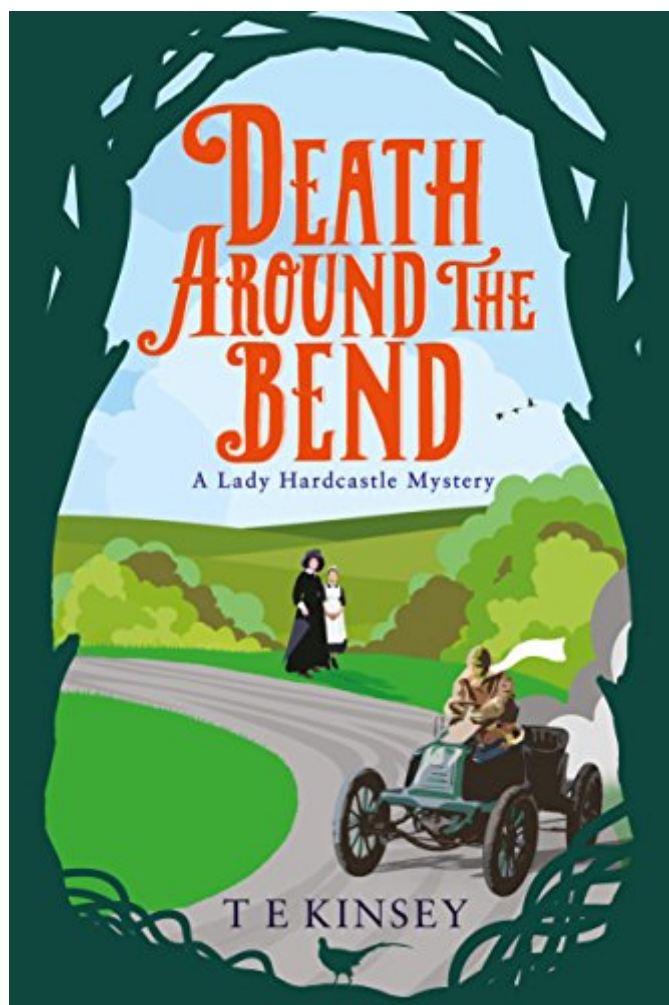


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Synopsis

September 1909, and Lady Hardcastle and her maid, Florence, have been invited to Lord Riddlethorpe's country estate for a week of motor racing and parties. They both agree that it sounds like a perfectly charming holiday. But when one of the drivers dies in a crash during the very first race, they discover that what seemed like an uncharacteristic error in judgement may have a more sinister explanation. Closer investigation reveals that the driver's car was sabotaged and the driver murdered. The local constabulary are quick to dismiss the case, but Flo and Lady Hardcastle are determined to find out just who has committed this dastardly act, and why. As the pair begin to make enquiries of Lord Riddlethorpe's servants and guests, it seems that, below stairs and above, there is more to this case than meets the eye. And, even in the quiet of the countryside, death is always just around the bend.

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Customer Reviews

These stories are well written and entertaining. It's kind of Jeeves and Wooster but the aristocrat, on

this case, is not a bumbling idiot. The characters are well crafted, the plots have some twists and I did not figure out the final outcome ahead of time, which is always more satisfying. Some of the humor (they are funny, by the way) is uniquely English but translates reasonably well and the Englishness does not distract. I like them well enough to have them all and will read any future offerings.

This was another good story, except there were too many maids and other servants to keep you confused. Every guest had her own maid and the house servants were plentiful enough that you forgot who was the cook, the assistant to the cook and so on. I wish authors of these manor house stories would include a map of the house both indoor and outside. The murderer was, a surprise. I thought the idea of a private race track was different.

I love this series! The characters are really good and well developed. It is a light cozy mystery and I have enjoyed all of the books so far. Look forward to the next one. I love how it takes place in a small village even though the main characters do travel around, as they do in this book. I love that it takes place in the early 1900s and how the author refers to that time often in her descriptions.

What a great fun read. Lady Hardcastle and her maid/friend/fellow south Flo are off to the races in this one. But alas, foiled again. Instead of getting to do any racing they end up in the middle of a crash that turns out to be murrnder! One murder leads to another. But who is the culprit? You'd be very surprised as was I!! If you want to be entertained, you'll love these two women!!

Once again, a fun light delight from T E Kisey. I enjoy these lady hardcastle books very much and this was no different. I did think that the "B" plot line in the beginning and end of the book was redundant and there was once again quite a lot of suspension of belief. I mean what the hell is wrong with the police in those towns?? And also why in god's name if you are going "under cover" working with the servant to get information about the murder, would you tell everyone that you are investigating the murder?? And then pretty much tell EVERYONE exactly what you found and what are your suspicions?? That part was rather stupid. However, Lady hardcastle is still great, Flo is funny and smart and their relationship is strong and makes for a good humor that is part of what makes those books enjoyable.

This is the 3rd book I have read by this author. I love the humor and the twists of a thrilling

believable plot and heroines. The story is about Lady Hardcastle, sleuth extraordinaire, but told from her maid's perspective. Their relationship is delightful. I found myself giggling, chortling, and laughing out loud often while reading.

A delightful read! The British vocabulary lends an unexpectedly quirky touch to the narrative, and made me smile. I ADORE Armstrong, and Lady Hardcastle is an interesting blend of genteel lady, sometime detective, friend....and airhead. Halfway through, I ordered the next two books in the series, and am saddened that I've already finished them, too. If you want a quick read mystery that is just too fun, by all means, get this one! And the other two, as well.

Another great outing for Lady Hardcastle and Flo. This time solving murders most foul at Codrington estate. Race cars, night time assignations, burgeoning love for Lady H's brother, too. Flo uses a skill she learned from her circus performer of a father to settle the hash of the culprit. A good read!

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