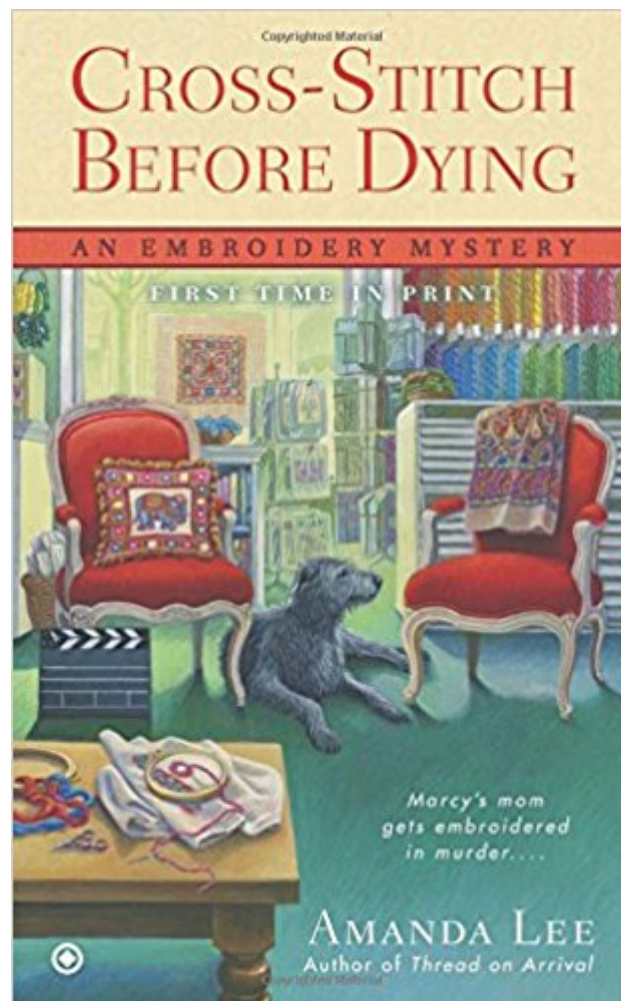




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Cross-Stitch Before Dying: An Embroidery Mystery



Synopsis

Embroidery shop owner Marcy Singer is about to find out that show biz and sew biz don't mix! Marcy's mom Beverly is the costume designer for a lavish, Bollywood-style production...and she suggests Tallulah Falls as a great place to shoot part of the film. Everyone at the embroidery shop, and around town, is in a flutter that a glamorous movie production is taking place in their midst. But when the star of the film is found murdered, the police suspect Marcy's mom, who made it no secret she did not care for the diva's attitude regarding her wardrobe. Marcy might as well issue an open call for suspects, because the star had a long list of enemies. To save her mom's career and keep her from accessorizing with handcuffs, Marcy and her friends will need to stitch together the clues to catch one crafty killer who may have designs on Marcy next!

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Amanda Lee is the national bestselling author of the Embroidery Mysteries, including The Stitching Hour, Wicked Stitch, and Thread End.

This sixth book in the 'An Embroidery Mystery' series was far more complex than a difficult cross-stitch pattern. Marcy Singer is no stranger to Hollywood drama as her mother, Beverly, is an award winning costumer for the industry. In fact Marcy named her embroidery store 'The Seven-Year-Stitch.' However, when Beverly phones Marcy and asks for her and her stitching club to help her work on costumes for the life story of a famed Bollywood actress, Marcy is excited. There is one drawback...the head actress for the production is not a, shall we say, nice person. In fact, as Marcy quickly learns, no one seems to like her. After being overheard in a loud argument, Beverly is listed on the A-list of possible suspects when the nasty actress is found murdered! Marcy and her entourage quickly jump on doing their own investigation. This book had twists and turns that kept me in suspense as I began to wonder if Beverly was the culprit. I was surprised and satisfied with the ending. Now to await the next volume!

I enjoy these books about the cross stitch store owner who is constantly solving murders to help her policeman boyfriend, or just ease her overactive sense of civic duty. The books are fast reads, the characters are well developed and likeable. However I confess to loving the Irish Wolfhound the main character has as a pet as much as any character or plot. These books might be easy reads but they are well written, enjoyable books.

I am very disappointed. I paid almost \$7.00 for the kindle version of this book. It should have been priced at 1.99. It was a light weight mystery, I had figured out who the killer was by the middle of the book. Ms. Lee seems to have limited knowledge of embroidery. If she was doing a Monet masterpiece for her mother she would have done it in counted not stamped cross stitch. The ending was hurried as though the author needed to get the book done in order to meet her deadline. The killer's motives were vague for one who was described as sly and thoughtful in his actions. I enjoy this genre of mysteries but in the future I will pass on anymore selections from this author.

I really appreciated the lack of obligatory sex scenes which most often do nothing to advance a story. The story itself was good but somehow it was a bit difficult for me to read. Perhaps that was because this was the first book I've read in this series. I will probably read another novel or two by this author.

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Great, easy summer reading. Would get a little boring in places, but overall fun to read.

I really enjoy this series. In this installment, Marcie's costumer Mom is working on a Bollywood style production and enlists the embroiderers for help. When the hated star of the flick is killed and Marcie's Mom stands as the accused, it's time for some sleuthing. The one thing about this series that keeps it from being 5 star is Marcie's supposed best friend Sadie is kind of a witch and I hate just about every "scene" she's in.

I read all the books in this series and very much enjoyed them. The characters were fun to get to know. Hopefully, there will be more books.

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