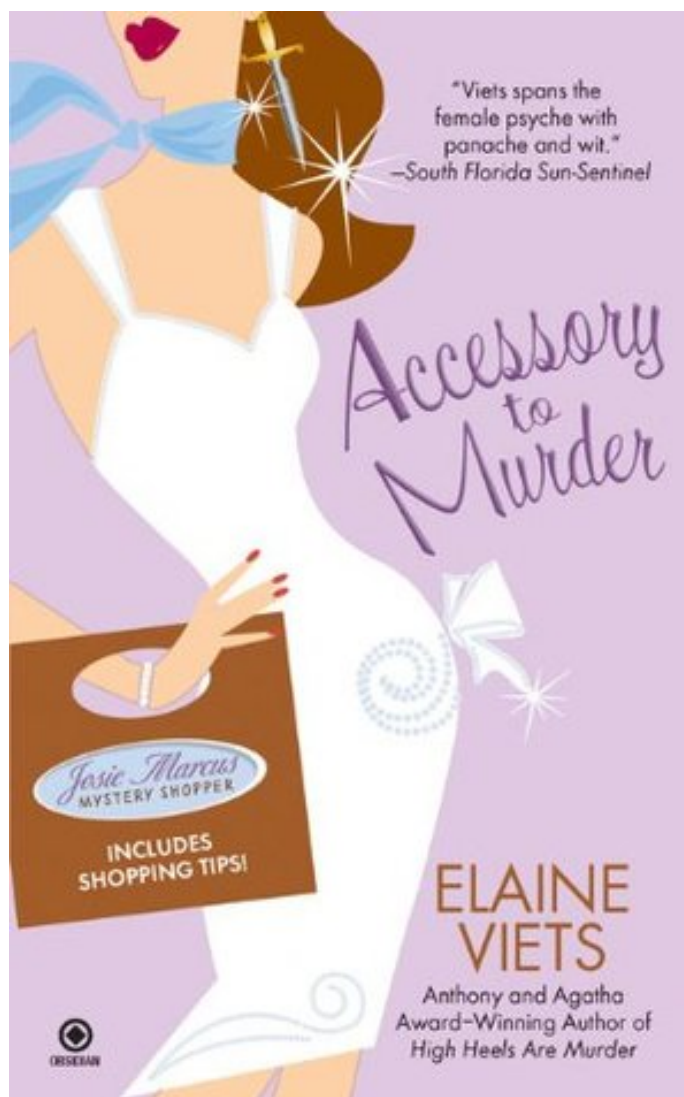

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Description

Someone has killed Halley Hardwicke, the hot young designer of thousand-dollar Italian silk scarves, in the mall parking lot-and police have their eye on Jake, the husband of Josie's best friend Alyce. The couple lived near the wrap maven, but it seems Halley and Jake were a little too neighborly.

So Josie decides to do what she does best to help out her friend-go undercover and see if she can find some clues. Because this time, there's a lot more at stake than a scarf, even if it's to die for...

Insightful reviews

M. Myers: Here's a mystery that delivers plenty of fun along with good plotting and exceptionally strong writing. The concept of a sleuth who's a mystery shopper initially struck me as fluffy, however Josie Marcus is anything but. She's wry, resilient, and believable as a single mom who endures lousy assignments to provide for herself and her child. Meanwhile her best friend, Alyce, lives a pampered life in a gated community. When Alyce's husband becomes prime suspect in the murder of an ambitious young designer, Josie attempts to prove his innocence – even though she privately thinks he may be guilty. Shopping bores me, but this mystery didn't.

KarschtI: This is a classic tale of: Amateur solves crime.

The amateur in this case is Josie Marcus, who does mystery shopping for a living. As we soon learn, this profession can be glamorous, but in most cases it's not, since also Dollar-Stores, Supermarkets and (horrible) Fast Food Chains request mystery shopper.

But it sure is a nice change to have a protagonist have a different kind of job once in a while.

The mystery is not overly dramatic, and somehow the story not really gripping. Meaning I wasn't really thrilled to find out who might be the killer. Creation of suspense didn't work for me.

However, it was still nice reading the book.

Toni berkshire: This was one of my favorites by Elaine Viets. Again she writes about mystery shopper, Josie, who lives in St. Louis and solves mystery there. Love her references to St. Louis area and tips on when and how to shop. Her characters are very realistic and remind me of people I have met.

Ed: #3 within the secret customer series. This sequence suffers compared to writer Viets' lifeless finish task series. A operating type St. Louis local with a median neighbor, a boorish boss and a daughter with aspirations above her moms pockets have a difficult time evaluating to Florida lifestyles with evenings with solid corporation and wine round a pool and a parade of other jobs whilst any boors are killed or changed via the following sequence entry. That said, Josie Marcus does her most sensible and the result's a readable series. Mystery client sequence - an individual has killed Halley Hardwicke, the fashion designer of thousand-dollar silk scarves,

within the mall parking zone - and police have their eye on Jake, the husband of Josie's ally Alyce. So Josie comes to a decision to do what she does top to assist out her friend-go undercover and notice if she will locate a few clues.

Erin: This was once pleasing like such a lot of Elaine Viets's books, yet i discovered this one spent an excessive amount of time emphasizing the diversities among existence and perceptions in Maplewood vs. West County. possibly it do not need stood out to me as a lot if i did not stay in St. Louis. Still, enjoyable, and if you are analyzing her secret buyer series, a necessary read.

Julie: i am lovely hooked on this series! 3 in a row is uncommon for me in any series. whilst a skilled author combines a very good concept with the appropriate words.....wonderfull!

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