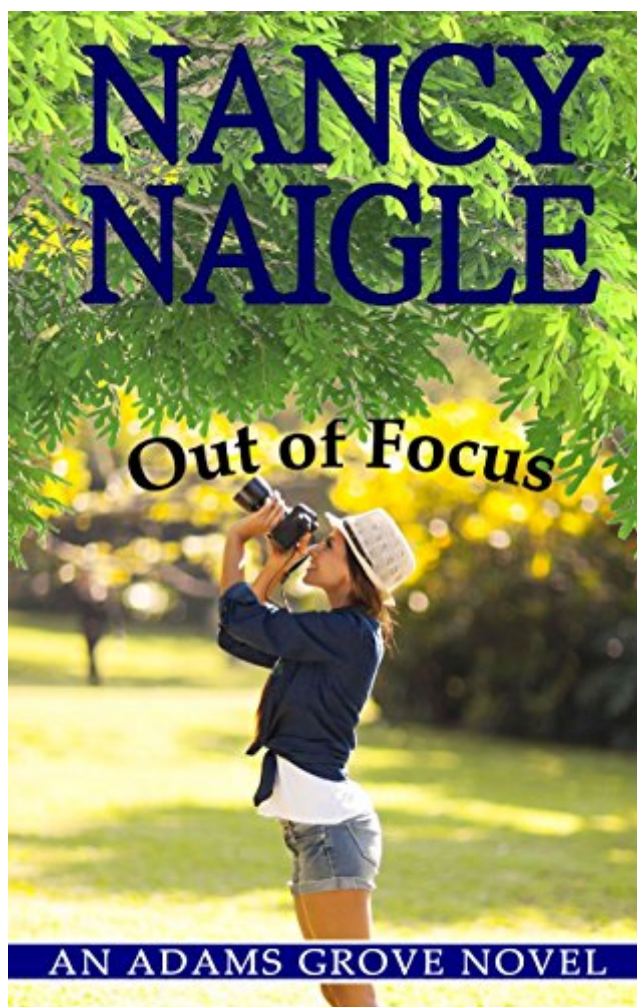


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Out Of Focus (An Adams Grove Novel Book 2)



Synopsis

Kasey Phillips thinks her biggest problem is deciding whether to photograph Cody Tuggle's honky-tonkin tour, until an accident on Route 58 claims the life of her husband. In a desperate race against time as a hurricane threatens the eastern seaboard, they search for her three-year-old son who is missing from the wreckage. A community and friends rally to help, but someone knows more than they are telling. Don't miss Pecan Pie and Deadly Lies, Cody Tuggle's story and the next in this series! This is a new release of a previously published edition.

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Customer Reviews

I liked her first book, Sweet Tea and Secrets, so I bought this one. What a mistake! None of it holds together - she has some other man's baby, but we never find out who the father is. The police aren't smart enough to send a sketch artist to the person who saw the woman who kidnapped her son. The FBI comes but then they are never heard about again. None of her friends seem to work, because they are always available. At the end, who is taking care of her grandmother whose caretaker commits suicide? Lastly, she goes on about 2 dates, and the guy proposes and she is thinking yes. What a terribly planned novel.

I absolutely loved this 2nd Adams Grove Novel, *Out of Focus*. It had me captured well into the night, and I could not put it down. It is filled with a heart wrenching loss of husband and missing son, mystery, and the friendship that exist in small towns. It had me on the edge of my seat!!! Thanks Nancy for another trip to that wonderful world of a small town, and for another wonderful read!!! I soo look forward to the next book. I highly advise everyone to make a cup of hot chocolate and snuggle down to enjoy a great mystery. P.S. Don't forget to try her recipies in the back of the book. Yummy!

Out of Focus is the title of Southern Author Nancy Naigle's second Adams Grove novel. Like her first book, *Sweet Tea and Secrets*, this book has a smooth storyline with a wonderful Southern voice. Unlike the first one, this book is a little more mystery and a little less romance. Both are equally good reads. This time we are introduced to Kasey, who is a new comer to Adams Grove. While on the road working as a photographer on tour with a country singing star, Kasey's husband has been having the folks in Adam's Grove build the perfect house for them and their son. When he is killed and their son, Jake, goes missing, Kasey moves into the house in Adams Grove to search for Jake. I actually enjoyed this book a little bit better since it was more of a mystery and less of a romance. I thought the mystery was well crafted. Although I guessed who the perpetrator was, it was not AS transparent as in the first book and the mystery had a little more depth to it. That said, I believe that the author played the romance part of the book just right. It would have been too strange to have Kasey get involved in a big romance so close to the death of her husband, and I believe it would have hurt the story for that to happen. Finally, although this book was also set in Adams Grove, to say that these books were are a series is a bit of a stretch. The overlap of characters between the two is very small. In fact, it was so small that it was a bit confusing as to which story came first. In addition, there was one disconnect between the two books that threw me for a loop for a while. I won't say anymore than that. The bottom line is that there were some characters in the first book that I would really like to get to know better, and I hope that the author continues to write about Adams Grove and includes some of those characters in future stories. Adams Grove is definitely a town that one would like to spend more time in as a reader and settle in as a character.

Having met the Adams Grove neighbors in the books that followed this one, I'm glad I mistakenly read them in reverse order. Although I'm not so sure but that I would have reacted the same as

Kasey regarding her missing son, I found I became impatient with her impatience. The author made Nick into such a saint, it's a wonder Kasey could ever visualize herself in a relationship with anyone else - ever. The villain became evident before I was half way through the book which didn't harm the plot necessarily, but I never actually bought into the closeness he was supposed to have with Kasey's family. The description of how and why lacked depth and I guess, if it had been me, I would have thrown him under the bus long before Kasey did, who by the way, managed to do it in two paragraphs once she digested the information. I liked the books that followed this one much better.

I have to admit that I wasn't sure going into reading this book what I was going to think. I was rather ambivalent after reading the first book because while it was decently written, I wasn't blown away by it. But I had the second book on the pile and decided to give it a shot. I'm glad to say that it was an improvement on the first book, but there were still some bits and pieces that irked me. I found that I had to suspend reality even more so in this one than in the previous one, but I found the mystery to be stronger. One of my biggest gripes I think was that I felt kind of mis-lead by the description on the book jacket - when it mentioned Hurricane Ernesto - I was kind of expecting more from it - that Kasey was going to be battling the wind and rain to find her son and that just didn't happen. I also didn't necessarily find her actions to be consistent with a woman who has had her son kidnapped - but since I'm not an expert in the field, maybe I'm wrong. It just didn't feel right...I also had an inkling of the who done it early on - although, I do think that this one was slightly less obvious than the one in book 1, in that, at one stage, I think I had identified 2-3 people who were possible, but the revelation wasn't all that surprising...I gave Out of Focus 3 stars, but it is on the lower end of that range.

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