

Deceptive Hearts

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, and with it comes a new cast of intriguing characters to Pleasant Creek, Indiana. Guests flock to the Olde Mansion Inn owned by Liz Eckardt, who is eager to offer the cozy and welcoming atmosphere of her newfound home to the winter holidaymakers. One in particular, the handsome and enigmatic Shane O'Rourke, charms Liz and her guests with his kind acts and dashing good looks.

Liz's heart flies to her throat when Shane's lifeless body is discovered on the banks of Jaynes Lake. Who was this mystery man, and what was his purpose for coming to Pleasant Creek? The local authorities try to make sense of the ghastly murder, but one piece of the puzzle just won't fit: on the body of the victim, they find a photograph of one of Pleasant Creek's most beloved citizens . . . and one of Liz's dearest friends!

Meanwhile, Naomi Mason, the owner of the local bakery, is distraught. Her elderly mother has grown distant and forgetful in her upscale nursing home, and Naomi's past loves and losses are now coming home to roost. Liz is determined to get to the bottom of the trouble in Pleasant Creek and to absolve her friend. But does Naomi know more about the goings-on than she is willing to admit?

On a wing and a prayer, Liz and the rest of the Material Girls, along with Mayor Jackson Cross, pull together to solve the mystery in time for the Valentine's Day party and auction. But will they manage to learn the truth before anyone else runs afoul of the killer's deceptive heart?

A Fedora Offense

Valentine's Day is fast approaching in Somerset Harbor, Maine, and Maggie Watson is in love--with some gorgeous antiques she bids on at a local auction. She's not the only one interested in the furnishings being sold off from the magnificent Twisdem Mansion, though. An enigmatic man in a fedora is equally enamored with the items up for sale but disappears before Maggie can discover his true identity.

The excitement doesn't end when the bidding war is over. As Maggie inspects her new purchases, she finds hidden paperwork relating to a Vietnam War-era mystery and the fate of the entire Twisdem family. Soon, it becomes frightfully clear that others are equally intrigued by her discovery. Compelled to untangle the Twisdems' shadowy history, however, she ignores a series of increasingly sinister events and continues her search for the truth.

In addition to a break-in at her antiques shop and a mysterious figure outside her window late one night, Maggie is blindsided by a visit from her father, who appears on her doorstep with a surprise announcement. As she struggles to come to terms with his news and their painful shared history, it brings to light what could be missing from her own life as well.

Can Maggie and her father find common ground despite their distance in recent years? Is it possible for him, the ladies in the Historical Society, and handsome alderman James Bennett to convince Maggie that her avid curiosity is doing more harm than good? And, who is the mysterious Fedora Man, and what business does he have in Somerset Harbor?

If Maggie isn't careful, her determination to unravel the Twisdem family's secrets could easily lead to heartbreak for some and certain doom for others.

Pieces From the Past

As February brings the frigid temperatures of a New England winter to Somerset Harbor, Maggie Watson keeps out the winter chill with the company of good friends, hot coffee at the Busy Bean, and anticipation of the annual Valentine's Day charity dinner at the Oceanside Hotel. She especially loves to pass the wintry days exploring the magnificent Sedgwick Manor for historical treasures.

On one of these excursions, Maggie discovers an ornate black box hidden away in a storage room. Inside it, she finds pieces of an unfinished antique friendship quilt, the interrupted work of a quilting guild from 1898. She's delighted to piece together the story behind yet another of the mansion's beautiful antiques, but she is led down a twisted path of deception and intrigue beginning with a cryptic note written in her late aunt's diary about keeping a secret -- one that might be connected to one of the town's most puzzling mysteries.

At the heart of this connection is the captivating story of Sarah Monroe, a young woman born to privilege near the end of the nineteenth century. The heiress was destined to marry against her will, but she disappeared without a trace before her wedding day. No one knows what became of the young lady, but it soon becomes clear that someone, over a century later, will stop at nothing to keep Maggie from finding out. Meanwhile, a town landmark is in danger of being sold to greedy outsiders, and Maggie begins to worry that some of the new arrivals in the picturesque seaside town aren't who they claim to be. As she delves deeper into the mystery of the quilt blocks, despite receiving threats from an anonymous source, Maggie enlists the help of her historical society friends -- and the support of handsome alderman James Bennett -- to help her sew up the mystery and bring the truth to light.

Love's Surprise

Romance is in the air in Magnolia Harbor, South Carolina. The co-owners of the Magnolia Harbor Inn - sisters Grace Porter and Charlotte Wylde - hope to give their new guests a Valentine's Day to remember.

Presley Ingram intends to reevaluate her priorities and find inspiration during her stay at the inn. She also determines to reclaim one small piece of her past. But when her plans unravel, Presely must find the courage to face an old flame so she can make a fresh start.

Grace, co-owner of the inn, values her warm friendship with Spencer Lewis. After he asks her to accompany him to a musical, she wonders if his invitation is simply a neighborly gesture or if it could mean something more.

Winnie Bennett, the innkeepers' beloved aunt, and her friends in The Busy Bees quilting group happily get into the holiday spirit. As they arrange three romantic surprises, they pray their Cupid's arrows will hit their marks.

Valentine's Day proves to be nothing less than unforgettable for several couples in Magnolia Harbor. On this special occasion, will they decide to take a chance on love?