

His Right Hand by Mette Ivie Harrison Reviewed by Jamie

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Part 2 in A Linda Wallheim Mystery series, Mystery

Give a summary without spoilers!

Linda Wallheim resides just outside of the city of Draper nestled in Utah's Salt Lake Valley. She's the classic archetype of a Utah woman: the bishop's wife, the loving mother to a boatload of children, and a fantastic baker. Due to her role in church, Linda attends an annual dinner with the members of the bishopric and their wives. Over the course of the meal, Linda notices tension between Carl Ashby, one of the members of the bishopric and his wife, Emma. She grows increasingly worried that Carl is abusing his wife. As a result of her caring nature, Linda stays up worried about the situation when she is met with the ping of her cell phone: a call from Emma. Carl is dead. Linda begins to wonder: was there foul play involved? And who killed Carl Ashby?

What drew you to this book?

The setting and the detailing of the Mormon faith throughout the storyline drew me in. I have a passion for learning about different religions and the cultures with which they correspond. However, I've recently grown tired of my usual nonfiction reads and wanted to pick up a fiction read. This book did a really great job of combining mystery and commentary on religion and culture!

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

This read reminded me of a game of Clue. With every chapter, there were new twists and turns which left me guessing until the very end. Furthermore, the sheer amount of characters added to this feeling of resemblance.

To whom would you recommend this book?

His Right Hand by Mette Ivie Harrison would be great for someone just getting into reading, for it's easy to put down and pick up again without becoming confused and the twists, turns, and drama are incredibly entertaining. There are some mildly graphic scenes.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

Yes, I loved this book and absolutely recommend it to others!

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

I found this book through the local library, but on the app. I enjoyed reading it digitally because it helped me read more consistently, since I didn't have to lug a book around.