

## Chapter 1 : Murder with peacocks / | Arlington Public Library

*I was very pleasantly surprised by Donna Andrew's Murder with Peacocks. This is the first installment of what happily turns out to be a large and hopefully-growing series. The characters, aside from Meg and her love interest, are varying degrees of zany.*

Murder With Peacocks by Donna Andrews November 18, by bubblebathbooks 1 Comment Meg Langslow has been called home to be Maid of Honor at three weddings – those of her brother, her best friend and her own mother. Each bride seems to be vying for Bridezilla of the year honors by changing venues, changing decorations, even changing dresses at the last moment. Meg has to try to keep the weddings from becoming disasters. In the midst of all this a newcomer blows into town and starts hinting of skeletons in the guests closets and then suddenly ends up dead. As Meg tries to find the killer before he or she can strike again, mayhem and mischief reigns as accident after accident, some fatal, befall the townspeople. This is my pick this week. Murder With Peacocks is the first in a series – I own them all. I like this series because the cast of characters are crazed lunatics and they remind me of my family, if we were to all get together. Meg is a blacksmith by trade who creates functional works of art out of metal and manages to do a lot of amateur sleuthing on the side. Wow, you actually like a book I chose? The Zombie Apocalypse must be right around the corner! Tut, tut, dear Bubby. I have not come to the point of criticism in my review yet. I rather thought it was too good to last. Also, all the madcap frenzy surrounding Meg and her family becomes slapstick and maudlin at times, just like the Twilight movies. There will be no Twilight bashing on this blog, thank you very much. I just saw the last movie and I am still emotionally involved with the characters. You cried, I laughed hysterically. What does that tell you? Anyway, my favorite character in the book is Duck. Donna Andrews is quite witty, like myself, but sometimes I want her to rein herself in. My favorite character is Michael. Patient and handsome – definitely too good to be true. Makes my life feel calm and normal! I love that she hates the woman who her brother Rob is marrying but agrees to be maid of honor anyway to keep family peace. However, sometimes I have to put the books down and have a valium and watch the Hallmark channel. I am afraid, darling sister, that your need for a valium has little to do with whatever you may be reading at the time. At any rate, I have nothing whatsoever bad to say about these books. I simply adore them. They are a great escape, they are clean and funny and my teenagers love them so much that several of the covers are missing! Sissy is just grumpy. I do not throw these books off the deck when Bubby brings them to me to read. I read them and enjoy them. And I heard about people who buy books with the covers missing from illegal vendors. Are you accusing me of book thievery? In fact, I plan on buying these books AGAIN to replace the ones that have been so well loved that they are now coverless. It was a joke.

### Chapter 2 : Murder With Peacocks (Meg Langslow, #1) by Donna Andrews

*Murder With Peacocks is the very first of the Meg Langslows, one of those "amateur sleuth" sorts of series. Meg is a blacksmith, of all things--which I think is possibly the coolest profession I've encountered thus far in any of the mysteries of this type.*

The title caught my eye but I should have left it on the shelf. Like s savtadina Aug 24, I laughed my way through most of this book. I agree that it is a smart and entertaining read. Meg, a blacksmith artist takes the summer off to play the weddings of her best friend, her brother and her mom, and rents out her home while doing so. The author does a wonderful job of combining all the details in a delightful story. I hope that the sequel will be as entertaining! Like z Zebbiesmom May 21, I really enjoy this author. I laugh reading about the antics of this family and the encouragement they give her in getting the murder solved. Like j joesnow Jan 12, First in a cozy series about a lady blacksmith and her crazy family. The books are a lot of fun. Quick reads that will have you smiling, if not laughing out loud. Like m mwillis Dec 16, Easy-to -read, hard-to-put-down. This was an enjoyable read even though weddings in general are not my favorite topic, the eccentric characters were fun. I read it in one day. Like lschoales Dec 11, First in light, fun mystery series. The mystery almost takes a back seat to the crazy family. The author has won several awards for funniest mystery. Reading it after the others, I enjoyed seeing the earlier versions of the characters that develop much more fully over the course of the series. Andrews is a master at taking a bunch of eccentric characters and sticking them together with chaos and humor, solving a murder or two somewhere along the way. This may not be the best in the series, but it is a must read for anyone who enjoys her later books. I enjoyed the assortment of eccentric characters.

