

Mile High Murder by Marcia Talley

3 stars

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'Mile High Murder' by Marcia Talley is one of a series featuring Hannah Miles, an amateur sleuth. As Hannah is a cancer survivor she is keen to support Senator Claire Thompson who is in recovery.

Claire persuades Hannah to travel to Denver, Colorado, the Mile High city, to try and legalise marijuana for medical purposes. Hannah is to assist with this fact-finding mission. They stay at a B&B called Bell House, where the guests are entitled to smoke cannabis and ingest it in various cooked and uncooked dishes.

The plan is that Claire tries to stay as 'high' as possible, while Hannah checks out the consequences of its effects. Soon it becomes clear that all is not what it seems. Who among the guests can be trusted when one of them is murdered? Also, a rather strange robbery takes place and is there any connection? It is probably a good idea that Hannah is the only guest who doesn't get stoned!

I found the characters mildly interesting, and it was certainly a clever title. However, Hannah reminded me of a modern-day Miss Marple, who always outsmarts the police. Personally, I prefer something a little more gritty, but nevertheless it was a pleasant read.

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