

## Victorian Mansion Flower Shop Mysteries

### A Fatal Arrangement

For Kaylee Bleu, flowers have always been her life. A professor of botany and a PhD in plant taxonomy, Kaylee was endowed with a love of nature early in life by her maternal grandmother, Bea Lyons. But now Kaylee is caught in the middle of a tumultuous personal storm, one that has blown her back to her grandmother's door in the charming village of Turtle Cove, Washington.

Kaylee's position at a prestigious Washington state university has been lost to budget cutbacks, and no new jobs are forthcoming unless she is willing to relocate from her beloved Pacific Northwest. Her grandmother has a solution: She is considering retirement and offers to sell The Flower Patch, her floral shop, and Wildflower Cottage, her home, to her granddaughter. Kaylee, though reluctant to make such a life-altering change at the age of 40, has to admit it is a match made in heaven.

But when Kaylee and her canine companion, a dachshund named Bear, arrive on beautiful Orcas Island they are confronted almost immediately with evidence that her grandfather's mysterious disappearance five years ago wasn't just a boating accident. It was murder.

Kaylee and Bear quickly join forces with the Petal Pushers, Turtle Cove's garden club, investigating Edmond Lyons's presumed death. She also meets Reese Holt, the ruggedly handsome master carpenter who serves as Turtle Cove's handyman. When Reese discovers Ed's final journal and its final, ominous entry, Kaylee believes they are on the trail of a cold-blooded killer.

Meanwhile, the annual Writers Coterie, an assembly of famous and not-so-famous authors from across the nation, is meeting on Orcas Island. The daughter of Lorelei Lewis, a well-known romance writer, is using the occasion for her wedding, and The Flower Patch is recruited to provide the venue and the blooms. But then the preparations are plagued by problems that cannot be laid at the feet of coincidence.

Will Kaylee be able to unearth the solution to her grandfather's death? Will the wedding plans go off without a hitch? Join Kaylee and her newfound friends as they work to root out a very bad seed before someone else is pushing up daisies.

## Bloomed to Die

Wedding bells are set to ring in picture-perfect Turtle Cove, where Kaylee Bleu and the Petal Pushers are readying the grounds of Orcas Island's historic lighthouse for the event of the year. Prodigal daughter Brooke Edgars has returned to the island to marry local millionaire James Stratford, but the couple's trip to the altar is altered when Kaylee makes a horrifying discovery: the groom's dead body.

Kaylee becomes even more engaged in the case when her trusty dachshund, Bear's, life is put in danger. She proposes to do local law enforcement a favor and help solve the crime -- even if it means putting herself in harm's way to protect her loved ones.

Thanks to her past life as a plant taxonomist, Kaylee determines that James has been poisoned with oleander, a native flower that's as beautiful as it is deadly. But that answer only leads to more questions: Did one of James's many enemies conspire to murder him? Could he have fallen victim to a fatal fiancée? And was he even the killer's true target?

Unconvinced by the sheriff's assertion that James was the intended victim and that Brooke was more black widow than blushing bride, Kaylee and her garden club friends vow to untie the knots surrounding this whodunit. As they dig up more dirt, they discover that not everything is what it seems. Childhood grievances, bad business deals, hidden pasts -- the motives keep piling up while the murderer remains on the loose.

Can Kaylee lift the veil on the mystery before the killer says "I do" to another murder?

## The Mistletoe Murder

It's Christmastime on beautiful Orcas Island, Washington, and the entire town is brimming with holiday cheer. Kaylee Bleu, the new owner of The Flower Patch flower shop, is excited to deck the halls of Turtle Cove Mansion along with a group of interior designers. Their elegant seasonal displays will be auctioned off to benefit a worthy cause. But Kaylee's enthusiasm wanes when she realizes that not everyone is filled with goodwill. Her fellow designers have big personalities with egos to match and make the charity event feel like a competition.

The festive occasion takes a much darker turn when one of the designers is murdered.

For Kaylee and her friends in the Petal Pushers garden club, 'tis the season to track down a killer. They - along with Kaylee's inquisitive dachshund, Bear - investigate the death of prominent designer Kris Carroll, uncovering family secrets, bitter rivalries, and startling revelations. But more questions arise, and even Kaylee's work as a forensic botanist consultant doesn't help her separate the truth from the humbug. As Kaylee tries to decipher who is naughty and who is nice, she receives threatening notes, warning her to mind her own business . . .