### Chapter 3 : Murder with Peacocks (Meg Langslow Series #1) - free PDF, DOC, RTF, TXT

*Murder With Peacocks (Meg Langslow Mysteries Book 1) - Kindle edition by Donna Andrews. Download it once and read it on your Kindle device, PC, phones or tablets. Use features like bookmarks, note taking and highlighting while reading Murder With Peacocks (Meg Langslow Mysteries Book 1).*

I opened one eye to peer at the clock: Ah, I recognized it now. He goes about trying to prove the death is a homicide and in doing so, he and Meg become the targets of a ruthless killer. Poisonings, explosions, and general mayhem ensue all while Meg tries to pull off three elaborate weddings with three temperamental brides. Despite the fact that there were some inappropriate scenes and lots of swearing, I thoroughly enjoyed this book. I have to hand it to Donna Andrews for coming up with such a crazy idea for a murder mystery series and sticking with it. Not very many people would be able to pull off twenty-plus bird themed murder mystery books the twenty-third scheduled to release August, with a sub-genre of Meg Langslow being in charge of something – be it three weddings, A Murder with Peacocks a parade, Six Geese A-Slaying or the second annual Caerphilly County Virginia Un-fair. The Hen of the Baskervilles These books are charming, funny, and well thought-out. Not to mention that the whodunit mysteries actually have a satisfying ending. So, despite the negative elements in these books I highly recommend them to any older reader who enjoys a cozy mystery. Four people are murdered. Dad talks excessively about poisons, funerals, and injuries nothing graphic. The bluff keeps collapsing. The electrician is injured in an electrical accident. There are three weddings. Berry makes several inappropriate advances on Meg. A man at the weddings romantically pursues Meg. Rob is found at his own wedding-rehearsal party about to make love with a bridesmaid. Meg wears low coverage dresses. Meg and Michael share a kiss then head to his house. Lots – almost every page has some form of swearing on it. Meg interacts with the town drunk, and the calligrapher who is close second. Dad takes the ashes of great aunt Sophie from her urn and carries them around for a while. Michael is thought to be gay. Everyone lies to Mother to keep her away from the house so they can surprise her with a wedding gift. Michael lies to the whole town to cover up for his mother.

**Chapter 4 : A Murder with Peacocks – Donna Andrews – Her Homeschooled Highness Reviews**

*Witty, romantic, and suspenseful, Murder with Peacocks is a dream of a book. The story has a little something for everyone and fans of "true love" will be especially pleased. The story has a little something for everyone and fans of "true love" will be especially pleased.*

