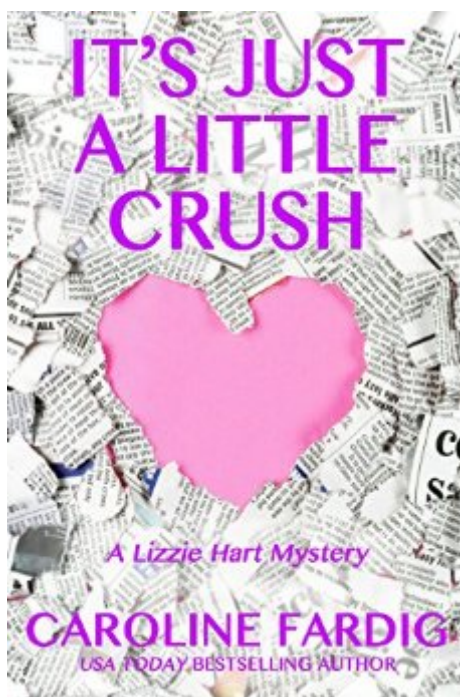


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It's Just A Little Crush (Lizzie Hart Mysteries Book 1)



Synopsis

Meet Lizzie Hart. Small town girl...big time problems.Hindered only by her raging crush on the office hunk, wannabe sleuth Lizzie Hart spies, accuses, and gossips her way to the truth in bestselling author Caroline Fardig's first book of The Lizzie Hart Mysteries Series!The sleepy town of Liberty hasn't seen murder in...well...ever. Residents are stunned when the body of a young woman is found strangled, and reporters at the Liberty Chronicle are thrilled, rather disturbingly, over the biggest news story to hit town this century.Lizzie Hart has even bigger problems. Lately, she can't seem to concentrate on her job as copy editor at the Chronicle with the new hunky investigative reporter, Blake Morgan, swaggering around the office. How can a girl work when she's using all of her energy combating Blake-induced hot flashes and struggling to repress the giggly inner schoolgirl that's constantly rearing her dorky head? It's a good thing that Blake barely knows Lizzie exists.After an odd string of events, however, Lizzie begins to wonder if Blake is really as fabulous as she has fantasized. When Lizzie and Blake find a co-worker dead, Blake's personality changes completely--and not in a good way. Even though the police rule the death as an accident, Lizzie immediately suspects foul play and senses a connection to the recent murder. She is determined to bring the killer to justice, but is having some trouble getting her Nancy Drew on thanks to the pesky stalker she's picked up--Blake Morgan. Wait, didn't she want him to follow her around and pay attention to her? Not like this. Blake has turned from cool and smooth to cold and downright scary, making Lizzie wonder if he should be next on her suspect list.

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Customer Reviews

This is a good mystery that pulls you right in. Anyone who lives or has lived in a small town will fall right into Lizzie's way of thinking. The only thing I didn't like was there is no real ending. which means it continues in yet another book.

I wasn't sure what to expect when I started reading this book. I had a feeling it was a stalker story that turned ugly. Boy was I wrong. It was an interesting murder story (multiple murders/attempts) that Lizzie decided she had to solve to get justice for the dead. Her stalker, Blake, turned out to be a good 'friend' as well as accomplice in crime solving. Lizzie is an enjoyable character who would be a wonderful friend. I liked this first book of the Lizzie Hart Mystery series so much, I immediately started reading book 2, That Old Black Magic. I recommend this book for anyone who likes murder, mysteries, as well as funny and sometimes bumbling heroines.

Not much happens in the small town of Liberty; certainly nothing exciting ever gets written in The Liberty Chronicle, the newspaper Lizzie works for as a copy editor. But that suddenly changes when a murder occurs just across the street, followed by a second one soon afterward. Lizzie knows dang well the second one is a murder, but the cops are calling it an accident. So what else can she do but find the murderer? Add to the mix the super sexy Blake Morgan who works as an investigative reporter for the newspaper. Lizzie has a mind-numbing crush on him but when she sees how much he's hurting from the second death and finds out he doesn't have any friends (he's new in town) she decides he needs a friend more than a lover. The mystery itself was good; the who and why was a total shock to me. And the relationship between Lizzie and Blake provides some sexual tension. But too much of the story involves their weird relationship with Lizzie's minute by minute changing attitude. I found it somewhat hard to keep up with why she's suddenly feeling the way she does at any given moment. Wow, did the author come up with some interesting characters. The antics of one in particular provide much of the humor. Read via Kindle Unlimited

Fun mix of romance and murder in small-town America. Likable characters and an interesting story.

I didn't guess who done it, which I often do. Just enough romance to make it sexy without being over the top. I definitely want to read more from this author.

This series is entertaining and a good read. One of my more favorite series of cozy mysteries. Have read them all so far and waiting on the next installment if that tells you anything. Recommend to anyone who reads to pass the time and wants to enjoy their time reading. Of course, these books can stand alone, but it's so much better to enjoy them from the start.

Just A Little Crush by Caroline Fardig is a fun read with just the right balance of mystery to romance. The main character is relatable, someone I would love to hang around with. The ending is unexpected and satisfying. A great summer read. It's Just a Little Crush (Lizzie Hart Mysteries)

I downloaded this as a sample and ended up buying it just to continue reading it. The author does a great job of keeping your interest and setting the mystery up. Lizzie Hart works for her hometown newspaper and has a crush on her coworker from Chicago. While trying to sell subscriptions at the fair, she finds one of her coworkers dead in a puddle of water. From this point on, it's a whodunit with situational and physical humor. The author did a great job of keeping you in suspense and developing the characters and their relationship with each other. I will definitely read her next book. Are you one that enjoys whodunits with humor and sarcasm? If so, you will love this one.

I must start by saying I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. I want to start by saying I don't normally read a "Cozy" detective novel and I don't normally read romance novels. So it was just my luck that when I opened "Just a Little Crush," it was both. I mean that I was lucky in the best possible way, since Carolyn Fardig's first book in the Lizzie Hart Mysteries series was well written, with solid, complex characters, interesting and believable dialogue and most important to me, a plot/storyline that did not require me to suspend disbelief beyond reason. Lizzie Hart is a cute character and one that is easy to like. The other characters are well-developed and you can easily see why Lizzie feels the way she does about each one. I won't talk much about the actual story, since I don't like to read spoilers, I try not to provide them. The editing in this book showed the difference between submitting the book to an actual, knowledgeable and experienced editor instead of simply running the manuscript through Word's Spelling and Grammar Checker and calling it edited, as so many self-published authors do today. 25% of the way through the book, I had the main suspect narrowed down to one of two

characters. Half-way through Carolyn had expertly guided me to one character as the suspect. With 10% left in the book I knew who had done it (and was right). My only complaint with the book was that the guilty party was revealed via Dues Ex Machina (or just well-hidden and purposely diverting attention). Since this is a standard ending in many cozy mysteries, I can't fault it too much. All-in-all, this was a great read that you will enjoy, even if you, like me, do not normally read cozy romance novels.

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