Will the murderer be brought to justice before the Yule log can be tossed on the fire? Or will there be no good tidings in Turtle Cove this holiday season?

## My Dearly Depotted

Kaylee Bleu has traded in her previous life in academia for the fresh air and peace of Turtle Cove, Washington. Her florist shop, The Flower Patch, has grown on her, as have the new friends she's made in the Petal Pushers Garden Club. But when a colleague from the university where she once worked bugs her to join a camping trip at a nearby state park, Kaylee decides that sleeping under the stars for a few nights might be fun. Unfortunately, those plans may come back to bite her.

It turns out someone else has been roughing it upstairs in the Victorian mansion that houses "The Flower Patch!" Kaylee's ire is further sparked when she realizes that her dreams for her secret horticultural project, which she's been sticking to for a decade, have been doused. Her special plants are now squelched, and Kaylee's determined to dig in and smoke out the squatter.

But there's more trouble when Kaylee's uninvited guest ends up dead. The troop of professors who've trekked in from the mainland for the campout realize she's one of their own, and that more than one of them was toting a grudge against her. Even Kaylee herself isn't out of the woods. The deceased dragged Kaylee's name through the mud and got her chopped from her teaching position. Kaylee knows she didn't kill anyone, but what about those mysterious men who've staked out another site and seem to be watching her every move?

Kaylee will need all her skills, not to mention the assistance of her loyal friends the Petal Pushers and her intrepid canine scout Bear, to shine a light on this murderer before someone else is pitched headlong into the darkness.

## Digging Up Secrets

Nothing is coming up roses for Kaylee Bleu. Not only are all of the plants in her flower shop going thirsty because of a busted well pump, but a competing florist on Orcas Island is stealing customers from The Flower Patch. As if that wasn't enough to turn her into Florist Grump, a new client who could be Kaylee's inroad to the lucrative country club set is also her most persnickety yet, and continuously threatens to take her business elsewhere.

But all of that seems like no big deal when Kaylee's plumber discovers a fractured skull in her shop's yard. The remains belong to Danny Lane, a troubled teenager accused of killing a high-school girl in a boating accident thirty-five years ago. The consensus around Turtle Cove was that the boy fled town shortly after the accident, but Kaylee thinks the holes in that story are as big as the grave-size pit dug up around her well pump.

Unfortunately, somebody on Orcas Island wants Kaylee to leave the past buried. At first, she refuses to be intimidated by menacing messages and frightful pranks. But when suspicious accidents begin to befall witnesses close to the cold case, Kaylee's seeds of doubt blossom into dread. She must decide how deep she's willing to dig to determine if Danny's death was an accident . . . or murder.

As her investigation continues, Kaylee seems to be reaping more questions than answers. Who is really to blame for Joelle Spiece's death all those years ago, and who killed Danny Lane? Who is terrorizing her with threats and pranks? Is it the charming congressman, the muscle-bound landscaper, the grieving father, or the grudge-holding curmudgeon? If Kaylee isn't careful, unearthing the answers could be digging her own grave.

## Planted Evidence

It's October on Orcas Island, and the residents of Turtle Cove, Washington, revel in the cool weather and beautiful autumn colors as they gear up for the community's fall festivities. Kaylee Bleu, owner of The Flower Patch, is already busy as a bee, so when her only employee takes some time off, she enlists the help of her friend Amanda Denman. Kaylee recently encouraged Amanda and her daughter to move to the island, and she even helped Amanda land a job at the jewelry store in town.

Mother and daughter seem to be enjoying their new home . . . until Amanda is arrested.

Several necklaces and rings were stolen from the jewelry store, and the police discover one of the necklaces hidden in Amanda's house. It appears to be an open-and-shut case, but Amanda insists the jewelry was planted.

Kaylee and her friends in the Petal Pushers garden club set out to clear Amanda's name, but the task is no bed of roses. As they dig deeper, they face threats, and Kaylee must cope with a childhood trauma she thought had been buried long ago. The list of suspects continues to grow, and it'll take all their sleuthing skills to root out the thief. Will Kaylee and her friends hit pay dirt before Amanda is robbed of her freedom?