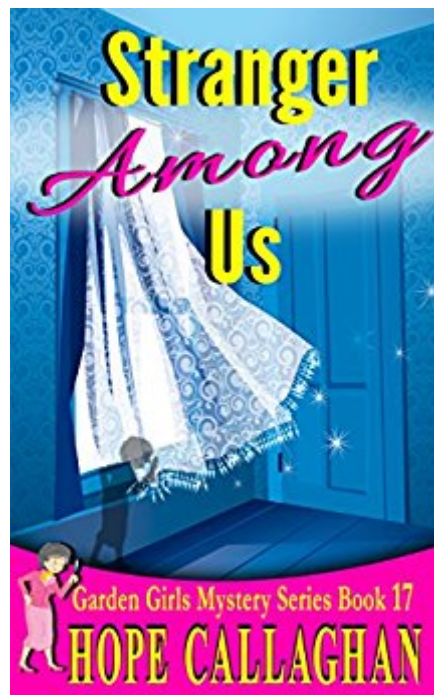




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# Stranger Among Us: A Garden Girls Cozy Mystery (Garden Girls Christian Cozy Mystery Series Book 17)



## Synopsis

“If you like clean cozy mysteries, you’ll love this series!~~ Click the “Buy now with 1 click” button at the top of the page OR Read it for FREE with Kindle Unlimited or Prime ~~“Stranger Among Us” is Book 17 in the Garden Girls Cozy Mysteries Series. BONUS - RECIPE INCLUDED! With the fall season in full swing, the Garden Girls are busier than ever making their rounds visiting the local shut-ins and welcoming newcomers to Belhaven. After Gloria volunteers to welcome the newest resident, despite learning the woman supposedly has a “thing” for her husband, Paul, she is determined to ignore the rumors and start off on the right foot with the stranger. All of that is thrown out the window when Mally discovers a body in the woman’s basement. As evidence mounts in the case, all of the clues seem to implicate Gloria and Paul. With a killer on the loose, and another recent attack, will the Garden Girls be able to clear Gloria and Paul as suspects?

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## Customer Reviews

This story finds the Garden Girls once again trying hard to find out who could be the murderer of a lady recently moved to their small town. The ladies keep you wondering right up to the end.

Another slam dunk! Gloria has the knack for investigating and solving!

I truly enjoy these clean sleuthing books.

Fast moving.

This series gets better with each book! *Stranger Among Us* is the latest installment in Hope Callaghan's awesome Garden Girls Cozy Mystery Series. I love Ms. Callaghan's writing style; there's always a strong message of the value of friendship and family, all while incorporating intriguing mysteries and a touch of romance without any gratuitous sex, graphic violence, or adult language. The writing flows smoothly and the characters are well developed, well rounded, and affable. The final reveal was surprising to me. I highly recommend this book to readers who enjoy well-crafted cozy mysteries. Gloria Rutherford-Kennedy is always busy, but she really has her hands full trying to organize and participate in the Garden Girls' schedule for shut-in visitation and welcoming new residents to Belhaven, helping Paul take care of their two farms, planning for the upcoming holidays, and always finding time to help her friends and family when the need arises. Vanessa Hines is a Montbay County Fire Department clerk who had recently moved to Belhaven. When Gloria says she'll visit Vanessa to welcome her to the community, she's taken aback when the others all try to talk her out of it. They finally tell her that rumor has it Vanessa moved to Belhaven because she has the hots for Paul, her husband. Gloria is adamant that she will make the visit. When Gloria and her dog, Mally, arrive at Vanessa's new home, she doesn't answer the door. The back door is unlocked, so Gloria opens it and places the pie and vegetables she'd brought on the floor, but Mally snuck past her and ran into the house. When Mally refused to come out, Gloria goes in after her, and as luck would have it, there's the body of a woman lying at the bottom of the stairs leading into the basement. I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

*Killer Among Us* is another installment of the Garden Girls mysteries. And in this one the ending will

surprise you. Belhaven has a new resident. Her name is Vanessa Hines. Gloria soon finds out she has moved to town to be near Paul, her husband. But Gloria still wants to do the neighborly thing and welcome her to the area. But it doesn't take her long to find out that poor Vanessa is dead in her back yard. And of course Gloria is the one to find her. With a baseball bat and phone in hand, the last number dialed was Gloria's. This doesn't look good. And the whole town is talking. So the girls come together to solve another murder mystery. They find several suspects but none of them seem to be the killer. This book leads you down many roads and an ending you never see coming. And Hope keeps you guessing until the very end. I am such a fan of all of her books and this is another one that won't disappoint. A book you won't want to put down. I actually would give all her books a 5++ rating. Well worth it.

Hope added a great feature at the start of this story a short bio on each character. Helps me keep everyone straight. Only criticism is In one chapter Gloria is across street from the action and indicated she figured everything out. The next chapter we are at a brunch and she is telling after the fact what actually did happen. I found this confusing to the point I felt my book may have downloaded incorrectly. Can't wait for her next book.

This series just gets better with each book. Ms. Callaghan sets a high standard for her writing that lends to us readers, a wonderful reading experience. The only predictable is that these Garden Girls will find trouble somehow!!! This book was no exception. If you enjoy a clean mystery combined with strong relationships, heartfelt families and a dose of humor, look no further. I recommend reading the entire series from book one to get to know all the characters. The author presents the reader with fleshed out characters. When I sit to read it feels like catching up with out of town friends. At the beginning of the book you will find an overview of all the characters so don't worry starting with this book if you choose. I received a free copy from the author as one of her early review team readers. The review is solely my own.

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