

## Castle of Whispers

When Sofia Parker is presented with a valuable heirloom trunk on the eve of her grandmother's funeral, she is stunned. She never thought she'd be chosen as the next guardian. For generations, the trunk and the precious silk quilt hidden inside it have been protected by the women of her family - all highly skilled in the art of needlework and worthy of the honor.

But Sofia, a 41-year-old mother of four, still struggles to thread a needle in less than ten tries and limits her sewing to buttons and patches. And yet Sofia's grandmother chose her.

Tales about the priceless quilt have been spun at every family gathering for as long as Sofia can remember. But no one ever mentioned the diary hidden within its folds, recorded by her great-grandmother in 1913. Rich with history, the words of the diary reveal the fascinating story behind each piece of the quilt's tapestry and the women whose lives it touched.

One story in particular catches Sofia's eye - the one that claims to know the true identity of the Mona Lisa. According to the diary, a swatch of her dress was stitched into the quilt. Sofia's ancestor Caterina Vasari, a talented seamstress, was said to be a friend of the famed model and knew why her true identity had been kept secret. The diary weaves a captivating tale of family secrets, opulent castles, clandestine romance, and a shocking mystery. But can it possibly be true? If so, it would mean the heirloom quilt is worth millions!

With a little help from her friends in the Pinot Painters art group, Sofia sets out to learn the truth. But it soon becomes clear that someone with ill intent is interested in her research and in getting their hands on the quilt. Will her grandmother's cryptic warning that danger is coming become a reality?

## Decadent Deceit

When Sofia Parker volunteered to use her artistic talents to help create props for her son's school play, she didn't expect to find herself in the middle of a mystery. But that's exactly what happens when someone tries to sabotage the production, and things take a dangerous turn for the star of the show. The play's tyrannical director is of little help getting to the bottom of it, refusing to see what is really happening and alienating everyone with an overbearing attitude fit for a queen. To make matters worse, she appears to have it in for Sofia.

At the same time, Sofia is busy researching the second square in her family's prized heirloom quilt. Recently named as the next guardian of the antique cassone that houses the priceless quilt and the old diary that accompanies it, Sofia is determined to learn the true history behind each swatch.

According to the diary, her ancestor Cerise Belanger served in the court of Marie Antoinette, and a fabric swatch stitched in the quilt came directly from the royal court of France in 1789. Much like Sofia, Cerise finds herself in the middle of a mystery involving the often-tyrannical queen, certain nobles who reside at the Palace of Versailles ... and murder.

But Cerise has an agenda of her own. She must find a way to stay out of harm's way, remain in the queen's favor, and fulfill her dying father's wishes all while still being true to her own heart. Will Cerise's story inspire in Sofia the courage she needs to deal with the tyranny in her own life? Join Sofia and her good friends of the Pinot Painters artist group as they set out to solve the mysteries of the present and the past, and make a heartwarming discovery along the way.

## Patchwork of Lies

Apple Grove is preparing for the inaugural autumn Apple Festival, and the town is abuzz with excitement as tourists arrive for the four-day event. The festival, highlighted with a street craft fair, a weekend parade, and a concert by pop star Angel Lewis, becomes the focus of a murder investigation when a body is discovered beneath one of the floats.

Shannon McClain, owner of Paisley Craft Market & Artist Lofts, is pushed into the investigation when she first discovers a burglary-in-progress at the Apple Grove Inn owned by Betty Russo, a member of the Purls of Hope knitting group. Is it purely coincidence that the two crimes occurred so close together, or is there some sort of sinister connection between them?

Betty is emotionally distraught by the burglary and by the arrival of a mysterious box of quilts crafted by her sister, Helen, but containing no message. Estranged from the family when Betty was only a child, Helen hasn't been heard from in more than forty years, and Betty's hope for reconciliation hangs in limbo. Could the box of quilts mean Helen has died, leaving Betty to mourn for a sister she barely knew?

Shannon, as the only witness to the burglary, feels shadowed -- as if the criminal is out to eliminate her threat to his freedom. But the discovery of a murder raises the stakes to a deadly game of cat and mouse -- and Shannon isn't sure if she is the cat or the mouse.

Michael Stone, the dashing security consultant who is providing security for the young singer set to headline the festival's concert, warns Shannon to watch her back, but the fiery Scot once again finds herself in the crosshairs of danger as she plunges into the mysterious crimes. Join Shannon and the Purls as they work to sort out this *Patchwork of Lies*.