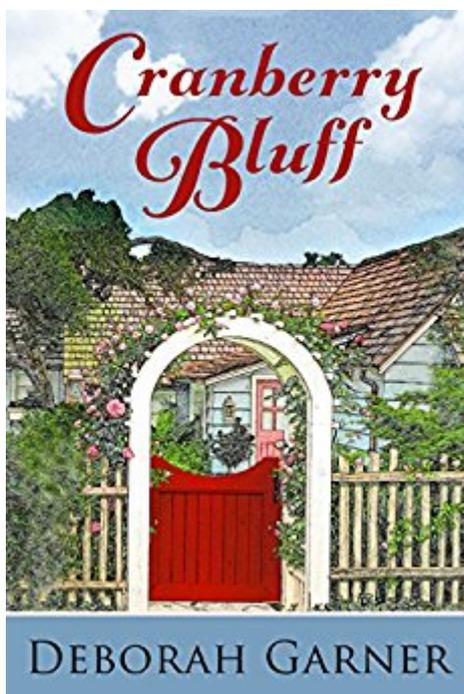


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# Cranberry Bluff



## Synopsis

Molly Elliott's quiet life in Tallahassee, Florida, is disrupted when routine errands land her in the wrong place at the wrong time: the middle of a bank robbery. Accused and cleared of the crime, she flees both media attention and mysterious, threatening notes, to move across the country to Cranberry Cove, where she has inherited her Aunt Maggie's bed and breakfast on the Northern California coast. Her new beginning is peaceful - that is, until five guests show up at the inn for a weekend, each with a hidden agenda. Mix together one blushing honeymoon couple, one flamboyant boutique owner, a deadpan traveling salesman, and a charmingly handsome novelist, and there's more than scones cooking at Cranberry Cottage Bed and Breakfast. As true motives become apparent, will Molly's past come back to haunt her or will she finally be able to leave it behind?

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## Customer Reviews

The fun of this book is the ongoing contrast between a cute, boutique-y tourist town and the almost cartoonish scale of intrigue that unfolds. Now, less tastefully written, this could have drawn eyerolls

and oh-please's-- but author Deborah Garner plays it out with a light touch that kept me smiling. Not at the edge of my seat (low on suspense); not invested in one character's plight (it's a true ensemble cast); but happy enough to spend a few hours at this pleasant B&B, where kooky characters advance their secret missions. Sadie Kramer was my favorite. (And next time I'm at a B&B, I'll be wondering what the guests are all really up to!) Before beginning my book blog I'd never heard the phrase "cozy mystery," but I think that this novel must epitomize it. "Cozy" is certainly the word... Oh yes, and there's lots of food in here, too. Mushroom-and cheese frittatas, Reuben sandwiches, chicken pot pie, cranberry scones, wine and cheese. Read it while you're hungry! A (brief) cookbook is appended.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It's a fun read about a woman who has inherited her aunt's bed and breakfast on the California coast, and uses it as an opportunity to escape a very unpleasant situation from her previous life in Tallahassee. Or at least she thinks she's escaped it. Until it starts catching up with her. Her five most recent guests get odder and odder, and the plot unfolds very nicely. The characters were all colorful and believable, and the descriptions of the bed and breakfast made it come to life. The story twists and turns and the accelerating situations are both funny and alarming. I'm looking forward to the next book already, knowing one of these characters will be the star. I'm also looking forward to trying the delicious cranberry recipes that are included at the end of the book. Disclosure: I received an advance copy in exchange for an honest review.

I didn't quite know what to expect with this book. It starts with guests arriving at a cozy bed and breakfast in northern California. Once they've arrived and we've briefly met them, we start learning true identities and interior motives. None of the guests are who they originally appear to be. I enjoyed getting to know each of them. Some were more sinister than others. Some of them know each other from previous interactions but they have their reasons for not letting on that they know each other. There's one that's quite elusive and we actually don't find out his motive until close to the end. I loved Molly! She lived in Tallahassee, Florida and worked for an ad agency. One day when she took the deposit to the bank, she wound up right in the middle of a bank robbery. Unfortunately, she looked similar to the robber so she was a suspect for a time. She was cleared and moved to northern California when her Aunt Maggie died to run her bed and breakfast. Her plan is to start over but someone isn't willing to let that happen. Molly is oblivious to what's going on for a while, but hunky guest Bryce Winslow is about to change her world in multiple ways. I loved guessing what was going on and what would happen in the end. It took some twists and turns and I

didn't figure it out, so I really enjoyed the ending. I loved that it moved quickly and that made it hard for me to put down. Aunt Maggie would always give her guests a cookbook when they left so a nice bonus at the end was a copy of "Aunt Maggie's Cranberry Cottage Cookbook" with fourteen cranberry recipes--yum!! If you like a good, clean mystery with fun characters, you'll want to read this one!!! received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Molly Elliott feels at home in Cranberry Cove. She loves running the Bed and Breakfast that she inherited from her aunt. She left her life in Tallahassee after she was a suspect in a bank robbery. The threats that followed made her afraid. Thank goodness that's behind her. Or is it? Cranberry Bluff has a highly intriguing plot and is filled with skillfully crafted characters. No one is what they seem. I was pulled into the story as I tried to understand who each character was and what they wanted. Deborah Garner is an excellent writer who does a marvelous job. I enjoyed this engaging story which is filled with misdirection and red herrings. I was stunned by the ending. I never saw it coming. Cranberry Bluff is enjoyable from start to finish. This book is a keeper.

This review first appeared on my blog Christy's Cozy Corners. I loved this book! It is such a cute mystery with very interesting characters. Poor Molly! She's a creature of habit and that gets her into a lot of trouble when the bank she frequents is robbed. You see, the robber looks just like she does! After putting up with being arrested and blamed for what she didn't do, she moves to Cranberry Cove to run the bed and breakfast she inherited from her aunt. When the guests begin to arrive, they are an interesting lot. A pair of newlyweds who are all gushy, a 60 something flamboyant lady, an OCD "salesman?", and a suave writer fill the bed and breakfast. As the story progresses, more and more is revealed about the folks staying at Molly's place. Will the mystery be solved? Who really robbed the bank? Was Molly really in on it? All of this takes place in the cozy town of Cranberry Cove. I love the setting of this cute book. I want to run (or at least visit) Molly's bed and breakfast! It is a cozy place, and Molly's recipes (that were her aunt's) sound delicious! They are included at the end of the story. Eleanor's and Ocean sound like yummy places to visit too! If you love mysteries, this is one for you. It is cute and clean and fast moving. If you're like I am, you'll easily read it in a couple of days. I definitely recommend this one!

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