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The Russell House



Synopsis

When Roxanne Russell's mother dies, her father is away on a business trip. The young military widow leaves dozens of messages for her father but receives no response. Looking for a copy of her mother's obituary, Roxie reads an article in the newspaper and discovers her entire life is a web of lies, secrets, and deceit. The story sends her off in search of the truth about the man she idolized. She drives to her father's birthplace "Manhattan, Kansas" and moves into her grandmother's huge, three-story, hundred-and-fifty-year-old house. It's been vacant for decades, but Roxie begins to believe she's not the only occupant. She doesn't know if there's an intruder or if the spirit of her grandmother is watching over her. In only a matter of days, someone has made several attempts on her life. She calls in her best friend, Janice Tallchief "retired on a disability from the Kansas City Police Department" to act as her bodyguard. Can Jan and Roxie unravel the mystery before the killer succeeds?

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Customer Reviews

Donna Foley Mabry tells a great story indeed. In this book I found myself back in Manhattan, Kansas with the descendants of those long ago settlers we read about in earlier books. I love the

present day setting of those historic houses and the people whose lives are intertwined with those who came before. Roxie is shocked by family secrets that come to light after her mother's death. In shock and grief she travels to Manhattan to get answers to her mysteries. She not only gets answers but finds love, family and strength. She finds her heritage and her future. Tell me more Ms. Mabry. I do love your tales.

Roxy Russell's problems seem to grow as each moment passes. Her father's death leaves more questions than she has answers, and Roxie's not one to leave things to mend on their own. Love the characters, twists, and the clues. This will have you guessing until the end. A fun read! fun? Sh-h. Don't tell grandma!

This was so-so in my opinion. Being a step mother it is hard for me to believe that a family would embrace someone from their father's other life so closely and so quickly. It did not hold much suspense and it was fairly easy to figure out the guilty party in the story. I found several errors like the last name of the "girlfriend". First she was "Fender" and then she became "Fenton" and some other little things that did not follow. That just is an annoyance. Not one of Mabry's best.

This book was fabulous. Donna is such an amazing writer! I honestly could not put this book down. I even called my dog "Roxie" on accident! I can't wait for her next book, she is by my favorite author.

Great story that kept me coming back. Wasn't into the love story interwoven but it wasn't bad. Definitely tame and not a bodice ripper, which is why I kept reading. There were a few flaws that irritated me. The author contradicted herself several times. I found that difficult to follow. Overall it was a good book I ordered by mistake that turned into a book I really enjoyed.

Rich people, complicated family dynamics. Greed, deceit, loose morals --whatever it takes to satisfy personal needs. Someone should have told them murder is not a tool to fix a relationship, but then... A good read.

In this story Donna has returned to her 'roots'...a good old fashioned mystery. Her earlier works, The Alexandra Merritt Mysteries..The Last Two Aces in Las Vegas, The Las Vegas Desert Flower, The Las Vegas Special, Rough Ride in Vegas...etc. were delightful mysteries. In the Russell House she has added some drama and money! She has combined Kansas with Nevada in a way that only Ms.

Mabry can do. Enjoy!

I've read and enjoyed all of Mabry's other books, but was disappointed with this one. The plot was thin, there were some implausible characters and implausible acts, and the romances were just plain juvenile drivel. Mabry is such a skillful writer that I often wondered if she actually wrote this or if another author "borrowed" her name for this less-than-stellar work.

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