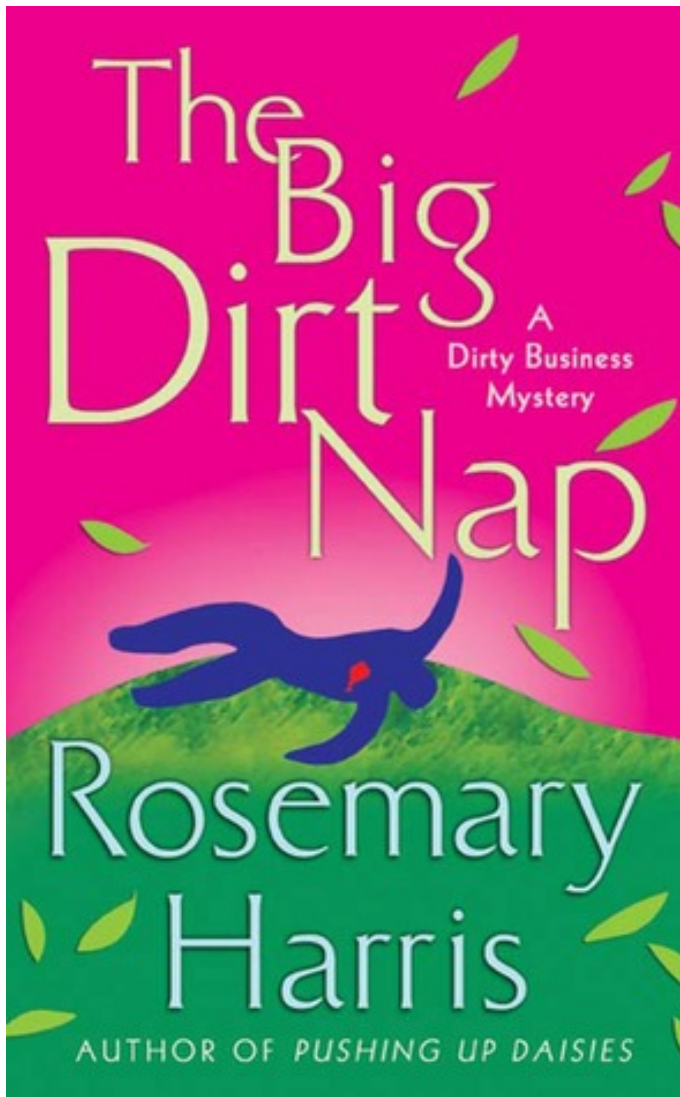

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Description

"A smart, engaging heroine who isn't afraid to get her hands dirty—literally."
- Brian Freeman, author of *Stalked*

A hit with mystery lovers and gardening fans nationwide, *Pushing Up Daisies* introduced Paula Holliday, ex-NYC media exec turned Connecticut gardener, in Rosemary Harris's celebrated series debut. Now in *The Big Dirt Nap*, Paula is back in a second scent-sational thriller.

Something stinks to Paula Holliday, and it isn't just the corpse flower, titan arum, named for its off-putting fragrance. When Paula's friend Lucy asks her to tag along on an all-expense-paid junket to the Titans Hotel, it seems like a good idea. Paula even manages to squeeze a few bucks and a byline out of the local paper for writing an article on the titan arum, a rare flower that's just about to bloom and on display at the hotel.

But when her friend is unavoidably detained, a would-be suitor is found with a gaping hole in his head, and the corpse flower refuses to bloom, the entire venture starts to seem like less of a good idea.

Brimming with wit and wisecracks, *The Big Dirt Nap* is sure to win rising mystery star Rosemary Harris a whole new slew of ardent fans.

Insightful reviews

Sue: Paula Holliday, owner of Dirty Business, a garden design business, is ready for a spa weekend in Connecticut's wine country, courtesy of her friend Lucy. She will be able to combine business with pleasure as she plans to write a story about the hotel's rare corpse flower which is ready to bloom. However, Lucy doesn't show up as planned, leaving Paula a cryptic message; and a local man, Nick Vigoriti, is murdered at the hotel. As Paula is briefly considered a suspect because her business card is found in the deceased's pocket, she begins an investigation into Vigoriti's murder and the disappearance of her friend, which is beginning to look more sinister. Suspects abound due to the possible construction of a Native American casino, which would bring vast wealth to some, and is opposed by others. Paula rescues Lucy and the two escape with their lives, solving the murder in the process. Its appealing main character and details of the corpse flower and its life cycle enhance this second in a series.

Nikki: I haven't yet read [Rosemary Harris's](#) Agatha-nominated [Pushing Up Daisies](#), but I definitely want to after sampling the second of the series, which I read in uncorrected page proofs. Paula, a refugee from the cutthroat world of Manhattan, is now a gardener with her own business in Connecticut. When she plans to meet a New York journalist friend at a resort hotel near the Indian casinos, murder and mystery spoil what was to have been a relaxing weekend. Casino and Indian politics, possible Russian mobsters, and an isolated cabin all feature in the story. And for the gardening element, there's the "corpse flower" set to bloom in the hotel lobby.

My one complaint about this book was that I couldn't really get a handle on the character of Paula; this may be due to my not having started at the beginning of the series. The character of Babe, the ex-roadie diner owner who keeps coming to Paula's rescue, was much more real to me, and I hope she turns up again in future books.

Lorraine: I'm addicted.

Tammerz: extra like 2.5 stars, yet i will be beneficiant and provides it 3. now not a foul book, yet I simply wasn't invested while analyzing it. A jerk will get offed, a complain cop investigates, it takes the MC part the publication to achieve the texts she's getting from her lifestyles lengthy ally are out of character, and the top used to be abrupt.

Rahiem Brooks: Recently, I joined the secret Writer's of the US and in order to successfully hone my secret writing skills, i used to be forced to profit from the best. i've got learn Patterson and Grisham, yet i'm now onto Rosemary Harris. and never simply because she is the MWA President of the manhattan Chapter; but, she has trap me with a comfy secret series, and that i did need to learn half 1 to get it. Foremost the outlet line, "Maybe I'd had a drink with the man if I had recognized the subsequent time I observed him he'd be sprawled out in a Dumpster enclosure..." is captivating, and because the say within the business, hooks the reader. Paula Holliday, the protagonist, is a incorrect and infrequently under pressure media exec at the new york circuit, yet a gardener as well. And the lesson at the Corpse Flower is considerate and comprehensible coming from Rosemary who's a professional gardner herself. As she walks via fixing a crime, there are lots of background classes laced in the course of the book, which slowed it a bit, yet was once interesting. And in vintage secret fashion, i used to be baffled via the id of the murderer. This was once a very good learn and now I plan to return to the 1st ebook during this sequence to get additional accustomed to Paula Holliday. nice novel, Rosemary!

Susan: All gardener Paula sought after was once a weekend away together with her pal Lucy at a Connecticut hotel. yet Lucy does not express up, and the good-looking man who hit on Paula within the resort bar is located murdered. Then Paula's home is ransacked and she's via thugs. what's going on? it is not too effortless to tell, as chunks of exposition appear to be missing. yet Paula appears for Lucy, regardless of police disinterest, and will get concerned with conflicts between a gaggle of local americans who wish federal attractiveness to allow them to open a casino.

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