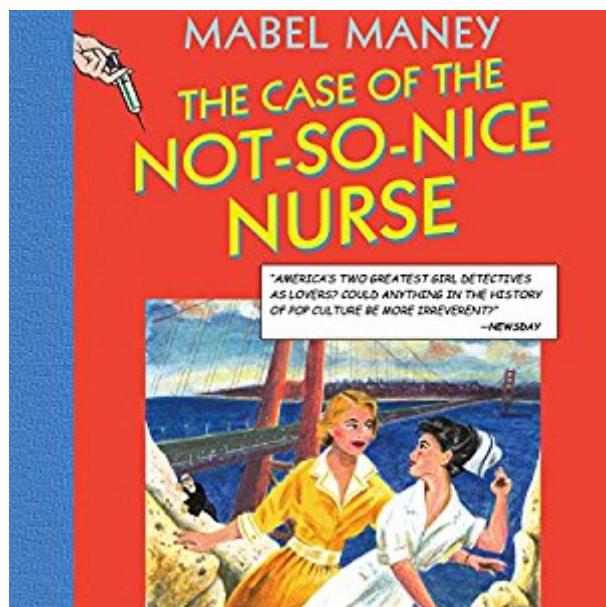


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# The Case Of The Not-So-Nice Nurse: A Nancy Clue And Cherry Aimless Mystery, Book 1



## **Synopsis**

Nurse Cherry Aimless's first vacation from her hectic career in a big-city hospital takes her to visit her spinster Aunt Gertrude in thrilling San Francisco. Wistfully trading her starched white cap and dress for a bright yellow poplin frock with a flared skirt, young Cherry takes to the highway, never imagining the gay adventures that await her. Imagine her surprise to learn that Aunt Gertrude has been kidnapped! Armed only with the contents of her purse, and with the help of new chums Midge, Velma, and a dashing female police officer named Jackie, the plucky but innocent Cherry must save her aunt, find a gaggle of missing nuns, and stop an illegal land grab - all under the warm gaze of her hero, girl detective Nancy Clue. And when the queer caper has ended, will there be a chance for Nancy and Cherry? Mabel Maney's camp classic *The Case of the Not-So-Nice Nurse* has been beloved by readers since it was first published in 1993. This sparkling parody of 1950s girl adventure stories will make you laugh out loud and long for a lemon Jell-O mold. Golly, it's a good time!

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Any Nancy Drew fan will be awe struck and find totally new situations with the same genuine original intended fun. Whether you had read the childhood books or not you are in for a new, extraordinarily 'gleeful' time! I laughed by myself 'til it hurt! The premise of the book may be unexpected for the heterosexual person but let me tell you don't pass it up because you will be missing something very special and completely entertaining.

Very clever and, as anyone familiar with the Ames and Drew series will agree, spot on in terms of the vocabulary, style, etc. I always thought it was weird that Nancy Drew's best friends were Bess (the femme) and George (!) the butch.

Valley Gay Press Book Reviewer: Liz Bradbury Here's what it would have been like if Carolyn Keene had written Nancy Drew stories set in a 1950's gay and lesbian world, where all the unattractive people were far right heterosexual bigots and all the heroes were GLBT. Read this series of three hilarious books that match nurse Cherry Aimless with Nancy Clue, discovering mysteries in caves, convents and under the sheets, when you need to escape. The Hardy boys even make a flaming appearance in the third book. Funny, even if you haven't read the old series, but best if you have.

If you enjoy reading, and aren't hindered by lesbian relationships...and if you enjoy good wit, you will love Nancy Clue books.

Silly, funny, good beach book. Not a Pulitzer prize contender but a good way to waste a hour or so of your life.

I LOVED the adventures of Nancy Clue and Cherry Aimless. "Three martinis aren't nearly nutritious enough for a girl on the go!"

I didn't like either of the series when I was a girl, because they were so illogical, but she really got the nuances down pat!! That overdose of adjectives!!!! Absolutely hilarious. And I bet a lot of you out there were fantasizing about what would happen should the two meet up!

If you're the type who typically knocks out a novel in a night or two then you'll probably enjoy this book. It's too silly to plod through if it generally takes you more time than that to get through a story though. I personally felt that the book would have been a lot better if the author had only alluded to the characters' sexuality by using inuendo and symbolism instead of coming right out and revealing almost all the characters to be queer. I think a tongue-in-cheek approach would have made for a much funnier parody of the 50s kids sleuth genre. I guess that by making all the characters openly gay in a story that's set in the fifties or early sixties the author was trying to make some point but I just didn't really get it I suppose. (Don't get me wrong. I'm all for being openly gay in real life but just not in this one particular story.) Another thing that I found mildly irksome was that it's supposed to

be a "Nancy Clue Mystery". Yet the character of Nancy Clue doesn't come in until at least halfway through the book and is really only a supporting character. Finally, I think the author could also have benefitted by keeping the book about the same length as a real Nancy Drew mystery. At over 200 pages with moderately small print this book was just too long for its subject matter. However, I did find the book to be entertaining enough to possibly read future installments in the series.

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