

Murder With a Psychic Touch (A Wonder Springs Cozy Mystery, #1) by B.T. Alive

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My rating: 3 stars

I received an ARC of this book from the author and this is my review.

I have read and thoroughly enjoyed the 3 books in Bill Alive's "Empath Detective" series so I was happy to receive the ARC of the first book of a new series to read and review. Although this is not exactly the type of mystery that I would normally choose to read I have to say that I quite liked this story and it sure made a great change of pace from my usual mystery reading. As is the case with Bill's other books this is a very well proofread and edited book and I only found 1 minor typo which I reported and which Bill assured me would be corrected before publication. While this has many of the normal elements of a Cozy mystery such as a small unique location, a collection of offbeat and wacky characters and animals, an amateur sleuth and a detective trying to keep her out of his rather ineffective investigation it is perhaps just a bit too gritty to be a true Cozy. I didn't find quite as much humour as in the Empath series but it sure is a fun read anyway. Perhaps there are a few too many characters and a bit too much weird stuff happening and I wonder if Summer or whatever her name is ever did get anything to eat but all the suspects and supernatural powers sure kept her busy up until the big twist and surprise ending that I never saw coming. Summer better learn how to control her "gift" or new boyfriend, Cade, is going to be overworked! Hard to pick a favourite character out of this bunch but I think "Keegan" is a hoot! OK he's not an owl! I thought it was neat that Vivianne from Back Mosby found her way into Wonder Springs and perhaps the Meredith family could use some help from Mark and Pete in their war. I'll read more in this series but I'd sure like more in the Empath series which I still think I like better.