sounded like was someone who decided she had picked the wrong trade.

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