



NANCY: Another lighter read for our book club. I read this book slowly, taking time for recreation. I enjoyed following the mystery, thinking I'm going to try my hand at this. My first book has some mystery. This one seemed to have all the twists and turns of a good plot. Red herrings, murder and mayhem, and strategies to keep you guessing who did it until the very end with that Aha moment. Some interesting characters with a variety of topics including pirates, a beauty shop, a fashion show and historical preservation. Quite a mix!



PRISCILLA: I never knew that people could die getting a facial! Isn't that just awful? But I enjoyed Marva's shop and all of the ladies. Loved the fashion show, too. I think you'll enjoy this book. A good read for a stormy night. Scary!



ABIGAIL: I didn't like the violence. So many people got killed off in this book, and it just didn't all seem so necessary. I guess that's what happens when you're writing a mystery. And I know people like a good crime novel. This certainly had the detectives, and the lay detective, too. But I just don't get it. It's not a good thing to focus on people getting murdered.



MOLLY: Hmm. All the drama around historic preservation in this book I found interesting. There's usually some controversy with this and no exception here. Some people just want to make money. That tends to conflict with historic preservation which is pricey but not always lucrative. What she really doesn't deal with is the other side—of needing development to benefit the people in the city.



KATHARINE: Loved the incorporation of pirate history, treasures lurking off the coast of Florida. Wouldn't that be fun to go on an archaeological dig in the ocean, ladies?



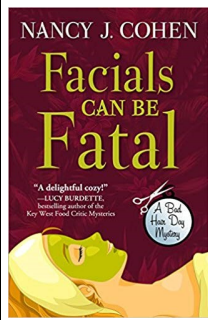
JANE: Hear! Hear! First scuba diving lessons all around. Once you're all certified, we can take a trip to Florida. I'll hire the boat and dive guide and maybe we can find ourselves a treasure. I'll make millionaires out of the rest of you, and then I won't have to be paying for everything all the time!



SALLIE: I don't think so. Didn't you read the treasures belong to the State? I kept wondering where were all the children in this book. Just a baby and a 12 year old and they just seemed to be out of the picture most of the time. I guess that's what happens in adult fiction about murder? Leave the kids out of it. Probably better.



Discussion Guide



About the Book

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Questions for Discussion

1. What were your general impressions of this book?
 2. Cohen promotes her book as “Mystery and Romance with a Florida Flair”. Did you find these elements in her book? What did you enjoy about each of these aspects?
 3. What did you think about the pirate aspect of this story? What do you know about pirates? Did the book pique your interest in any way?
 4. Another theme of the book is historic preservation. How did that play out in this book? How does it play out in your town? Is that a passion of yours? Why or why not?
 5. What did you enjoy about this book? Does the author do humor well? Why or why not?
 6. How would you rate this book as mystery? Did the mystery part of the book unfold like you think a good mystery should? Why or why not?
 7. What do you think were the author’s goals in writing this book?
 8. If you wrote a mystery with a romance flair, what would you write?
 9. Read over the MAMs comments on the book. Which of them do you most agree with and why?
 10. In what ways, if any, will this change your life or perspective?
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