Getting the brides to choose their outfits and those of their bridesmaids and not change their minds three days later, trying to capture the principals long enough to work out details, and even finding peacocks to strut around the garden during the ceremony--these are things Meg can handle. She can brush off the unfortunate oaf who is smitten with her, and take philosophically her disappointment when she learns that the only eligible man in her small Virginia town and a delightful hunk he is is of questionable sexual preference. What could have been a romantic getaway slowly turns into disaster. Once there, they are marooned by a hurricane and that is only the beginning of their problems. When a murder takes place, Meg realizes that she and her boyfriend can no longer sit by a cozy fireplace, but must instead tramp around the muddy island to keep try and clear her father who is the chief suspect. This year, plans include a re-enactment of the original battle and a colonial craft fair. Meg Langslow has returned to her home town for the festivities--and to sell her wrought-iron works of art. And Michael himself will don the white-and-gold uniform of a French officer for the re-enactment--what actor could resist a role like that? And to prevent a snooping reporter from publishing any stories about local scandals. Not to mention saving her naive brother, Rob, from the clutches of a con man who might steal the computer game he has invented. Now Meg must add another item to her already lengthy to do list: Michael, her boyfriend, is a handsome, delightful heartthrob who adores her. And a succession of crises brought on by the well-meaning but utterly wacky demands of her friends and family. Not to mention the psychotherapists who refuse to give up their lease on half of the office space, and whose conflicting therapies cause continuing dissension. This is not what Meg had in mind when she agreed to help her brother move his staff to new offices. So when the star is found murdered, the police have plenty of suspects. Many even come with junk of their own to add to the sale. Meg is coping barely with all this until the body of a local antique dealer is discovered in an old trunk. The police temporarily close the sale down to investigate. A sport traditionally reserved for genteel society, croquet has become all the rage in Caerphilly--until it appears someone in town has taken the "rage" a bit too literally. While stumbling down a steep bank after her ball, Meg encounters the body of a fresh female corpse with a mallet-sized dent in her head. Ever curious, Meg decides that playing arm-chair sleuth is far more important than working on her game. As the llamas, sloths, and hyenas begin to arrive, Meg fears that by the time the police solve the crime, she and her fiance, Michael, will have a zoo in their back yard. So Meg does some sleuthing of her own. Has Karen been killed or kidnapped? Is she on the run from the bad guys? Or is she one of the bad guys? What covert animal welfare project are Dad and the curmudgeonly zoologist, Dr. Montgomery Blake, working on--and will Meg have to bail them out of jail again? And Meg is organizing the parade--the theme is "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and it features twelve drummers from the school marching band, eleven bagpipers, ten leaping lords costumed in medieval finery from the college drama department, etc. There are also assorted Christmas-themed floats, a live nativity scene on a flatbed truck, the Three Wise Men on Caerphilly zoo camels, and Santa Claus in a bright red horse-drawn sleigh. Now Meg and Chief Burke, playing one of the wise men are faced with the two-fold mission of solving the murder and saving Christmas! She even volunteers to help when the Caerphilly Garden Club sponsors its first annual rose show. One of his doctoral students is directing his new translation of a play by a minor Spanish playwright, and the playwright has agreed to come to town for the production. Senor Mendoza turns out to be a drinker, a smoker, and an inveterate partygoer. The Real Macaw During a 2am feeding for her four-month-old twins, Meg Langslow hears an odd noise and goes downstairs to find her living room filled with dozens of animals--cats, dogs, hamsters, gerbils, rabbits, guinea pigs, and a stunningly foul-mouthed macaw. She soon learns that financial woes have caused the local animal shelter to repeal its no-kill policy. But the volunteer who was to transport the animals to new homes has been murdered. Or the dark secrets behind local politics? And will Meg ever succeed in finding homes for all the animals that

have landed in her life?

### Chapter 5 : Murder with Peacocks Book Review | Donna Andrews | Mystery

*Murder with Peacocks is a book written by Donna Andrews and published by St. Martin's Paperbacks (now owned by Macmillan Publishers) in , which later went on to win in the Anthony Award for Best First Novel in*

### Chapter 6 : Friday Favorite: Murder With Peacocks by Donna Andrews - Bubble

*Three Weddings And a Murder. So far Meg Langslow's summer is not going swimmingly. Down in her small Virginia hometown, she's maid of honor at the nuptials of three loved onesâ€”each of whom has dumped the planning in her capable hands.*

### Chapter 7 : MURDER WITH PEACOCKS by Donna Andrews | Kirkus Reviews

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### Chapter 8 : Donna Andrews (Author of Murder With Peacocks)

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### Chapter 9 : Murder with Peacocks - Wikipedia

*MURDER WITH PEACOCKS is a great read - very funny and very entertaining! The main character is Meg, a bridesmaid in three weddings this summer. Then a murder occurs.*