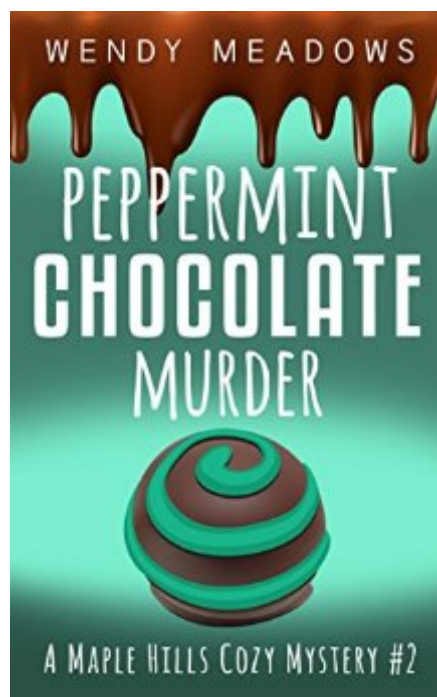


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# Peppermint Chocolate Murder (A Maple Hills Cozy Mystery Book 2)



## 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. From the moment Nikki first made Maple Hills, Vermont, her home, she has had a dark and dangerous cloud follow her. First she discovered a web of underground Mafia members and now there is a dead body at The Lodge – a dead body that just happens to hail from her own home town of Atlanta. As the newest, and arguably the nosiest, neighbor in the area, she knows all eyes will soon turn her way and tongues will start to wag. Nikki has no choice but to garner her new friends and put her extensive experience as a big city reporter to use, playing a modern day Nancy Drew against a backdrop of gorgeous hills and the Canadian Border. Along with her pseudo partner and maybe love interest, Hawk, a local cop who just happens to be the Chief's son, the duo must unravel a mystery that gets more complex by the minute – all the while trying to stay one step ahead of a murderer with murky, yet dire, motives. And to think – all Nikki really wanted to do when she moved to the quaint town was make chocolates – |

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## Customer Reviews

WOW!! Book 2 is as good if not better than book 1!! I love this new series and I cannot wait for book #3!! Again, as in book 1, I was thinking the murderer was a completely different person in the storyline. Excellent writing, I hope that her friendship with the new man in her life turns into something deeper and stronger. I just could not put my Kindle Fire down, read way past my usual bedtime last night to finish it, thank God that it was a Saturday night because I just had to find out who did it!!! I loved the ending and I can't wait to see where the next book goes with that storyline!!! Keep them coming, you have one devoted fan and reader here!! If I could have given it more than 5 stars I would have because it is that good!!

This book was a great continuation of the new series. The characters are well written , and the storyline very believable , which make reading so very enjoyable. Candy maker and cop made a terrific pair of sleuths. Border crossings, stolen money, "dark and stormy nights"-- all the necessity ingredients for an enjoyable afternoon. AND, there is a really neat surprise at the end. Waiting eagerly for number three.

The characters show promise, and the mystery is rather interesting, but neither is well developed. This may be due to the short length of the book, but the author needs to improve her writing. (Not that I could do better, because I couldn't even come up with a plot.) The title is misleading, because the only appearance of peppermint chocolates is passing references to the protagonist making them and having them sold in her shop. We never see any reference to people actually eating them, much less any connection to the murders. Just a hook to attract the foodies to buy the book. Not even a recipe in case you were wondering. And I believe the only place the name "Maple Hills" appears is on the title page. I bought this book for \$.99, and decided that even at that price I wouldn't be following the series. However -- I did see that I could borrow the first book in the series as an Prime loan, so I decided to go for it, largely because the book description mentioned Nikki's college-bound son, who didn't rate so much as a passing mention in the second book, so I'm curious. The series shows promise, but just leaves you hanging.

Nikki and Hawk are drawn together as they try to find out the John Doe is? With the Police Chief wanting Nikki to leave town, Nikki and Hawk must be careful during the investigation. I enjoyed reading this story and I can't wait for the next book in the series.

Nikki's plan to stay out of trouble and make chocolates is sidetracked when another murder is

indirectly related to her. The victim is from where she came from and in a small town newcomers are suspect anyway. Her curiosity and background as a reporter likely are also factors, though she thinks about possibly need to move again if she can't lose the black cloud hanging over her. There were enough twists to keep me interested. I'll be looking for the next in the series and whether Hawk gets his girl.

Liked all the main characters and took TLiked all the main characters and even felt like rooting for them. Made you work at trying to figure out "who did it?" The plot travels along quickly and in ,mostly, a logical way. Some of the story takes a left turn that isn't necessary for the plot, but some interesting tidbits thrown in, I'm guessing to liven up or give more side tales to the story, which can be interesting and not too distracting. Doesn't slow down the story just adds a bit more fluff and filling, which maybe needed in subsequent tales, will have to wait and see what happens next. I really like the slow buildup of the romance, not everyone jumping into bed with everyone else is nice, a fun slow romance should be nice, more like real life that way.

Book 2: Maple Hill SeriesYou can leave your past, but it can still follow you.Nikki starts to recover from her last predicament, and she tries to focus on the success of her sweet little chocolate shop.All is well until a body shows up. Nikki uses the skills she gained as a journalist to get to the bottom of this murder.Nothing is as it appears: characters pretend to be innocent and naive, when in fact they know more than they let on.Dirty politicians, ambitious criminals, and a devious old man is at the root of the problem.Can Nikki solve the mystery and stay intact. She wants to protect all innocent parties involved, but how will she know who to trust?

Not just a crime fighting duo, but a crime fighting family. Who says family is only by blood...sometimes you have to make up your own family. This second book was even better than the first. I can't wait to read the next book to see if it just keeps getting better! I'm looking forward to seeing what Tori and Zack decide to take in college and if life brings them together. How about Nikki and Hawk will they continue to solve crimes and find each other as more than friends? Will Lidia get to stay at the campground? Or maybe there is a move to a lodge in her future.

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