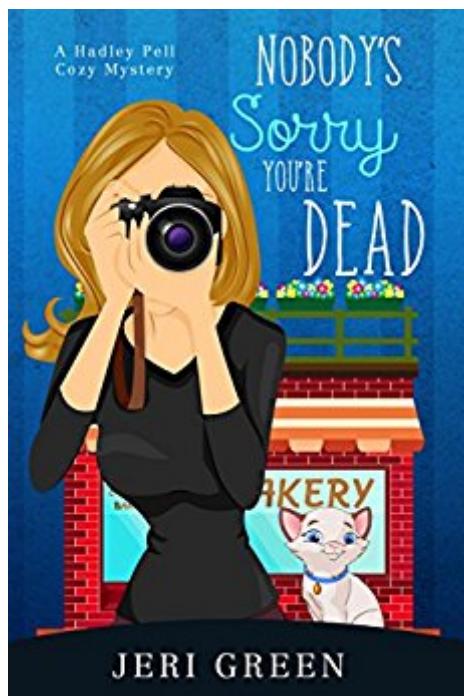


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# Nobody's Sorry You're Dead: A Hadley Pell Cozy Mystery



## **Synopsis**

Hadley Pell, a college-educated housewife and widow, is still reeling from the loss of her beloved husband five years ago. She lives in a small town in the Southern Appalachians where nothing much happens. Nothing much, that is, until murder comes to town. And it isn't until Hadley is given the job of cleaning out the victim's house, an incredible hoarder of the first degree, that Hadley begins to unravel the mystery. When it's discovered that Eustian Singlepenny has been poisoned and a friend is arrested for his murder, Hadley dives head first into the muddy maze, searching for clues to the killer's true identity. A humorous tale full of local color and wit, this is the first book in the NOBODY mystery series.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Starts out a little slow, but once Ms Green gets started and get thru the background information to set up the story, it's really great! Very well written, although there are some obvious typos that show that spell check was used and not a human editor. The characters are very believable for the part of the country depicted, and dialogue in the local vernacular is very well done. Humorous and cute, and without sex or violence, so it's a true cozy. I especially loved the characters of Hadley and

Beanie, who are the main characters in this story. Can't wait to read more of this series!

I liked the plot and story line, even though i figured the killer very early in the story. I really would have given four stars but the glaring typos made this book hard to read. To try several times to figure out which words went where in the sentence drove me crazy and the word "hoodooed" was annoying since it isn't a real word and isn't even something that you could have said was a form of speech in that area of the country. Hoodwinked would have been more appropriate.

Hadley went to college out of town. She met Harry Pell & they dated through college. The day before she was to graduate Harry asked to be his wife & said yes. He had taken a job offer of an accountant at Hope a Rock County. Hadley's home town. She loved Harry & after graduation the got married brother a Justice of the Peace. They arrived in Hope Rock County the same day. Hadley had earlier been her younger sister Maury Brides Maid in her wedding to Bill. Bill was the lone police officer. Hadley & Harry had happily married many years, when he died unexpectedly from a heart attack. She feel apart for many months. Her sister Maury was finally able to get to volunteer at the local wildlife preserve. That brought her to becoming involved. This little town lived for gossip. They had Eustain Singlepenny a nasty old man who used so many in town. Ruined people over the years & no friends. He didn't show up for a court hearing, police officer Bill went to his home to find out if he was okay. Front door wasn't locked, there was junk piled to the ceiling all over. Bill found him dead in the kitchen. The body was sent to the county coroner. In the meantime Bill asked Hadley to clean out the house. She choose Beanie a man with 1 arm & 4/5 of the other to be her partner. He was a grave digger with the mind more of a child. They got as far as doing a video of the house. That was stopped because Singlepenny was poisoned. Now rumors start big time with Hadley trying to figure out who killed him. So much happens & figuring out who the killer is will be hard. There also a lot of funny happenings throughout the book at the Greasy Spoon Cafe & the local beauty parlor. Also with Hadley, Maury & Beanie. It was slow starting but gets better the more you read. Enjoy this book.

These books are hilarious!!The second in the series was offered for free on one of my eBook Facebook pages. When I read the blurb on , I immediately searched for the first one. Series need to be read in order. I ended up buying all three and spending the night reading the first two. I stopped because I was hungry. I'll read the third after I eat something. The writing is well done. I cannot remember any grammar errors. The story flows well. Who cares if the murder isn't found until later

on. Much of the beginning was foundation and, in my opinion, much needed. I love the way she brings in snippets of mountain lore and language. I hope there is a fourth one on the horizon.

If you like your murder mysteries with a few chuckles then this will be the book series for you. A cast of humerus small town friends, the murder of the town curmudgeon, and a pair of sisters who can't stop squabbling for long make for a fun read. Unfortunately The whodunit is almost secondary to the story. I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

While the writing was excellent, the context was confusing. One of the chapters ended with the main character sitting in the beauty salon chair, waiting for the latest gossip, the next page began with a description of the heroine's house and her sitting talking to her sister. The next chapter she was then talking to her sister on the phone defending why she took a job cleaning the murdered man's house. Then in the middle of the book, the author gives a back story of 3 months earlier. While the characters were interesting, funny, quirky and the story was entertaining, I will not be purchasing the next books in the series. ^"

I enjoyed the lovely Southern Appalachian setting. The main character, Hadley, is very likable and surrounded by a colorful cast of characters. Beanie is my favorite character. I love the conversations that he has with Hadley. Their relationship is so sweet. I did have a hunch who the killer was. Check this book out if you like cozy mysteries!

It takes a little to get into this one. I found the amount of narrative on some of the characters to be excessive, and dialogue was more like speeches than natural conversation. Now, that said, it was a well thought out suspense, with enough twists to keep it interesting. I like the relationships between characters, other than the stilted speech, and I think she is spot on with her comments on widowhood. I would read more books by Jeri Green.

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