

ORIGINAL BOOK BLURB BY THE AUTHOR

Synopsis: All isn't merry and bright for Robin Pearce since she moved back to the small town of River Sutton, bought a shabby farmhouse, started a new business and a thrilling new romance with handsome Sheriff Chris Payne, her high school crush.

But she's broke and bills are coming due. With no income and no prospects, Robin agrees to attend her sister Jenn's Christmas party to welcome socialite guests to her new bed-and-breakfast, Cardinal Cottage, thinking she can drum up leads.

Just as Robin suspected, the guests are wealthy and snobby. One of them even picks a fight with Jenn's wife! After plenty of cocktails and a traditional Christmas dinner, the evening finally ends.

However, the next morning a dead body is discovered in the pond. You guessed it. The woman who argued with Jenn's wife! The guests are trapped at the B and B with a murder looming over them during the investigation, leaving them vulnerable to danger and high emotion.

When Chris reluctantly arrests Deb for the murder, it's up to Robin to prove her innocence. Even it means putting her new romance with Chris at risk.

With an old nemesis making a reappearance and her romance with Chris at stake, will Robin be able to unmask the killer before there's another victim?

MY RE-WITTEN SYNOPSIS

Robin Pearce must solve a holiday murder to save her sister, her romance, and herself.

Robin Pearce hoped for a fresh start when she returned to River Sutton, snapping up a dilapidated farmhouse and launching a new business venture. Life seemed promising with a blossoming relationship with Sheriff Chris Payne—her old high school crush—adding a spark to her days. But with finances dwindling and bills stacking up, Robin is stretched thin and desperate for opportunities.

To turn her luck around, Robin attends her sister Jenn's festive Christmas party at Cardinal Cottage, the recently opened bed-and-breakfast. The guest list features affluent socialites, but their airs and attitudes make for a tense atmosphere. After cocktails and a classic holiday feast, tempers flare, culminating in a heated argument between one guest and Jenn's wife, Deb.

When morning breaks, disaster strikes—a body is found floating in the pond. The victim: the very guest who clashed with Deb the night before. Suddenly, everyone is confined to the B&B as the investigation gets underway, tensions soar, and suspicions fester in the close quarters.

Sheriff Payne, now faced with a tough decision, apprehends Deb for the murder. Believing in Deb's innocence, Robin takes it upon herself to uncover the truth—even if it jeopardizes her relationship with Chris. As an old adversary re-enters her life and the stakes rise, Robin must race against time to reveal the real culprit before another tragedy befalls River Sutton.

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