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Sonnet OF THE Sphinx

A Poetic Death Mystery

by **Diana Killian**

Advanced Praise for SONNET OF THE SPHINX:

“Following *High Rhymes and Misdemeanors*, this pleasant installment in the Poetic Death saga starring unlikely lovers Grace Hollister, a literature teacher, and former jewel thief Peter Fox, offers generous portions of murder and mayhem without losing the composure of a traditional cozy...it is the appealing summertime setting of Britain’s Lake District, the enigmatic relationship between Grace and Peter and the possibility of a second suitor that give [SONNET OF THE SPHINX] its charm.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“This well-plotted novel is certain to appeal to mystery lovers everywhere.”

—*Romantic Times*, ★★★★★½

“The latest Poetic Death amateur sleuth tale is a delightful cozy...Grace is terrific as her enthusiasm for the romantic poets propel her...Several late twists add to a fun tale as the audience will wonder what the dynamic duo will find at the end of the journey; that is if they survive the quest.”

—**Harriet Klausner, chosen the #1 reader in the USA by BOOK Magazine**

“Join Grace and Peter on their romp to find the “lost” sonnet, avoid attempts on their lives, clear their names, and solve the mystery. Ms. Killian has crafted a delightful, charming read. [SONNET OF THE SPHINX], although part of a series, can be a stand alone...SONNET OF THE SPHINX is a fun, interesting read. Ms. Killian paints a brilliant picture with her words, such that you feel you are right there with Grace and Peter.

On a rating system of 1 to 5, I give it a 4.5.”

“This is the third in a delightful mystery series featuring an unlikely sleuth and her rogue of a boyfriend. Grace is an ordinary woman thrust into extraordinary circumstances and Peter is charming and intriguing. The combination of literary mystery and murder mystery will keep readers guessing, and the romantic element adds a dash of sweetness.”

—**Freshfiction.com**

“SONNET OF THE SPHINX is a well developed, fast paced, mystery thriller, complete with shadowy figures in the night, some very amusing and colorful characters, death threats on Grace’ life, cover ups, a relentless detective determined to pin the murder of Kayaci on Peter, some surprising discoveries, a little romance and a surprise ending.”

—**Allreaders.com**

“A great, quick mystery set in lovely England, I encourage readers to try Killian’s series for an amusing and enjoyable reading experience.”

—**Round Table Reviews**

In **SONNET OF THE SPHINX** (Pocket Books; April 2006; \$6.99) by Diana Killian, Grace Hollister’s stay in England’s picturesque Lake District has proven doubly fruitful—the American literary scholar just sold her first book, and her romance with charming antiques dealer and ex-jewel thief Peter Fox has begun a new chapter. Sorting through a hoard of papers found in an old farmhouse, Grace and Peter discover an old letter that refers to a lost Shelley sonnet, “Sate the Sphinx.” Before Grace can start tracking down this poetic treasure, though, Peter’s shady past rears its head—a particularly ugly head, belonging to a menacing Turk who’s eager to see Peter dead.

But there’s plenty more trouble in store. Suddenly Grace and Peter are suspects in a murder investigation, and someone has tried his level best to kill her—not once, but twice. The hieroglyphics are on the wall: unless Grace can unravel an inscrutable riddle and unearth the villain amid a cache of likely suspects, her story might be at an end.

SONNET OF THE SPHINX is a delightful Lake District adventure that will keep readers entertained from start to finish.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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